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### FROM THE SECRETARIAT

The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council is now preparing for the release in September of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement. In their Statement, *Building Bridges, Not Walls: Prisons and the justice system*, the Bishops revisit an issue that the Christian churches together addressed over 20 years ago.

In 1988, the bicentenary year of a nation born of a penal settlement, the churches made the following impassioned plea:

'The Christian community cannot be obedient to its Lord and remain aloof from the situation that exists in our gaols. Too many people enter the gaol system, particularly those who are young and poor. Too many prisoners exist in appalling situations of violence, lacking proper facilities, enduring overcrowding and boredom. Despite these harsh conditions, there is no measurable reduction in crime and little is done either to ensure that they are not caught even tighter in the web of continuing crime. ...

'If we believe in compassion, justice and care of the least for whom Christ was concerned, we should consider the plight of those who are in our gaols'.

This call is not just insightful but a tragically prophetic one, for it remains as applicable to the operation of prisons and the justice system today. Since that time, the levels of incarceration, the poor treatment of inmates and the impoverished conditions of people returning to society has not improved. In many ways it has become worse.

Whereas the call of the churches was insightful, the policy of increasing incarceration levels defies logic - because while crimes against property and people have largely remained steady or fallen, we are locking up more and more people and building new prisons. Then we were locking up around 90 per 100,000 adults. This has close to doubled at around 170 per 100,000.

Over \$2.5 billion is spent on corrective services each year and over \$10 billion on criminal justice overall. In this age of fiscal austerity and competing budget priorities, one would imagine there is a need for thorough analysis and public scrutiny of whether this is an effective use of taxpayer dollars.

This year's Social Justice Statement considers some important questions, including:

Is the focus of law and order campaigning adequately addressing all the factors that contribute to crime?

Are the increasing levels of incarceration justified in the light of stable or falling crime rates?

Is the penalty of imprisonment a 'corrective service'?

What less costly and community-building alternatives to prison need to be considered?

Are we adequately supporting those leaving prison to reintegrate into the community and thereby reduce rates of reoffending?

Questions like these are about much more than just the economic effectiveness of prisons and the justice system. They concern the responsibility and moral commitment of our society to rehabilitate offenders, prevent crime, and ultimately to improve community safety and social cohesion.

It should be a concern for Australians, then, that most of the public attention on crime and justice addresses none of these issues. Instead we see a very narrow focus on crimes and criminals at the time people are going into and coming out of the gates of prison. Much political debate and media reporting on the sentencing and imprisonment of offenders promotes retributive justice and condemnation of the criminal. Talk about the release of an offender is focussed largely on whipping up community fear and condemnation of those who have served their time but are still portrayed as 'the criminal'.

Community fear is a potent force. 'Get tough on crime' policies are vote winners and usually entail the building of more prisons. In the 2008 South Australian election, for example, a senior politician voiced his preferred approach to 'Rack 'em, pack 'em, stack 'em, if that's what it takes to keep our streets safe.' That same year, the then NSW Premier said of the available prison cells, 'I don't mind if we fill them up and if we fill them up and have to build another jail, we'll build another jail'.

But there is little or nothing here about addressing the factors that contribute to crime, rehabilitating offenders, supporting victims, reducing reoffending or mending community relations.

This year's Social Justice Statement does consider these issues. In doing so, the Bishops call each one of us to become involved with the issue:

'It is time for all Australians to revisit the needs of prisoners, their loved ones and those who work with them. It is time to recommit ourselves to reducing the number of Australians held in prison, making better provision for ex-prisoners to become law abiding and constructive citizens.

'It is time to knock down the walls of social exclusion that increase the prospects that a person will end up in jail.

'Before and after jail, we need bridges, not walls.'

The Statement will include questions for consideration and suggestions about how we can offer support to those in prison and seeking bridges to a new life.

Social Justice Sunday occurs on 25 September. Any assistance you can give in spreading the word about Social Justice Sunday and the Bishops' Statement *Building Bridges, Not Walls* would be greatly appreciated.

Visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website for order forms and details about Social Justice Sunday: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>.



## Current Issues / Resources

### **URGENT APPEAL - CLEMENCY FOR ANDREW & MYURAN**

Andrew and Myuran, two young Australians, face execution in Indonesia. They have admitted trying to traffic drugs to Australia. They have exhausted their appeals. All that can save them is clemency from Indonesia's President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. The 'Mercy Campaign' has been established by lawyers, volunteers and a journalist to send a simple and respectful message to the President: please spare the life of Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran. Lawyer Julian McMahon says, 'How can you help? You can be a respectful, courteous, clear thinking, courageous person and involve yourself in the Mercy campaign. The Mercy campaign is run by a wonderful group of young people who want to convert the death sentence in this case to a jail sentence. Please consider their website carefully.' Please visit the Mercy Campaign website, sign and promote the petition for clemency: <http://mercycampaign.org>

### **REPORT - 'DEATHS AMONG EX-PRISONERS'**

The latest issue of the Medical Journal of Australia highlights a study into the high rate of deaths among ex-prisoners during their first year after release from prison. In 2007-08, more than 400 ex-prisoners died in their first year after release - up to 30 per cent of these in the first month. It is likely that their estimates understate the mortality rate. With the Australian prison population increasing rapidly over the past decade there are more people released and struggling with health and welfare challenges. Editor Annette Katelaris says, '[E]x-prisoner health has significant repercussions, and the load on our health services is likely to increase. ... Prisoner health must be seen to encompass both inmates and those recently released. It should be seen to include justice issues that influence health: is the quantum of punishment appropriate; are there alternatives to incarceration; are rehabilitation and education programs available? Programs that smooth the reintegration of prisoners into society are urgently required. To access this material,

visit: [http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/195\\_02\\_180711/kin10879\\_fm.html](http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/195_02_180711/kin10879_fm.html)

### **REPORT - 'DOING TIME, TIME FOR DOING'**

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs has released its Inquiry Report, *Doing Time-Time for Doing*, which considers the range of issues impacting on over-representation of young Indigenous people in detention, including health, education, employment and substance abuse. To access the report, visit: <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/atsia/index.htm>

### **CANA COMMUNITIES - MENTORING PROGRAM**

An Opportunity to Step Out with Prisoners: Stepping Out. Cana Communities is expanding its work with men and women leaving prison. Sometimes this involves providing a home for them to live in an environment that encourages trust and assists them in coming to terms with their release. Part of this care involves volunteers acting as mentors - that is establishing with the newly released a guiding and encouraging relationship that isn't governed by judgements and notions of punishment. Effective mentoring can help prevent re-offending. Sister Anne, the prison Chaplains and the members of the Cana Community are seeking men and women who would like to experience this special outreach. Initially just a few hours per month are required pre-release, during which the relationship is established. On release, the extent of the involvement is based on the need but a commitment to this work is expected to last over several months. If you would like to know more about this work please contact [frank@ozburrows.com](mailto:frank@ozburrows.com) or [elizabethlee@ozemail.com.au](mailto:elizabethlee@ozemail.com.au). Visit the website: <http://www.cana.org.au>

### **INTERNATIONAL PRISON CHAPLAINS CONFERENCE**

Australian Prison Chaplains will be attending the 13<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Commission of Catholic Prison Pastoral Care in Cameroon in late August. The theme of the Conference is 'Catholic Prison Ministry Working

for Justice, Peace and Reconciliation'. The organisers say, 'Especially, we hope that this meeting will give a boost to organise Catholic Prison Chaplaincy in every country in a positive way. ... We can learn from each other how to enhance prison chaplaincy and work on better conditions for persons who are in prison.'

Among the issues to be addressed are: juvenile detention, family issues, prison conditions, reconciliation, alternatives, and mental health in prison. To find out more and to follow the progress of the Congress, visit: <http://www.icc PPC.org>

#### **CARITAS - EAST AFRICA CRISIS APPEAL**

The worst droughts in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and across East Africa in 60 years have left at least 10 million people in need of food, water and basic facilities. Half of those are children. Tanzania and the new state of South Sudan are experiencing serious food and water shortages too. Across the region the International Caritas Network is providing that help but with so many in need of assistance, Caritas needs your donations to assist more families with life giving support. To find out more and to donate, visit the Caritas Australia website: [http://www.caritas.org.au/AM/Template.cfm?Section=East\\_Africa\\_Crisis\\_Appeal](http://www.caritas.org.au/AM/Template.cfm?Section=East_Africa_Crisis_Appeal)

#### **MIGRATION OFFICE CALLS FOR FOCUS ON HUMAN DIGNITY**

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office has called for the welfare of all migrants to outweigh any policy which punishes 800 asylum seekers who in desperation turn to people smugglers for help. Following the announcement of the Australian Government's deal with Malaysia, Fr Maurizio Pettenà said, 'We are very concerned that vulnerable people including children, families and others in distress will be further paralysed by this deal at a time when they most need Australia's help. The Malaysian solution reflects a domestic political notion that Australia is under threat from boat arrivals. In fact, these small numbers of boat arrivals are insignificant in comparison to our total migration program which according to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC), included almost 170,000 permanent and over 3.4 million visitor visas in 2009-10. Host to over 92,000 refugees, Malaysia has a much greater challenge than Australia in order to fully

utilise the benefits that refugees can bring to destination countries. Australia could provide a much better life for these 800 people than they can expect in Malaysia'. (refer: [http://www.catholic.org.au/index.php?option=com\\_docman&task=doc\\_download&gid=1164](http://www.catholic.org.au/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=1164))

#### **ERC - '10 ESSENTIAL FACTS ABOUT ASYLUM SEEKERS'**

In the face of increased scapegoating and the compounding mismanagement of asylum seeker policy, the Edmund Rice Centre has published and is seeking the widest possible distribution of a new fact-sheet: *10 Essential Facts About Asylum Seekers*. Visit the ERC website to download the fact-sheet and pass it on to your contacts.

[http://erc.org.au/index.php?module=documents&JAS\\_DocumentManager\\_op=viewDocument&JAS\\_Document\\_id=299](http://erc.org.au/index.php?module=documents&JAS_DocumentManager_op=viewDocument&JAS_Document_id=299)

#### **CONCERN OVER GOVERNMENT NT CONSULTATIONS**

Twenty four eminent South Australians have sent a letter of protest to the Prime Minister about the continuing Northern Territory Intervention and the Government's inadequate consultation process. Principal signatory the Hon. Robyn Layton QC said, 'Positive change requires respect and genuine engagement with Aboriginal people ... Visiting some 98 Aboriginal communities over 6 weeks is no way to respectfully consult Aboriginal people on a 28-page Discussion Paper written in bureaucratic English.' The signatories call on Government to: ensure promised services are automatically delivered without requiring Aboriginal people to lease land to the government; end involuntary income management; abide by the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; apply the Racial Discrimination Act in full; and engage with local Aboriginal people to involve them in all aspects of decision-making about services and their delivery. Visit: <http://www.concernedaustralians.com.au/>

#### **NEW BOOK - 'THE POWER OF STORY: THE SPIRIT OF DREAMING'**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne reports on Elizabeth 'Betty' Pike's latest book, 'The Power of Story: Spirit of the Dreaming' (John Garratt Publishing), which was launched in



Parkville recently. Betty draws on a spirituality grounded in the land and the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and engaging with the central beliefs and symbols of Catholic spirituality. Included are stories of heroic and inspiring Aboriginal persons - from history and contemporary times - as well as powerful examples of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians working together. It also includes a collection of Betty's original prayers, such as her well-known 'An Australian Blessing'.

Further information: <http://www.cam.org.au/melbourne-news/launch-of-book-by-catholic-aboriginal-elder.html>; <http://johngarratt.com.au/index.php/product/9781920682248-power-of-story-spirit-of-dreaming-elizabeth-pike>

## VIDEO - 'BITE THE BULLET'

A coalition of peace groups led by the Australian Anti-Bases Campaign has produced a short video entitled *Bite the Bullet: Reduce Military Spending*. It was prepared by the Anti-Bases campaign and financed by the Mercy Foundation. This important issue is dealt within a short video and the video is available for free to schools who might want to deal the issue in their curriculum. The issue of military spending could be used from year 9 level up in lessons dealing with English exposition writing, History Stage 5 and other parts of the curriculum covered in RE or in HSIE. Further information and Australian information sheets on our country's military spending are also available. For further information contact [denis@anti-bases.org](mailto:denis@anti-bases.org) or visit [www.anti-bases.org](http://www.anti-bases.org)

## Latest Publications

(Orders: tel (02) 8306 3499 or download an order form from the website to fax to (02) 8306 3498]: [http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/PDF/ORDER\\_FORM.pdf](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/PDF/ORDER_FORM.pdf))

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2011-2012 - ORDER NOW!**

This year's Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement is entitled 'Building Bridges, Not Walls: Prisons and the justice system'. The ACSJC is now taking orders for the Statement. An order form and other information/resources are available on the ACSJC website: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

### **EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE - 'READING THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES'**

The ACSJC has prepared educational materials which will be made available throughout the year to parishes, social justice groups and schools in Australia. These materials, entitled 'Reading the Signs of the Times - See, Judge Act: a Process for Social Justice Groups', are ideal for individuals and groups seeking to engage with current social justice issues using the Church's social teachings. Now available are the guides 'Reading the Signs of the Times', 'Rerum Novarum (1891)' and 'Quadragesimo Anno (1931)' for download at <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

### **SERIES PAPER - 'THE LOVE THAT SURPRISES'**

In Catholic Social Justice Series paper No.69, entitled 'The Love that Surprises: Lessons from Timor-Leste', Mark Green describes his experiences working for Caritas Australia in Timor-Leste. His work in remote communities prompted him to think deeply about the concrete reality of Catholic social teaching and our relationships with marginalised communities close to our shores. The paper also discusses Timor's society, language and history, including the disastrous years of occupation and the struggle for independence. Its title is inspired by Pope Benedict's encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*: '... in the love that we receive there is always an element that surprises us'. (\$6.60 a copy, plus postage - postage rates listed below)

### **PASTORAL LETTER - FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER 2011**

The Pastoral Letter for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker for 2011 is entitled 'Indigenous Employment - The most basic form of social justice'. It is available for download in regular and 'three-column' versions at: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

(Social Justice Series papers: \$6.60 plus postage. Rates for Catholic Social Justice Series: 1 copy \$1.20; 2 copies \$1.80; 3-5 copies \$3.00)



# This Month's Notices

## NATIONAL

**1-7 AUGUST. NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' WEEK: 'MY ADDRESS - DIVERSITY IN HOMELESSNESS'.** Homelessness engages diverse people, from diverse addresses for diverse reasons. Contact: 02 6247 7744, 0405 385 431 or [media@homelessnessaustralia.org.au](mailto:media@homelessnessaustralia.org.au). Events and resources: <http://www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au/site/index.php>.

**1-31 AUGUST. CARITAS CAMPAIGN: 'A JUST CLIMATE - CAMPAIGN FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE!'** Climate change is an issue that is currently receiving a vast amount of attention from politicians, scientists, media, policy makers, environmentalists and industry groups alike. But to what extent are the world's poorest and most vulnerable communities featured in these conversations? Join Caritas' call for climate justice for all, including the world's poor. Resources: <http://www.caritas.org.au/ajustclimate/index.html>.

**4 AUGUST. NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER CHILDREN'S DAY: 'FROM SMALL TO BIG: GROWING STRONGER EVERY DAY'.** All those who support children, including early childhood services, teachers, educators, foster carers, welfare workers, policy makers and government are encouraged to take a break from their normal routine and organise activities involving children and families. Such local events celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and reinforce how important it is for their wellbeing to be connected to culture. Resources and events: <http://snaicc.asn.au/news-events/dsp-default-e.cfm?loadref=174>.

## QUEENSLAND

**6 AUGUST. PEACE RALLY: HIROSHIMA DAY.** A rally on the anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. 1.00 pm, Reddacliffe Place, Brisbane Square, top of Queen Street Mall, Brisbane. Contact: 07 3855 9497 or [jshears28@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jshears28@yahoo.com.au). Web: <http://www.mapw.org.au/events/hiroshima-day-peace-rally>.

**8-9 AUGUST. QCOSS CONFERENCE: 'RESILIENT COMMUNITIES - FAIRER QUEENSLAND'.** Building resilience in communities and fairness for disadvantaged people. Speakers: Robert Fitzgerald, Australian Productivity Commission; Myles McGregor-Lowndes, Australian Centre for Philanthropy, QUT; John Falzon, St Vincent de Paul; Geoff Woolcock, Griffith University; Mike Salvaris, Australian Centre for Human Rights Education, RMIT; etc. Cost: \$66-650. Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, corner Merivale and Glenelg Streets, Southbank. Contact: 07 3004 6900 or [conference@qcross.org.au](mailto:conference@qcross.org.au). Web: <http://www.qcross.org.au/content/qcross-conference-2011>.

**28 AUGUST. MULTICULTURAL MASS.** Multicultural Mass is held each year in observance of the National Migrant and Refugee Week (22-28 August). This year's theme is 'One Human Family' as contained in the message of Pope Benedict XVI for the 97th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Main Celebrant: Most Rev John A Bathersby DD. Organised by the Ethnic Ministers Group and Ethnic Communities and the Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care (CMPC). 2.00 pm, Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane. Contact: 07 3109 6810. Web: <http://www.multiculturalcare.org.au>.

**2-3 or 9-10 SEPTEMBER. STEWARDSHIP INSTITUTE.** This conference is open to all who strive to live as God's stewards and to share the benefits of creating a culture of stewardship in Catholic communities and the wider society. Topics include: creating a culture of hospitality, guiding others to become more grateful and gracious hosts of the Good News, resourcing the Mission, etc. Speakers: Ed and April Laughlin, St Bernadette's Parish, Port St Lucie, Diocese of Palm Beach, Florida; Fr Bill Warwick, Parish Priest, St Theresa's Parish, Plimmerton, Archdiocese of Wellington; etc. Cost: \$230.

**2 - 3 September:** Hosted by the Diocese of Rockhampton. The Duhig Centre, Catholic Education Office, West Street, Rockhampton. Contact: 07 4931 3643 or [dpp@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:dpp@rok.catholic.net.au).

**9 - 10 September:** Hosted by the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Riverglenn Conference Centre, Kate Street, Indooroopilly. Contact: 07 3336 9362 or [mcl.fl@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:mcl.fl@bne.catholic.net.au). RSVP by 8 August. Web: <http://www.australianstewardship.catholic.net.au>.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

**UNTIL 10 SEPTEMBER. MULTIMEDIA EXHIBITION: 'ERASURE'.** Sherman Contemporary Art Foundation presents 'Erasure', a newly commissioned work by Vietnamese artist Dinh Q. Le. This is an interactive sculptural and video installation that draws on recent debates in Australia concerning refugees and asylum seekers. Wednesday to Saturday 11.00 am to 5.00 pm, Sherman Contemporary Art Foundation, 16-20 Goodhope Street, Paddington. Web: <http://sherman-scaf.org.au>.

**1 AUGUST. PRACTITIONERS FORUM: 'DIVERSITY IN HOMELESSNESS: SUPPORTING EX-PRISONERS IN THE COMMUNITY'.** Organised to coincide with National Homeless Persons Week, the forum will explore homelessness and recidivism amongst ex-prisoners and raise awareness of issues facing the most vulnerable homeless ex-prisoners. The forum will be a great opportunity to speak frankly and openly about issues confronting clients who are ex-prisoners in addressing their housing needs and preventing their return to prison. Presented by Australasian Housing Institute (AHI) and Homelessness NSW. Cost: \$90 AHI members; \$120 non-members. 12.00 to 4.00 pm, Redfern Community Centre. Contact: 02 6494 7566 or [admin@housinginstitute.org](mailto:admin@housinginstitute.org). Web: [http://www.housinginstitute.org/events/docs/Diversity\\_in\\_Homelessness\\_Forum\\_Program.pdf](http://www.housinginstitute.org/events/docs/Diversity_in_Homelessness_Forum_Program.pdf).

**2 AUGUST. FORUM: 'BRADLEY MANNING VERSUS THE CULTURE OF REVENGE'.** The forum will discuss the gulf between the principles of US Army soldier Bradley Manning's (WikiLeaks alleged whistleblower) apparent

stand on truth and the response to it from the US government and world media. The leaks show a vengeful culture of war, incarceration, and distortion of the truth. It will consider how the leaks may help to instigate a change from a culture of secrecy and revenge towards an open, empathetic society, more able to face the great challenges of achieving peace, sustainability and social justice. Chair: David Shoebridge MLC. Panel: Assoc Prof Ben Saul, Prof Stuart Rees, Prof Wendy Bacon. Presented by Sydney Solidarity in association with the Sydney Peace Foundation and the Greens NSW. No cost. 6.00 to 8.15 pm, Theatre, Parliament of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Register: <http://syd4bradley.posterous.com/s4bforum>.

**3 AUGUST-7 SEPTEMBER. RECONCILIATION FOR WESTERN SYDNEY SEMINARS: 'BUILDING BRIDGES'.** Building Bridges provides an ongoing opportunity to come and hear Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous presenters sharing their knowledge, expertise and personal and community experience in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. Topics include: NT Intervention, Aboriginal employment, Koori Church, etc. No cost, donation appreciated. Wednesdays 7.30 to 9.30 pm, Jubilee Room, Parramatta Town Hall. RSVP appreciated: 02 9687 2073 (quote Course No. 3X3BBR). For course information: contact: 02 9639 8394 or 0425 250 360. Web: [http://www.cnet.ngo.net.au/images/stories/09\\_building\\_bridges\\_2011.pdf](http://www.cnet.ngo.net.au/images/stories/09_building_bridges_2011.pdf).

**4 AUGUST. PUBLIC MEETING: 'ASYLUM SEEKERS: FACTS VS SPIN'.** Speakers: Sarah Hanson-Young, Greens Senator; Mark Goudkamp, Refugee Action Coalition Sydney; and Gleny Rae, SBS series participant - *Go back where you came from*. Organised by Refugee Action Network Newcastle. Cost: donation. 7.30 to 9.30 pm, Newcastle Leagues Club, 17 National Park Street, Newcastle West. Contact: 02 4962 2160, 0406 296 141 or [niko@idl.com.au](mailto:niko@idl.com.au). Web: <http://refugeeactionnetworknewcastle.blogspot.com/>.

**5 AUGUST. PACIFIC CALLING PARTNERSHIP (PCP) FILM SCREENING: 'THE HUNGRY TIDE'.** A film about a nation on the front of



climate change by Tom Zubrycki, who has kindly offered to donate any profits from this screening to PCP to use to develop an on-line campaign that will spread the message of the Hungry Tide and help achieve the goals of the PCP ([http://www.erc.org.au/?module=pagemaster&PAGE\\_user\\_op=view\\_page&PAGE\\_id=63](http://www.erc.org.au/?module=pagemaster&PAGE_user_op=view_page&PAGE_id=63)). Cost: \$20, concession \$15. 6.00 pm, Chauvel Cinema, Paddington Town Hall, corner Oatley Road and Oxford Street, Paddington. Web: <http://thehungrytide.com.au/category/news-reviews/>.

**5 AUGUST. WRAP WITH LOVE: 702 ABC KNIT-IN.** Each year thousands of Wraps are hand made and given to people who are suffering from cold and trauma. Volunteers knit or crochet the Wraps which are distributed where needed. Wrap with Love Inc is a voluntary organisation which started in 1992 and has given 255,322 Wraps to needy people throughout the world. Instructions on making Wraps and various venues / drop off points are listed on the website: <http://www.artsandcraftsnsw.com.au/Wrap.htm>. 7.00 am to 1.00 pm, ABC Studios, Harris Street, Ultimo. Contact: 02 8399 3000 or [wwl@pacific.net.au](mailto:wwl@pacific.net.au). Web: <http://www.abc.net.au/local/stories/2011/03/22/3170665.htm>.

**5 AUGUST. SCHOOLS RECONCILIATION ART CHALLENGE: 'YOU ME US'.** This art exhibition is a special showing of winning works of the Challenge by young artists. Includes live music and refreshments. Organised by NSW Reconciliation Council. 6.00 to 8.00 pm, Tranby Aboriginal College, 11-13 Mansfield Street, Glebe. Contact: [nswrc@nswreconciliation.org.au](mailto:nswrc@nswreconciliation.org.au), RSVP by 4 August. Web: <http://www.facebook.com/SchoolsReconciliationChallenge>.

**6 AUGUST. FILM SCREENING: 'WHAT REMAINS OF US'.** This documentary explores non-violent resistance in Tibet and includes screening, refreshments, meditation and slideshow of pilgrimage to Tibet. Funds raised will allow a Tibetan representative to present the Tibetan cause at International Society for Health and Human Rights (ISHHR) conference in Georgia. Cost: \$20. 5.00 to 8.00 pm, 207 Katoomba Street, Katoomba. Contact: 0405 581 355 or 0413 971 330. Web: [\[mainmenu-163/1705-screening-of-what-remains-of-us-2-july-2011-vajrayana-institute\]\(http://www.atc.org.au/events-mainmenu-51/new-south-wales-mainmenu-163/1705-screening-of-what-remains-of-us-2-july-2011-vajrayana-institute\).](http://www.atc.org.au/events-mainmenu-51/new-south-wales-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

**6 AUGUST. DAWN SERVICE: HIROSHIMA DAY.** All welcome to join this time of reflection followed by a light breakfast. 6.45 am, Christ Church Cathedral grounds, Church Street, Newcastle. Web: <http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/newsroom/pdf/Hiroshima%20Day%20Poster%20Aug%202011.pdf/>

**6 AUGUST. FORUM AND RALLY: HIROSHIMA DAY.** The Hiroshima Day committee is holding this day of activities, forums and protests on the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. Speakers: Hans Kristenson, nuclear weapons expert (USA); Professor Richard Broinowski, author; Donna Mulhearn, peace activist; etc. After the forum a rally will be held at Belmore Park, near Central Station. 11.00 am, Teachers Federation, 23-33 Mary Street, Surry Hills. Web: <http://www.hiroshimacommittee.org>.

**7 AUGUST. BOOK LAUNCH: 'BESIDE ONE'S SELF - HOMELESSNESS FELT AND LIVED'.** Going beyond homelessness as a housing issue, this book uniquely explores the embodied, emotional experiences of homelessness. In doing so, author Catherine Robinson reveals much about existing gaps in service responses, in community perceptions, and in the ways in which homelessness most often becomes visible as a problem for policy makers. Host: Dr Katrina Schlunke, Acting Director of Transforming Cultures Research Centre, UTS. Sue Cripps, CEO, Homelessness NSW, will officially launch the book. No cost. 3.30 pm, Gleebooks, 49 Glebe Point Rd, Glebe, upstairs. Contact: 02 9660 2333. Web: <http://gleebooks.com.au>.

**7 AUGUST. HOMELESS PERSONS WEEK LAUNCH.** Speaker: Federal MP Julie Owens. Bring a blanket to donate if possible; all blankets donated are given to homeless people by Bikers Australia. Assist to encourage others to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Organised by Parramatta Youth Street Project. 12 noon, Parramatta Mall - Amphitheatre. Contact: 02 9891 3822 or [michele@parramattaaccountants.com.au](mailto:michele@parramattaaccountants.com.au). Web: <http://www.homelessnessnsw.org.au/uploads/50463/ufiles/HPW11event.pdf>.



**8 AUGUST. MARY MACKILLOP PLACE FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS.** Masses will be celebrated outdoors at Mary MacKillop Place on Glenroy Green (William Street entrance) at 8.00 am, 10.00 am and 1.00 pm. The Chapel will be open for private prayer and visits to Mary MacKillop's Tomb from 8.30 am to 4.00 pm. The Museum will be open from 8.30 am to 4.00 pm and admission is free. Mary MacKillop memorabilia, Ethica Peruvian Fair Trade products and light refreshments will be on sale in the grounds of Mary MacKillop Place. 80 William Street, North Sydney. Contact: 02 8912 4878 or [mackillop@sosj.org.au](mailto:mackillop@sosj.org.au). Web: <http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/chapel/ChapelTimes.asp>.

**8 AUGUST. MARY MACKILLOP FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER: GALA DINNER.** This dinner will include a celebration of the Travelling Sisters Roadshow 'Australia Disaster Recovery'. MC: Sandra Sully. Guests: Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC and John Hewson AM. Performance by Janice Breen Performance Studio. All donations from the dinner for the foundation will go toward small life changing projects in Australia. Stunning secret location - guests to meet at Circular Quay or Mosman wharfs at 6.30 pm. Cost: \$200. Contact: 02 8912 2714 or [events@mackillopfoundation.org.au](mailto:events@mackillopfoundation.org.au). Web: <http://www.marymackillopfoundation.org.au>.

**10 AUGUST. FILM SCREENING: 'OUR GENERATION'.** A journey into the heart of Australia's Indigenous relations, a hidden shame that is pushing the world's oldest living culture to the edge. Through the stories of the Yolngu of Arnhem Land, the film looks at the Government's ongoing policies of paternalism and assimilation, examines the real issues underlying Indigenous disadvantage, and opens dialogue on ways forward that respect Aboriginal culture and dignity. Jeff McMullen, former ABC Foreign Correspondent, will be speaking before the film. Cost: \$10. 8.15 pm, Manly Cinemas, 25/43-45, East Esplanade, Manly. Contact: [ai\\_in\\_manly@hotmail.com](mailto:ai_in_manly@hotmail.com) or 0408 448 739. Web: <http://www.ourgeneration.org.au/>.

**10-12 AUGUST. SISTERS INSIDE CONFERENCE: 'IS PRISON OBSOLETE?'** This conference

will initiate and support the development of innovative and creative responses to issues affecting women in prison throughout the world. The conference will focus on professional development opportunities for stakeholders in this specific marginalised sector. Speakers: Antoinette Braybrook, Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria; Debbie Kilroy, Sisters Inside Inc; Kim Pate, Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies; etc. Cost: \$0-600. Citigate Central Hotel, 169-179 Thomas Street, Sydney. Contact: 07 3844 5066. Web: <http://sistersinside.com.au/conference2011.htm>.

**11 AUGUST. ST VINCENT DE PAUL DISCUSSION: SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE CLUB: 'FROM HOPELESSNESS TO SUCCESS'.** This discussion will explore how to overcome long-term unemployment and rebuild personal, family and community wellbeing. Hosted by Dr Andy Marks, Senior Researcher, NSW St Vincent de Paul Society. No cost. 7.00 to 8.30 pm, Blacktown RSL Club. Contact: 02 9689 1900. Web: <http://www.vinnies.org.au>.

**11 - 12 AUGUST. CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.** The Catholic Commission for Employment Relations will host this leadership conference. Speakers: Bob Carr; Miranda Devine; Maxine McKew; Patrick Lindsay; US author Chris Lowney; and Anh Do. The conference is open to anyone interested in developing professionally in the area of leadership or wanting to expand their professional network whether or not they currently work within or outside the Church. As well as the plenary sessions, the Conference will include workshops about mental health in the workplace, ethical leadership, leadership risks and workplaces of the future. Cost: CCEM members \$800, non members \$900. Novotel Sydney Brighton Beach, corner Grand Parade and Princess Street, Brighton-le-Sands. Contact: 02 9390 5268 or [ccer2011@epicconferences.com.au](mailto:ccer2011@epicconferences.com.au). Web: <http://ccer.catholic.org.au/conference/images/ccer2011brochure.pdf>.

**11-17 AUGUST. QUEEN STREET STUDIO REFUGEE EXHIBITION.** The exhibition visually explores the realities of refugees from overseas and in Australia through several

bodies of work. It includes works from photographer Richard Wainwright; young Afghani refugee and migrant women living in Auburn; photographs taken of refugee families and individuals living in Australia; and a school students' video project. This project seems to highlight the human similarities between refugees and other Australians despite the differences in their background. Launch 11 August: 6.00 to 9.00 pm; exhibition 12-17 August, 1.00 to 5.00 pm weekdays and 11.00 am to 4.00 pm weekend; Queen Street Studio, 10-14 Queen Street, Chippendale. Contact: [nswccintern@amnesty.org.au](mailto:nswccintern@amnesty.org.au). Web: <http://www.amnesty.org.au/nsw/event/25971/>.

**12 AUGUST. POLITICS IN THE PUB: 'THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF UNIVERSITIES: EDUCATION OR EXPLOITATION?'** Speakers: Dr Sarah Gregson, NTEU Branch Pres. UNSW; Bonaventure Mkandawere and James Dhizaala, Post Grad. Students Centre Peace and Conflict Studies. Cost: \$5 to become club member. 6.00 to 7.45 pm, Gaelic Club, 64 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 02 9692 0005 or [odl\\_bradley@pacific.net.au](mailto:odl_bradley@pacific.net.au). Web: <http://www.politicsinthepub.org.au>.

**12 AUGUST. PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE (PIAC) TRAINING: INTRODUCTION TO ADVOCACY AND CAMPAIGNING.** This training course provides an introduction to advocacy, and how to advocate for your issues to government. Participants will have the opportunity to plan an advocacy campaign around a real life issue from their work. Presenter: Carolyn Grenville. Cost: \$230. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Sydney CBD. Contact: 02 8898 6525. Web: <http://www.piac.asn.au/trainingevent/introduction-advocacy-and-campaigning-0>.

**12-13 AUGUST. NATIONAL INDIGENOUS LEGAL CONFERENCE: 'THE PURSUIT OF EQUALITY: FROM INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS TO INDIVIDUAL ADVANCEMENT'**. The National Indigenous Legal Conference is being organised by the New South Wales Bar Association. Key themes: Indigenous Identity, Indigenous Rights and Indigenous Governance. There will also be sessions on Northern Territory Intervention, protecting culture and sentencing Indigenous offenders. Cost: \$50-750. Dockside, The

Balcony Level, Cockle Bay Wharf. Contact: 02 9232 4055 or [khall@nswbar.asn.au](mailto:khall@nswbar.asn.au). Web: [http://www.adfvc.unsw.edu.au/PDF%20files/National\\_Indigenous\\_Legal\\_Conference.pdf](http://www.adfvc.unsw.edu.au/PDF%20files/National_Indigenous_Legal_Conference.pdf).

**13, 20, 27 AUGUST. PACE E BENE WORKSHOP: 'NONVIOLENT PEACEMAKING: IN YOUR COMMUNITY ... IN YOUR WORLD'**. Come and learn about: the principles and power of active nonviolence in the tradition of Jesus, Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr; connecting personal transformation and social change; and concrete skills for putting nonviolent power into practice. Cost: \$90, concession available. 9.00 am to 4.30 pm, Edmund Rice Centre, 15 Henley Road, opposite Flemington Station, Homebush West. Contact: [gill@ozburrows.com](mailto:gill@ozburrows.com). Information and registration: <http://www.paceebene.org.au/engage-syd-2011.html>.

**15 AUGUST. NORTH SYDNEY SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB: STORIES TO INSPIRE '... A FOOT IN BOTH CAMPS: INDIGENOUS ISSUES AND SUCCESS'**. A look at the courageous steps the communities of Fitzroy Valley took to address the problem of alcohol abuse and its impacts on the most vulnerable in the community. Over three years the residents have led transformative change in their region, lifted their communities out of chaos and despair and provided a pattern of action for other communities to follow. Speakers: Annie Barnett and Fitzroy Futures Forum Representatives. 7.30 to 9.00 pm, The Union Hotel, corner Pacific Highway and West Street, North Sydney. Web: <http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au/Slp%20Programs.htm>.

**17 AUGUST. SUTHERLAND SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB: 'WHY BOTHER TRYING TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE?'** 'To experience genuine compassion is to develop a feeling of closeness to others combined with a sense of responsibility for their welfare' Dalai Lama, *Little Book of Wisdom*. Speakers: Donna Mulhearn. 7.30 to 9.00 pm, Sutherland United Services Club. Contact: 02 9548 2475 or 02 9520 0617 Web: <http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au/Slp%20Programs.htm>.

**18-19 AUGUST. INTERNATIONAL UNITY IN DIVERSITY CONFERENCE: 'MEDIA, MARGINALITY AND DIVERSITY'**. The

Conference will bring to light and scrutinise the way traditional and new media and policy engage with diversity issues. The conference will seek to expand these themes to encompass the challenges of diversity and marginality within the age care, disability, mental health, youth and indigenous sectors. Speakers: Professor Bob Carter, Adjunct Research Fellow, James Cook University, Townsville; Hon Teresa Gambaro MP, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Citizenship and Settlement; Senator the Hon Kate Lundy, Parliamentary Secretary for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs; Margaret Reynolds, State Manager, National Disability Services Tasmania; etc. Cost: \$770. Rydges Southbank Hotel, Townsville. Contact: 07 4772 4800 or [iuidconference@townsvilleic.com.au](mailto:iuidconference@townsvilleic.com.au). Web: <http://unityindiversityconference.com/>.

**19 AUGUST. PANEL DISCUSSION: 'TRAINING FOR REAL AND SUSTAINABLE CAREERS FOR INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS'**. GenerationOne recently published the Skills and Training for a Career draft policy. The panel will discuss various elements of this draft policy including creating career pathways, how to better link training to real jobs, the vital role of work-readiness, the impact of mentoring and post-placement support, and how employers can value diversity. Presented by GenerationOne and University of Western Sydney (UWS). No cost. 9.00 to 11.00 am, Sir Ian and Nancy Turbott Auditorium, Building EE, UWS Parramatta Campus, corner Victoria Road and James Ruse Drive, Rydalmere. Contact: [info@generationone.org.au](mailto:info@generationone.org.au). Web and RSVP: <http://generationone.org.au/whats-on/university-of-western-sydney>.

**27 AUGUST. YOUTH OFF THE STREETS FUNDRAISER: GALA DINNER.** Celebrate 20 years with Father Chris Riley, the Board of Directors, employees, supporters and young people at a black tie event. Master of Ceremonies is David Koch, entertainment featuring Mahalia Barnes and The Soul Mates and Diesel. Cost: \$250. 7.00 pm, Hilton Hotel, 488 George Street, Sydney. Contact: 02 9330 3531 or [biancaa@youthoffthestreets.com.au](mailto:biancaa@youthoffthestreets.com.au). Web: <http://www.youthoffthestreets.com.au/gala-dinner-27th-august-2011/w1/i1002993/>.

**29 AUGUST-1 SEPTEMBER. TRAINING:**

**'INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HUMAN RIGHTS AND ADVOCACY'**. The program will be held in partnership with the Fred Hollows Foundation and Maari Ma. The program aims to increase knowledge of the internationally recognised rights of Indigenous Peoples and to assist with the realisation of those rights by Indigenous Peoples in Australia. The program is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples from Broken Hill and the surrounding regions, who have an interest in protecting the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. No cost. Contact: 02 9385 2807, 02 9385 3549 or [dtp@unsw.edu.au](mailto:dtp@unsw.edu.au), RSVP by 5 August. Web: <http://www.dtp.unsw.edu.au/>.

**30 AUGUST-6 DECEMBER. NCOSS TRAINING: 'WINDOWS ON ECONOMICS'**. This seminar series is for people working in advocacy roles in non-government not-for-profit organisations who are involved in policy debates where economics is used but who do not have a background in economics. It aims to de-mystify economic theories and to enhance the skills of non-government organisation policy workers on the ideas, language and impact of economics on social policy. Cost: \$300-350. It will be held every second Tuesday from 4.30 to 6.30 pm, NCOSS, 66 Albion Street, Surry Hills. Contact: [dev@ncoss.org.au](mailto:dev@ncoss.org.au) or 02 9211 2599 ext 116. Web: <http://www.ncoss.org.au/content/blogsection/13/149/>.

**2 SEPTEMBER. MARIST YOUTH CARE'S FUNDRAISER: GALA DINNER.** Help MYC assist the Affordable Housing for Life project to provide and opportunity for young people at risk to gain employment skills and training through community building initiatives. Cost: \$195. 7.00 pm, Shangri-La Sydney Ballroom. Contact: [alycel@maristyc.com.au](mailto:alycel@maristyc.com.au) or 02 9672 9268. Web: [http://www.maristyc.com.au/MYC/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=3](http://www.maristyc.com.au/MYC/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3).

**6 SEPTEMBER. CENTRAL COAST SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB: 'WHAT GIVES ME HOPE'**. Speakers: Ray Gilham, Kairos Prison Ministry; Neil Tucker, educator. Bistro meals at 5.30 pm. 7.30 to 9.00 pm, The Grange Hotel, corner Renwick Street and Pacific Highway, Wyoming. Web: <http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au/Slp%20Programs.htm>.



**7 SEPTEMBER. ST THOMAS MORE FORUM: 'RECOGNISING WOMEN OF FAITH'.** It was the work of religious orders - mostly female - that successfully created Australia's Catholic school system around which both parish and Catholic community developed. These women gave their professional lives, gratis, to the education of Catholic children. Hospitals, refuges and orphanages likewise owed the services they offered to the work of such women. Speaker: Anne Henderson, Deputy Director, The Sydney Institute. Cost: \$10, concession \$3. 7.30 to 9.00 pm, St Thomas More Hall, 30 White Crescent, Campbell. Contact: 02 6163 4300. Web: [http://www.faithresources.org.au/index.php?option=com\\_virtuemart&Itemid=7](http://www.faithresources.org.au/index.php?option=com_virtuemart&Itemid=7).

**9 SEPTEMBER. PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE (PIAC) TRAINING: 'EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY SKILLS AND STRATEGIES'.** Learn how to be more effective in your advocacy work in this practical course designed for community workers, advocates and campaigners. The interactive workshop format uses small group problem solving, role-play, and case studies. Presenter: Carolyn Grenville. Cost: \$230. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Sydney CBD. Contact: 02 8898 6525. Web: <http://www.piac.asn.au/trainingevent/introduction-advocacy-and-campaigning-0>.

## AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**1 AUGUST. FORUM ON NT EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT: 'STOP INTERVENING AND START WORKING'.** This is an opportunity to formulate our own view on these complex issues surrounding the Northern Territory Emergency Response Act by attending a forum organised by Canberra City Uniting Church. Speakers: Graeme Mundine, Executive Officer, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry; and Christine King, Larrakia/Warumungu woman, Northern Territory. 7.30 pm, Canberra City Uniting Church Conference Centre, corner Northbourne Avenue and Rudd Street, Canberra City. Contact: 02 6257 4600 or [minister@canberracityuca.org.au](mailto:minister@canberracityuca.org.au). Web: <http://canberraregion.unitingchurch.org.au/?p=1217>.

**2 AUGUST. GUINNESS AND GOD: SAM CLEAR.** A night of action-packed, visually stimulating,

captivatingly unique story-telling that will both inspire and challenge all age groups to place their trust in God and to put love into action. Topics covered: God's trustworthiness; Justice and love in action; and Unity in truth and love. 6.30 to 9.00 pm, King O'Malley's Irish Pub, Canberra City. Contact: 02 6163 4300, 0404 758 419 or [info@guinnessandgod.com](mailto:info@guinnessandgod.com). Web: <http://www.guinnessandgod.com>.

**9 AUGUST. NATIONAL PRESS CLUB: GRAEME INNESS.** Race Discrimination Commissioner, Graeme Innes, will give his departing speech at the National Press Club as his term comes to an end as the Race Discrimination Commissioner. He will reflect upon his time in the position, the major race discrimination issues confronting Australia today and in the future. Cost: \$57 members, \$77 guests. 11.45 am to 1.30 pm, National Press Club, 16 National Circuit, Barton. Contact: 02 6121 2199 or [npc@npc.org.au](mailto:npc@npc.org.au). Web: <http://www.npc.org.au>.

**13 AUGUST. SPIRITUAL CARE AUSTRALIA (SCA) QUIET DAY: 'GOING BACK TO THE WELL: CARE FOR THE CARER!'** Hosted by the ACT Branch of Spiritual Care Australia for pastoral carers and chaplains. Co-facilitated by Lorraine Gatehouse and Meryl Bollard from The Gathering Place. Cost: \$35. 9.00 am to 3.30 pm, Pavilion, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, St Mark's Theological Centre, 15 Blackall Street, Barton. Contact: 0432 112 546 or [macas@grapevine.net.au](mailto:macas@grapevine.net.au), RSVP by 6 August. Web: <http://www.pastoralcareact.org/sca/>.

## TASMANIA

**21 - 24 AUGUST. AUSTRALASIAN WOMEN AND POLICING CONFERENCE: 'MAKING IT HAPPEN - POLICE AND COMMUNITY'.** Police, researchers, women and men from other justice agencies, women's organisations and advocacy groups are invited to participate in the conference and share their stories, their solutions and their achievements. Speakers: Professor Margaret Beare; Dr Dorothy Schulz, Professor of Law, Police Studies, and Criminal Justice Administration, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, US; Sue Anderson, Sergeant, ACT Policing Project Officer for the Sexual Assault Reform Program; Gina Andrews, Senior



Policy Officer, Mental Health, NSW Police Force; Dianna Bartlett, Senior Chaplain, SAPOL; etc. Cost: \$350-1100. Hotel Grand Chancellor, 1 Davey Street, Hobart. Contact: 02 6292 9000 or [conference@confco.com.au](mailto:conference@confco.com.au). Web: <http://www.conferenceco.com.au/acwap/>.

## VICTORIA

### **1, 2 AUGUST. FAITH FORMATION:**

**‘CONVERSATION ABOUT THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN TODAY’S SOCIETY AND CHURCH’.** Speaker: Sr Carroll Juliano, Leadership Team, American Province of the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus. She is an award winning author and conducts workshops throughout the world. Carroll served as an advisor and consultant to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Women in Society and in the Church. No cost.

**1 August:** 4.30 to 6.00 pm, St Mary’s Church Foyer, Colac.

**2 August:** 4.30 to 6.00 pm, St Joseph’s Church Gathering Space, Warrnambool.

Web: <http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/newsevents/default.cfm?loadref=539>.

### **4 AUGUST. BROTHERHOOD OF ST LAURENCE SEMINAR: ‘HAS ECONOMIC GROWTH BEEN GOOD FOR THE INCOME-POOR? AND WHAT HAPPENS TO THE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED?’**

Speaker: Francisco Azpitarte, Economist, Research and Policy Centre, Brotherhood of St Laurence. 12.00 to 1.00 pm, Fr Tucker’s room, Brotherhood of St Laurence, 67 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. Contact: [kphilipp@bsl.org.au](mailto:kphilipp@bsl.org.au) or 03 9483 1364. Web: <http://www.bsl.org.au/About-the-Brotherhood/Whats-on.aspx?id=656&dt=4/08/2011>.

### **5 AUGUST. VCOSS CONFERENCE: ‘STATE OF THE STATE: WHAT’S HAPPENING, WHAT’S DIFFERENT, WHAT’S POSSIBLE?’**

The conference will explore the opportunities and risks that political change presents to long-term social challenges, and ways to achieve real structural change. Speakers: The Hon Ted Baillieu, Premier of Victoria; Naomi Eisenstadt, former Director, Social Exclusion Task Force UK, Senior Research Fellow, Oxford University; Dr Cindy Blackstock, Executive Director, First Nations Child and Family Caring

Society of Canada. Cost: \$120-350. 8.00 am to 4.00 pm, RACV Club, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne. Contact: [congress@vcoss.org.au](mailto:congress@vcoss.org.au) or 03 9654 5050. Web: <http://www.vcoss.org.au/community-notices/congress2011.htm>.

### **5 - 18 AUGUST. ROB MCNAMARA 2011 ART EXHIBITION: ‘THERE IS A CRACK IN EVERYTHING, THAT’S HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN’.**

Paintings, prints, jewellery and written works were amongst the 2010 collection, which was submitted by artists both with and without disability, and displayed without differentiation, in an event representing inclusion. In working to the theme, artists embark upon a learning experience, and the resulting exhibition is a diverse, challenging and enriching experience for its viewers. 11.00 am to 7.00 pm, Collingwood Gallery, 292 Smith Street, Collingwood. Contact: 03 9417 0690. Web: <http://www.collingwoodgallery.com.au/>.

### **6 AUGUST. VIGIL AND PEACE CONCERT.**

This vigil will mark the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. The Peace Concert is being presented by Japanese for Peace, and is raising funds for those affected by the tsunami and earthquake in Japan. Speakers: Felicity Hill, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom; and Phillip White, formerly of Citizens’ Nuclear Information Centre. Performers: Lily and King, King Kadu and the Sunshine Sisters, Tom Bolton Band, and Fuefukuro. Vigil: 1.00 pm, steps of the GPO, on the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth Streets, Melbourne. Concert: Cost: \$15, concession \$10. 3.00 to 5.00 pm, State Library, Village Roadshow Theatre. Web: <http://www.mapw.org.au/events/peace-concert>.

### **9 AUGUST. NAGASAKI DAY SEMINAR: ‘REMEMBERING HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI - THE URGENT QUESTION OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT’.**

Speakers: Professor Gareth Evans AO QC, Chancellor of the Australian National University, previously co-chaired the International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament; Dr Hans Kristensen, Federation of American. Co-sponsored by MAPW, ICAN, the Red Cross and Japanese for Peace - who will host tea after the meeting. 5.30 to 7.30 pm, The Wheeler Centre, Little Lonsdale Street (State Library

building), Melbourne. Web: <http://www.mapw.org.au/events/hiroshima-nagasaki-two-eminent-speakers>.

**11 AUGUST. COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTRALIA (CEDA) COST OF CARBON SERIES: 'A CARBON TAX: IMPLICATIONS FOR HOUSEHOLDS AND SOCIAL EQUITY'**. This event will reflect on how climate change policies will impact households and in particular, the disadvantaged and low income groups, in terms of higher costs for energy and other essentials. A discussion will explore the announced compensation and welfare measures to ensure social inequality is not worsened. Speakers: Richard Aedy, Presenter, ABC Radio National's *Life Matters*; Patricia Faulkner AO: Chair, Social Inclusion Board and Advisor, Multi Party Climate Change Committee; Professor John Thwaites, Chair, Monash Sustainability Institute and ClimateWorks Australia. Cost: \$143. 12.00 to 2.00 pm, Allens Arthur Robinson, Level 34, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne. Contact: [dominique.goodwin@ceda.com.au](mailto:dominique.goodwin@ceda.com.au) or 03 9652 8402. Web: [http://ceda.informz.net/ceda/archives/archive\\_393181.html](http://ceda.informz.net/ceda/archives/archive_393181.html).

**14 AUGUST. SEMINAR: 'ABORIGINAL SPIRITUALITY, SYMBOLS, LITURGY...'** Discover more about Aboriginal Spirituality and its fit with the Catholic faith and how symbols can be incorporated into liturgies. Speakers will share the importance of bringing Aboriginal perspectives into our lives and liturgies and of knowing how to do this effectively. Cost: \$10, concession \$5. 11.30 am, St Patrick's School Hall, Ovens Street, Wangaratta. Contact: [kmstone@bigpond.net.au](mailto:kmstone@bigpond.net.au) or 0408 579 904. Web: [http://www.sandpiper.org.au/digital/sandpiper\\_ed81/files/assets/downloads/page0016.pdf](http://www.sandpiper.org.au/digital/sandpiper_ed81/files/assets/downloads/page0016.pdf).

**16 AUGUST. SOCIAL POLICY CONNECTIONS SEMINAR: 'AUSTRALIA, AID AND GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT'**. Presented by Marc Purcell, Executive Director, ACFID. Cost: donation. 7.30 pm, Study Centre, Yarra Theological Union, 98 Albion Road, Box Hill. Contact: 0457 146 808 or [admin@socialpolicyconnections.com.au](mailto:admin@socialpolicyconnections.com.au). Web: <http://www.socialpolicyconnections.com.au/?p=3125/>.

**17 AUGUST. TALK: 'MICRO-CREDIT: A BANKING SYSTEM DESIGNED TO WIPE OUT POVERTY'**.

At the behest of Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, Mr Shan Ali of the Grameen Foundation Australia will explain the concept of micro-credit banking, and the principles underpinning the operation of the Grameen Bank. This bank will loan small amounts of credit to women who are very poor and have no collateral, in order to dignifying them and enable them to find the means to break out of the endless cycle of poverty. 7.30 pm, Heart of Life Centre, 96 Albion Road, Box Hill. Contact: 03 9817 3984 or [maureendwan@hotmail.com](mailto:maureendwan@hotmail.com), RSVP by 12 August. Web: [http://www.socialpolicyconnections.com.au/?page\\_id=5](http://www.socialpolicyconnections.com.au/?page_id=5).

**19 AUGUST. CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA (CSSV) ANNUAL DINNER.** An occasion to celebrate CSSV's work and to gather with others who share in a faith-inspired commitment to a just and compassionate society. An opportunity to acknowledge those that have made significant contributions to the sector. Speaker: Hon Mary Wooldridge MP, Minister for Community Services. Cost: \$75. 6.45 pm, Leonda on the Yarra, 2 Wallen Road, Hawthorn. Contact: 03 9926 5791 or [catherine.mcgovern@cam.org.au](mailto:catherine.mcgovern@cam.org.au). Web: <http://www.css.org.au/>.

**21 AUGUST. FESTIVAL OF REFUGEES.** Featuring performers from Sudan, Burma, West Papua, Sri Lanka, Congo, Tibet and more. Guest appearance by Aurelio Denasha (Yellowbird), a Native American of the Ojibwe Nation. Cost: \$15 (includes Middle Eastern and West African dinner). 3.00 to 5.00 pm, St Kilda Town Hall, 99A Carlisle Street, St Kilda. Contact: 03 9650 6811 or [vsanyu@ncca.org.au](mailto:vsanyu@ncca.org.au). Web: <http://www.paxchristi.org.au/plugins/events.cgi?short=1&date=2011-08-21>.

**22 - 31 AUGUST. PEACEWISE TRAINING: 'BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONDING TO CONFLICT'**. Learn how to see conflict from God's perspective and how to address your own contribution to conflict. You will learn how to have conversations with difficult people and how and why you can forgive others when they hurt you. Through various training, you can learn how to apply these principles both personally and to assist others in conflict. 8.30

am to 5.00 pm, New Hope Baptist Church, 3 Springfield Road, Blackburn North. Contact: 1300 173 223. Web: <http://www.peacewise.org.au>.

**24 AUGUST. CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA DIALOGUE: 'THE VICTORIAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: A CHAPLAIN'S PERSPECTIVE, IN LIGHT OF THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE OF GOD IN LUKE'S GOSPEL'.** Leading the dialogue is the Reverend Jonathan Chambers, Senior Chaplain, Criminal Justice Ministry of Anglicare Victoria. Jonathan will draw on his ministry as a prison chaplain, and on his academic work. No cost, BYO sandwiches, coffee and tea provided. 12.00 to 1.30 pm, Cathedral room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne. Contact: [Carmen.montalto@css.org.au](mailto:Carmen.montalto@css.org.au) or 03 9287 5566, RSVP by 17 August. Web: <http://www.css.org.au/>.

**25 AUGUST. PILCH LAW AND SOCIAL CHANGE DIALOGUE: 'THE TAMPA 10 YEARS ON - IS CHANGE POSSIBLE?'** Held almost 10 years to the day from when the MV Tampa rescued 433 asylum seekers in the Indian Ocean, this dialogue will discuss those events, the legal interventions that followed and the current state of the Australian laws and public debate on refugees and asylum seekers. Speakers: Julian Burnside QC, Deborah Mortimer SC, David Marr, journalist. Cost: \$25, concession \$15. 6.15 pm, Experimedia Centre, State Library of Victoria. Contact: 03 8636 4400 or [admin@pilch.org.au](mailto:admin@pilch.org.au). Bookings: <http://www.pilch.org.au/change>.

**26 AUGUST-30 SEPTEMBER. COMMUNITY WELCOME PROJECT: 'JUST LIKE US'.** This will be open from the 10th anniversary of the Tampa Incident. You can volunteer and assist at this event and there is a Schools' program included. The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) is proud to be involved in the coalition of refugee support agencies, advocacy groups and individuals organising this project. Multicultural Hub, opposite the Victoria Market, Elizabeth Street, Melbourne. Contact: [trconcepts@netspace.com.au](mailto:trconcepts@netspace.com.au). Web: <http://www.justlikeus.org.au/>.

**30 AUGUST. ONE JUST WORLD FORUM: 'DOES CHARITY BEGIN AT HOME?'** Appearing as part of the Melbourne Writers' Festival 'Big Ideas' series. After the recent devastating floods in Queensland and Victoria, some suggested that we should assist people here before assisting those in other parts of the world facing similar or worse hardship. What obligation do we have to assist poor women and men in countries other than our own? Speakers: Gareth Evans, Chancellor of Australian National University, Former Australian Foreign Minister and President Emeritus of the International Crisis Group; Sharon Bhagwan-Rolls, Coordinator of femLINKPACIFIC Community Media Initiatives for Women and Fijian Political Activist; Julian Burnside AO QC, Australian barrister, human rights and refugee advocate and author. 6.30 pm, BMW Edge, Federation Square. RSVP essential. Register: <http://www.onejustworld.com.au/Upcoming-Forums/Does-Charity-Begin-at-Home.aspx>.

**2-4 SEPTEMBER. ICAN NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE: 'THINK OUTSIDE THE BOMB'.** This conference is for people aged 18-30 and will include workshops, forums, presentations, social events and street actions. Participants will have the chance to meet leading disarmament experts and devise ways to transform the vision of nuclear abolition into reality. Cost: \$30 (registration and meals). Evatt Room, Trades Hall, 54 Victoria Street, Carlton. Register: <http://www.icanw.org.au/register>, RSVP by 15 August. Web: <http://www.mapw.org.au/events/ican-national-youth-conference>.

**7 SEPTEMBER. INDIGENOUS SOCIAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION DISCUSSION: 'JUSTICE REINVESTMENT'.** On the 20th anniversary of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody ANTAR issued a statement criticising the lack of progress and putting forward a range of strategies, including Justice Reinvestment, a program being trialled in a number of US States. This meeting will discuss this program and evaluate its usefulness in the Australian context. 6.30 to 9.00 pm, Solidarity Salon, 580 Sydney Road, Brunswick. Contact: 03 9388 0062 or [alison.thorne@ozemail.com.au](mailto:alison.thorne@ozemail.com.au). Web: <http://www.isja-msg.com/>.



## **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**17-19 AUGUST. CONFERENCE: 'A SENSE FOR HUMANITY: THE ETHICAL THOUGHT OF RAIMOND GAITA'.** On the occasion of Gaita's retirement from the positions of Professor of Moral Philosophy at King's College London and Foundation Professor of Philosophy at the Australian Catholic University, this conference will explore the broad influence of Gaita's work, including such fields as philosophy, politics, social work, psychology law and literature, and in public ethical debate. Speakers: Stephen Buckle, John Coetzee, Christopher Cordner, Nick Drake, Miranda Fricker, etc. Cost: \$200, concession \$60. Hetzel Lecture Theatre, Institute Building, corner Kintore Avenue and North Terrace, Adelaide. Contact: 08 8201 2257 or [craig.taylor@flinders.edu.au](mailto:craig.taylor@flinders.edu.au). Register: [www.flinders.edu.au/ehl/firth/firth-conferences/a-sense-for-humanity-the-ethical-thought-of-raimond-gaita/a-sense-for-humanity-the-ethical-thought-of-raimond-gaita.cfm](http://www.flinders.edu.au/ehl/firth/firth-conferences/a-sense-for-humanity-the-ethical-thought-of-raimond-gaita/a-sense-for-humanity-the-ethical-thought-of-raimond-gaita.cfm).

**30 AUGUST, 6, 13, 27 SEPTEMBER. CARITAS AUSTRALIA COURSE: 'SOCIAL JUSTICE, AID AND DEVELOPMENT'.** A program consisting of several modules including: from aid to development, from charity to justice; poverty and social justice; development issues - analysis and action; and case studies. Nominal cost. 6.30 to 9.00 pm, Diocesan Centre, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide. Contact: [janettep@caritas.org.au](mailto:janettep@caritas.org.au) or 08 8210 8172. Web: <http://www.thesoutherncross.org.au/default.aspx?iid=49851&startpage=page0000017>.

## **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

**4-7 AUGUST. UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE: 'GOALS FOR LIFE - OUR RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS BY 2015'.** Discussion will focus on follow-up from the UN Summit

held late in 2010 to examine progress towards the Millennium Development goals. The aim is to continue the dialogue to improve strategies in the hope of achievement of the goals. Cost: conference \$160, dinner \$80. Metro Hotel, 61 Canning Highway, South Perth. Contact: 08 6380 7304 or [office@unaa-wa.org.au](mailto:office@unaa-wa.org.au). Web: <http://www.unaa-wa.org.au>.

**6 AUGUST. HIROSHIMA AND NAGASKAI DAYS.** The Conservation Council of Western Australia invites you to come and hear messages of hope for a nuclear free future, 66 years after the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Activities: Speeches, film screening, origami workshop. 1.00 to 2.30 pm, Northbridge Piazza, corner James and Lake Streets, Northbridge, Perth. Contact: [mia.pepper@ccwa.org.au](mailto:mia.pepper@ccwa.org.au). Web: <http://www.mapw.org.au/events/hiroshima-and-nagaskai-days>.

## **NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**11 AUGUST-7 OCTOBER. ART EXHIBITION: 'NGARUWANAJIRRI: HELPING ONE ANOTHER'.** Charles Darwin University Art Collection and Art Gallery features more than 150 works by 17 Tiwi artists who work as a co-operative at The Keeping House at Wurrumiyanga (Nguiu) on Bathurst Island. Established in 1994, Ngaruwanajirri Inc represents a core group of 14 artists and 12 freelance carvers. The exhibition features a range of paintings in ochre on paper and canvas/linen, watercolour and acrylic paintings, ironwood carvings, sculptures, hand-crafted objects and batik silks. This is Ngaruwanajirri Inc's first major retrospective exhibition and marks the launch of a special suite of 48 monotypes/monoprints, created with collaborating printer Marilyn Gibson. Monday to Friday, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, Charles Darwin University Art Gallery, Building Orange 12.1.02, Casuarina Campus, Darwin. Contact: 08 8946 6621. Web: <http://www.cdu.edu.au/advancement/artcollection/cduartgallery.html>.



## Support for govt's overseas aid commitments

Caritas Australia welcomed the Australian Government's response to an independent aid review, saying it is encouraged to see a commitment to the poor at the heart of public policy, the organisation said in a release.

## Support Caritas appeal for South Sudan: Archbishop Wilson

President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Archbishop Philip Wilson, called for support for an appeal by Caritas Australia for the new Republic of South Sudan, Archbishop Wilson wrote in a letter released by Caritas.

## Detention centres 'factories' for mental illness, said Bishop Hurley

Northern Territory Bishop Eugene Hurley said detention centres are "factories for mental illness" because of the lengthy delays in processing the refugee status of detainees, the ABC reported.

## Compensate carbon tax directly through energy bills: Vinnies

The St Vincent de Paul Society welcomed the announcement of \$18 billion in compensation to Australian households to offset the impact of the Federal Government's carbon pricing scheme, reported the *Catholic Weekly*.

## Consider alternatives to prison, bishops urge

Australia should "consider alternatives to prison and ways to reintegrate people into community life as responsible fellow citizens", Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) president Archbishop Philip Wilson said, the *Catholic Leader* reported.

## Carbon price policy welcomed by Catholic groups

The Edmund Rice Centre called on all political leaders to support the government's carbon policy and Catholic Social Services Australia commended the priority given to assisting

low-income Australians who will be hit by the carbon price.

## SA blueprint for disability services delayed

Monsignor David Cappelletti's blueprint for disability services in South Australia due in July were delayed because of the amount of work involved, said a report on AdelaideNow from the *Sunday Mail*.

## Priest told he is unwelcome at Qld detention centre

A priest who raised concerns over the asylum seekers held at a detention centre in Queensland said the Diocese of Cairns been told he is no longer welcome to visit the centre, reported the *Cairns Post*.

## Ethical guidelines needed for journalism, said Vatican editor

The recent phone hacking scandal involving British tabloid News of the World shows the need for better ethics in the field of journalism, said the editor-in-chief of the Vatican paper L'Osservatore Romano, reported the Catholic News Agency.

## Human rights concerns as Malaysian PM to meet Pope

Amnesty International called on Pope Benedict to press Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak on human rights issues when he visits Rome next week, said a MalaysiaKini report on Yahoo.

## ACMRO calls for humanised approach to refugees

The welfare of all migrants is paramount and outweighs any policy which punishes 800 asylum seekers who in desperation turn to people smugglers for help, the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) Director Father Maurizio Pettenz said in a media statement.

- Courtesy CathNews, for details click on headlines or go to <http://cathnews.com>



# Social Justice Calendar

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| 1 Mon  | National Homeless Persons' Week<br>Ramadan begins   | 16 Tue | 1975: Wave Hill Station, NT, returned to the Gurindji People   |
| 2 Tue  | 1965: First Indo-Chinese refugees allowed to settle in Australia                            | 18 Thu | Vietnam Veterans Day   |
| 4 Thu  | National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day   | 19 Fri | World Humanitarian Day<br>2007: Beginning of protests led by Buddhist monks in Burma   |
| 5 Fri  | Caritas Australia Be More Weekend commences   | 21 Sun | Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time   |
| 6 Sat  | 1945: Atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima  | 23 Tue | International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition   |
| 7 Sun  | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>National Missing Persons Week commences               | 26 Fri | 2001: MV Tampa rescues 433 asylum seekers from a sinking vessel. Australian Government refuses entry to its shores and sends troops to prevent disembarkation. |
| 8 Mon  | St Mary MacKillop (Feast)   | 27 Sat | 1999: Death of Dom Helder Camara   |
| 9 Tue  | International Day of the World's Indigenous People<br>1945: Atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki | 28 Sun | Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Refugee and Migrant Sunday  |
| 12 Fri | International Youth Day   | 29 Mon | International Day Against Nuclear Tests  |
| 14 Sun | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time   | 30 Tue | 1999: East Timor's Independence<br>Ballot: 78.5% vote for independence   |
| 15 Mon | Assumption of Mary (Solemnity)  |        |  |

*Notes on these dates are available in the printed ACSJC's Seasons of Social Justice Diary. The cost is \$6.60. To order go to [http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/publications/social\\_justice\\_calendar.html](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/content/publications/social_justice_calendar.html), or call 02 8306 3499.*

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