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Dear Friends,

As Social Justice Sunday approaches, now is the time to place your orders for the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement. Parishes, schools and groups can order printed copies (minimum of 10) from the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council. The order form can be found on the ACSJC website: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

Social Justice Sunday is celebrated on 25 September. The title of this year's Social Justice Statement is 'Building Bridges, Not Walls: Prisons and the justice system'.

Reflecting on the theme of the Statement, Bishop Christopher Saunders, Chairman of the ACSJC, says, 'The words of the bishops urge us all to think about the conditions in our prisons, and to ask who are most likely to find themselves there.

'Between 1984 and 2008, the number of Australians in prison per 100,000 people almost doubled. Over that time, however, rates of crime either stayed steady or fell. The majority of Australian prisoners come

from the most disadvantaged sections of the community: Indigenous people, the underprivileged, those suffering from mental illness. Given these facts, we must ask if the justice system is truly delivering justice to our community.

'In raising these questions, we are in no way seeking to justify crimes or minimise the terrible impact they can have on innocent people. But we do ask whether so many people should be in Australian jails, whether there are constructive alternatives to imprisonment, and what is being done to help prisoners lead productive lives once they have served their time', Bishop Saunders says.

Paying tribute to the untiring work of prison chaplains and those who work with vulnerable people in and outside prisons, Bishop Saunders highlights the responsibility we all share to work to achieve social justice.

'Again and again in the Gospel, we read how Jesus reached out to the marginalised and rejected, and called on his followers to do the same. It is our hope that this Statement will help all Australians heed that call ...

'We pray for guidance to find ways to reach out like Christ to the forgotten and rejected in our society', Bishop Saunders says.

Order forms, associated resources and information about the Social Justice Statement can be found on the ACSJC website: [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

A possible entry in you parish bulletin or school newsletter could be:

*We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 25 September. This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Building Bridges, not Walls: Prisons and the justice system'.*

*The Statement asks Catholics to think about conditions in our prisons, who is sentenced to prison and why. Rates of imprisonment in Australia have risen sharply although levels of crime have remained steady. The most disadvantaged in Australia are the most likely to be imprisoned.*

*In our parishes and our communities, let us consider how we can make a difference for those in prison and seeking bridges to a new*

*life. For further details, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)) or call (02) 8306 3499.*

I am grateful for any of efforts of your part to promote this Statement and the celebration of Social Justice Sunday on 25 September.

John Ferguson  
National Executive Officer



## 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>

### **NEW REPORT - 'OVERCOMING INDIGENOUS DISADVANTAGE'**

The latest 'Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage' report was released on 25 August. Gary Banks, who chairs the inter-governmental Steering Committee responsible for the report, said 'the latest data still reveal considerable disparities in outcomes between Indigenous and other Australians. This applies across the six COAG "closing the gap" targets, as well as for over 40 other significant indicators. And progress

in closing those gaps has been mixed'. Of the 45 quantitative indicators in the report, available data show improvement in outcomes for 13 indicators - including in employment, educational attainment and home ownership. For 10 indicators, including many health and school education outcomes, there has been no significant improvement, while for another seven, including social indicators such as criminal justice, outcomes have actually deteriorated. To access the report, visit: <http://www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/indigenous/key-indicators-2011>

**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. 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](mailto:elizabethlee@ozemail.com).

au. Visit the website: <http://www.cana.org.au>

### **INTERNATIONAL PRISON CHAPLAINS CONFERENCE**

Australian prison chaplains are attending the 13<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Commission of Catholic Prison Pastoral Care in Cameroon. The theme of the Conference is 'Catholic Prison Ministry Working for Justice, Peace and Reconciliation'. 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.iccppc.org>

### **BISHOPS SUPPORT NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME**

On 5 July, the Catholic Bishops of Australia announced support of Productivity Commission's recommendations for a National Disability Insurance Scheme, which seeks to ensure better accessibility, choice and control over service delivery. Bishop Eugene Hurley said, 'The proposed scheme will ensure that there is funding for essential care for people with disabilities including respite, therapy, aids, equipment, home modification and access to community care and education. Government is required to uphold the rights of all its citizens, including persons with disability by acting on existing policies, particularly those relating to discrimination and exclusion of persons with disability as a marginalised group'. Ms. Michele Castagna, Chair of the Australian Catholic Disability Council said, 'The time for change is now. People with disability need to be seen as truly equal citizens'. Refer: [http://www.catholic.org.au/index.php?option=com\\_docman&Itemid=355](http://www.catholic.org.au/index.php?option=com_docman&Itemid=355)

### **CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AUSTRALIA 'JUSTICE NETWORK'**

Sister of Charity Suzette Clark is leading CRA's new Justice Network - an initiative giving Australia's Religious a united voice on social justice issues. Great work is being done by congregations both individually and jointly. Many Religious felt it was time for congregations to strengthen their voice in this area. In June CRA endorsed the establishment of a Justice Network and appointed Sr Suzette Clark as Coordinator. Sr Suzette says the vision

for the Network is that Catholic Religious in Australia will have a united and effective public voice that strategically influences public and social policy to bring about justice, equity and ecological sustainability. Sr Suzette will develop the Justice Network in consultation with an appointed Reference Group which includes Sr Deirdre Gardiner rsm, Ms Michaela Guthridge, Sr Carmel Hanson rsj, Sr Carmel Heagerty rsm, Sr Esme Herscovitch rscj, Sr Geraldine Kearney sgs, Fr Charles Rue ssc, Br Shane Wood cfc. Congratulations Sr Suzette! For more information, visit: <http://www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org/index.php/2011/aug/84-creating-a-united-voice-on-justice>

### **CARITAS CAMPAIGN - 'A JUST CLIMATE'**

Caritas supporters around Australia are taking a stand in solidarity with the world's poor, calling for an increase in assistance to communities living in poverty and calling on the government to cut pollution and demonstrate global leadership in meeting the urgent challenge of climate change. The effects of a more extreme and volatile climate are already a daily reality for many of the world's poorest and most vulnerable. The earth is warming. Weather is becoming more extreme and unpredictable. Hunger and disease are spreading. You can join in by signing a petition calling on government to take action and enable developing countries to tackle poverty and develop in sustainable ways or consider holding a Just Climate event to get more people involved in fighting for climate justice. To find out more, visit: <http://www.caritas.org.au/ajustclimate/index.html>

### **JUBILEE AUSTRALIA CAMPAIGN - 'STOP DEBT VULTURES!'**

Jubilee Australia's campaign seeks to put an end to the practices of 'Vulture Funds'. Vulture funds are private investment firms that prey on the world's poorest countries. These commercial bankers circle developing countries on the lookout for debts that the country is struggling to repay. Then they swoop down, purchase the debt on the secondary market for a cheap price, and sue the poor country to recover the full value of the debt, plus interest, penalties and legal fees. This greed undermines our international debt relief initiatives and, without legislation to prevent

it, these vulture funds are free to profiteer from poor country debts in courts around the world, including in Australia. To find out more and consider how you can help, visit: <http://www.jubileeaustralia.org/page/work/stop-debt-vultures>

### **NEW BOOK - 'DETERMINING THE FUTURE: A FAIR GO & HEALTH FOR ALL'**

Edited Martin Laverty and Liz Callaghan, this book brings together a unique collection of essays on the social determinants of health from some of Australia's leading health and social policy experts - medical professionals, academics, opinion leaders, thinkers and writers. Contained within its pages are diverse and confronting policy and practical proposals that invite all Australian governments to broaden their health policy parameters to include a new focus on the social determinants of health. A must read for politicians, policy-makers and those working or studying in health, social services, education, housing, political science and social justice. \$29.95, Paperback, 254pp. To order, visit: [http://www.connorcourt.com/catalog1/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=7&products\\_id=169](http://www.connorcourt.com/catalog1/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=7&products_id=169)

### **NEW REPORT - 'THE CARES AND CONCERNS OF VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE'**

In 2010 Mission Australia conducted its ninth annual National Survey of Young Australians. The survey asked young people aged 11 to 24 years about what they value, their concerns, where they go for advice and support and how positive they feel about the future. Around 50,000 young Australians from a range

of backgrounds participated and this report focuses on the responses of young people identified as vulnerable or at-risk by virtue of their housing circumstances, comparing the responses of this at-risk group with those living in other housing circumstances such as with family, in a share house, at boarding school etc. To access the report, visit: <http://www.missionaustralia.com.au/downloads/national-survey-of-young-australians/2010/file/252-cares-concerns-vulnerable-youth>

### **NEW REPORT - 'THE CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE PACKAGE'**

The Australian Council of Social Service has released a report assessing the impact of the Government's proposed climate change plan on low income households and the community services sector. ACOSS welcomes the Government's commitment to meet at least 100% of the estimated increase in living costs for low income households but says that the same level of assistance is not afforded to unemployed people, sole parents and students on income support as to age pensioners in comparable circumstances, as would be for seniors who are outside the social security system. To protect the future living standards of people on low incomes, the Government should commit to further increases in social security payments above inflation if these are needed to fully offset the effects of increases in the carbon price. The full report can be accessed at: [http://acoss.org.au/images/uploads/ACOSS\\_Analysis\\_Clean\\_Energy\\_Future\\_Package\\_August\\_2011.pdf](http://acoss.org.au/images/uploads/ACOSS_Analysis_Clean_Energy_Future_Package_August_2011.pdf)

## **Latest Publications**

(Orders: phone (02) 8306 3499 or download an order form from the ACSJC website [that can be faxed 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>

### **Prayer Card & Leaflet: Ten steps to Building Bridges, Not Walls.**

Now available. Call (02) 8306 3499

**Social Justice Statement Summary, Liturgy Notes, Community and Student Resources, PowerPoint Presentation** - now available or



soon available at: [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

**Ecumenical resource: 'I Was in Prison and You Visited Me'**. Download from the National Council of Churches website: <http://www.ncca.org.au/>

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

The ACSJC has prepared educational materials for parishes, social justice groups and schools engaged with the Church's social teachings. Now available are the guides 'Reading the Signs of the Times', 'Rerum Novarum' (1891), 'Quadragesimo Anno' (1931) and 'Mater et Magistra' (1961) 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. (\$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>

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

## **This Month's Notices**

### **NATIONAL**

**UNTIL 30 SEPTEMBER. YOU ME UNITY PANEL CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES SUBMISSION.** This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to share your opinion on constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and have your say before the Panel sends its recommendation to government. Make a submission and see other submissions on the web: <http://youmeunity.org.au/>.

**6 SEPTEMBER. NATIONAL ECONFERENCE: 'FOLLOWING JESUS - MATTHEW'.** Speakers: Fr Chris Monaghan CP; Rev Dorothy Lee; Fr Nicholas King SJ. 10.30 am to 2.50 pm Eastern Standard Time; 10.00 am to 2.20 pm, Central Standard Time; 8.30 am to 12.50 pm, Western Standard Time. Presented by Broken Bay Institute and Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Contact: 02 9847 0726. Register: <http://matthew.vividas.com/>.

**16 SEPTEMBER. AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY E-CONFERENCE FOR STUDENTS: 'CONVERSATIONS WITH ISLAM'.** This conference is intended to help open up for high school and college students an awareness and appreciation of Islam and Muslims that are not only integral to their studies in other subject areas but also essential to the strengthening of Australia's social fabric. The Canberra campus of ACU has organised for students in rural and regional areas to come to the campus and experience the e-conference by having access to academics and experts in the field. Students will be able to take part by twittering their questions to an expert panel. 10 am to 12 noon at <http://www.acu.edu.au/conversationswithislam>. To register, email [econference@acu.edu.au](mailto:econference@acu.edu.au).

**7- 13 OCTOBER. AUSTRALIAN RELIGIOUS RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE (ARRCC) RIDE TO WORSHIP WEEK.** For God's planet, the poor and your health join in Ride to Worship Week - all you need to do is to cycle, walk, or

use another form of environmentally friendly transport to get to and from your religious activities, like Sunday Mass. You can join in as an individual, a family, or as a whole faith community. ARRCC are looking for people to be Ride to Worship Week 'champions' who would recruit a place of worship or a local faith community, for whom resources are available from [secretary@arrcc.org.au](mailto:secretary@arrcc.org.au) or 0447 730 772. Register and information: <http://www.arrcc.org.au/ride-to-worship-week-2011>.

#### **14 OCTOBER. MARY MACKILLOP FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER: 'GREEN AND GOLD DAY'.**

Join the Mary MacKillop Foundation in supporting Aussies who make a difference, and celebrating the Australian spirit. You can register to wear green and gold at your work, school or community group. The Mary MacKillop Foundation continues the legacy of Australia's first saint in fostering this Aussie helping spirit by giving grants of up to \$10,000 each to small life-changing projects. Web: [http://www.mackillopfoundation.org.au/green\\_and\\_gold\\_day](http://www.mackillopfoundation.org.au/green_and_gold_day).

**16 - 22 OCTOBER. ANTI-POVERTY WEEK.** This is a week when we can all do something about poverty. Last year, at least 600 organisations around Australia participated in more than 450 activities during the Week, with a total participation of more than 10,000 people. Why not organise a display, stall or award? Maybe a workshop, lecture or forum? How about a fundraiser, fact sheet or petition? Contact: [apw@antipovertyweek.org.au](mailto:apw@antipovertyweek.org.au) or 1300 797 290. For information and ideas, visit the website: <http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au>.

### **QUEENSLAND**

**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), RSVP by 29 August.

**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 5 September.

Web: <http://www.australianstewardship.catholic.net.au>.

**8 SEPTEMBER. CATHOLIC JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION OF BRISBANE TALK: 'AFGHANISTAN AND AFGHAN REFUGEES, WHY ARE THEY COMING?'** This talk will be delivered by Professor William Maley AM, Director, Asia Pacific Centre for Diplomacy, Australian National University. Professor Maley's talk will provide information on what is happening on the ground in Afghanistan to force people to flee and seek asylum in Australia. 6.00 pm, MDA Brisbane, 28 Dibley Street, Woolloongabba. Contact: [em.fl@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:em.fl@bne.catholic.net.au) or 07 3336 9174.

**23 SEPTEMBER. JUST PEACE TALK: 'MOVING TOWARDS A DEMOCRACY IN ISRAEL/ PALESTINE'.** Writer and peace activist Miko Peled offers an Israeli perspective on how to achieve peace in the Middle East. His father, Matti Peled, was one of Israel's most famous generals who went from Israeli war hero to peacemaker. Miko's book 'The General's Son' will be released at the end of the year. 6.30 to 8.30 pm, Level 2, TLC Building, 16 Peel Street, South Brisbane. Contact: 07 3846 2468 or [lindyb@qcu.asn.au](mailto:lindyb@qcu.asn.au). Web: <http://www.edmundricecommunity.com/events/moving-towards-a-democracy-in-israel-palestine>.

### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

**UNTIL 10 SEPTEMBER. MULTIMEDIA EXHIBITION: 'ERASURE'.** Sherman Contemporary Art Foundation presents this 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>.

**UNTIL 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/>.

**1 SEPTEMBER. BOOK LAUNCH: 'WALK WITH US'**. A sequel to the highly regarded *This Is What We Said*. Beautifully illustrated, this hard-covered book provides a very important update of the current thinking about the Intervention. The book articulates the views of Aboriginal Elders who gathered in Melbourne in February 2011 as well as those of other leading Australians. Elders are calling on the 'People of Australia' to walk with them as they seek the return of their basic human rights in their quest for justice. Speakers: Nicole Watson, Research Fellow, Jumbunna House of Learning, UTS; and Jeff McMullen, CEO (Honorary) Fountain for Youth. No cost. 6.00 pm, Glebebooks, 49 Glebe Point Road, Glebe. Contact: 02 9660 2333. Web: [http://www.concernedaustralians.com.au/WWU\\_booklaunches.html#Sydney](http://www.concernedaustralians.com.au/WWU_booklaunches.html#Sydney).

**1 SEPTEMBER. AUSTRALIAN FAIR TRADE AND INVESTMENT NETWORK (AFTINET) LAUNCH: 'TRADING AWAY PUBLIC HEALTH? HEALTH ISSUES IN THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP FREE TRADE AGREEMENT'**. The Australian government is negotiating a Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade agreement with the United States, New Zealand, Chile, Peru, Brunei, Singapore, Malaysia and Vietnam. Leaked US documents reveal that pharmaceutical companies are demanding

higher prices for medicines through changes to the Australian Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, and more rights to delay access to cheaper generic medicines. The AFTINET leaflet will explain the issues and what you can do about them. Speakers include: Dr Debra Gleeson, Public Health Association of Australia; Dr Patricia Ranald, Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network. 12.30 to 1.30 pm, Jubilee Room, New South Wales Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Contact: [campaign@aftinet.org.au](mailto:campaign@aftinet.org.au) or 02 9212 7242, RSVP by 31 August. Web: <http://aftinet.org.au/cms/trans-pacific-partnership-agreement/trans-pacific-partnership-agreement>.

**2 SEPTEMBER. MARIST YOUTH CARE'S FUNDRAISER: GALA DINNER**. Help MYC assist the Affordable Housing for Life project to provide an 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).

**5 SEPTEMBER. THEOLOGY ON TAP (TOT): MIRANDA DEVINE - 'THE VANISHING VIRTUES!'** Miranda is a columnist with The Daily Telegraph and Herald Sun, where she writes an opinion column twice a week. Miranda is a member of the editorial advisory board of the Quadrant magazine. Theology On Tap is for those between 18-35 years (Priests/Religious not included in age range). 6.30 pm, The Commercial Hotel, 2 Hassall Street, Parramatta. Contact: [jessica\\_langrell@hotmail.com](mailto:jessica_langrell@hotmail.com). Web: <http://www.TheologyonTap.com.au>.

**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. CENTRE FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES (CPACS) SEMINAR:**

**‘AFGHANISTAN TEN YEARS ON: TIME TO GO?’** Ten years on, there’s no end in sight to the deployment of Australian troops to Afghanistan. For all their courage, commitment and hard work, are they, in overall terms, doing any good? Speaker: Malalai Joya is a peace, democracy, women’s rights and development activist, writer and a former MP from Afghanistan. She secretly conducted girl’s classes during the Taliban regime, then served in the National Assembly of Afghanistan from 2005 until early 2007, when she was dismissed for publicly denouncing the presence of warlords and war criminals in the Afghan parliament. No cost, or donate by becoming a Friend of the Sydney Peace Foundation. 12.30 to 2.00 pm, Old Geology Lecture Theatre, University of Sydney. Contact: arts.cpac@sydney.edu.au or 02 9351 7686. Web: [http://sydney.edu.au/arts/peace\\_conflict/news/events.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/arts/peace_conflict/news/events.shtml).

**7 SEPTEMBER, 2 NOVEMBER. INSIGHTS GATHERINGS.** An invitation to receive information about and discuss the procedures the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is required to follow when allegations of sexual abuse are made in relation to clergy or Diocesan employees. In 2009-10 Insights conducted a series of meetings across the Diocese. As part of those meetings a series of emerging needs were identified. Some of these identified a need for more information about the operation of child protection and the Diocese’s legal requirements. The discussion will occur over two sessions at different sites across the Diocese. 7.00 to 9.00 pm, Watagan Deanery, Holy Cross Hall, Glendale. Contact: 02 4979 1390 or 02 4979 1384 or [insightsteam@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:insightsteam@mn.catholic.org.au). Web: <http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/newsroom/pdf/Insights%20Gatherings%202011%20-%20Behind%20the%20Headlines%20Ver%202.pdf>.

**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>.

**9 SEPTEMBER. PEACE TALK: MALALAI JOYA.** Afghan feminist and campaigner to speak on 10th anniversary of invasion of Afghanistan. Malalai Joya, a peace, democracy, women’s rights and development activist, is also a former MP from Afghanistan. She secretly conducted girl’s classes during the Taliban regime then served in the National Assembly of Afghanistan from 2005 until early 2007, when she was dismissed for publicly denouncing the presence of warlords and war criminals in the Afghan parliament. Organised by the Sydney Stop the War Coalition and supported by the Sydney Peace Foundation and the Marrickville Peace Group. All proceeds above the tour costs will go to Malalai Joya. Cost: \$15, concession \$10. 5.30 to 8.30 pm, Marrickville Town Hall, corner Marrickville and Petersham Roads, Marrickville. Contact: 0412 139 968 or 0404 090 710. Web: <http://www.stopwarcoalition.org>.

**10 SEPTEMBER. PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH COMMISSION SEMINAR: ‘LISTENING DEEPLY’.** Speakers: Mr Phil Shirvington, Diocese of Parramatta, Commission for Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialogue; and Mr Greg Johns, CEO of Soka Gakkai International. Cost: \$20-65. 9.00 am to 3.30 pm, Institute for Mission, corner Flushcombe Road and Marion Street, Blacktown. Contact: 02 9831 4911 or [mh@instituteformission.com.au](mailto:mh@instituteformission.com.au), RSVP by 5 September. Web: <http://instituteformission.com.au>.

**12 SEPTEMBER. CANA COMMUNITIES GATHERING PLANNING FOR PRISONERS’ SUPPORT EVENT.** Join others to plan a gathering to take place after Social Justice Sunday, where people can find out, reflect upon and make a difference to the lives of the imprisoned. An opportunity to hear the stories, share the stories and connect with the stories of inmates, victims, families and those who have done time. A time to explore ways to stand alongside those who have and continue to suffer disadvantage, abuse, violence, and



mental illness. A chance to consider how to support those leaving prison to reintegrate into the community and reduce recidivism. 6.00 to 8.30 pm, Surry Hills Community Centre, 1st Floor, 405 Crown Street, Surry Hills. Contact: elizabethlee@ozemail.com.au or 0422 932 044, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.cana.org.au>.

**12-13 SEPTEMBER. STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOPS.** The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle will host two workshops on Stewardship in cooperation with the Australian and New Zealand Stewardship Network. The workshops will offer keynote input and discussions for those who are interested in embracing stewardship as a way of life. Ed and April Laughlin will be the stewardship workshop presenters. Cost: donation welcomed.

**12 September:** 9.30 am to 3.30 pm, 5.00 to 8.30 pm, Toohey Room, Bishop Clarke House, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West.

**13 September:** 9.30 am to 3.30 pm, St Mary's Hall, Taree.

Contact: 02 4979 1157. Web: <http://www.australianstewardship.catholic.net.au>.

**15 SEPTEMBER. SYDNEY ALLIANCE FOUNDING ASSEMBLY.** This is the evening when the Sydney Alliance will step into the public arena as a new voice for Sydney's civil society and launch the Agenda for the Common Good. Join with over 2000 members from partner organisations to speak in one voice for civil society. The Founding Assembly will give Civil Society a chance to set part of the political and economic agenda for Greater Sydney. 6.30 pm, Sydney Town Hall. RSVP essential. Register: <http://www.sydneyalliance.org.au/founding-assembly-2/>.

**21 SEPTEMBER. INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE: CELEBRATE THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE.** All welcome. Featuring prayers from fourteen different religious/cultural backgrounds. Local schools will offer musical items on the theme of peace. 11.00 am, Main Hall, St David's Uniting Church, 454 Pacific Highway (corner Provincial Road), Lindfield. Contact: 02 9416 2746 or [mnghosh@people.net.au](mailto:mnghosh@people.net.au). Web: [http://www.cimer.org.au/news\\_events.html](http://www.cimer.org.au/news_events.html).

**21 SEPTEMBER. SYDNEY INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY - BEYOND PUNISHMENT SERIES: 'IMAGINING REHABILITATION'.** Rehabilitation is a term often used but rarely interrogated. It can mean different things in a range of penal policy and political contexts. Not only do divergent models of rehabilitation exist, but the goals of rehabilitation should also be subject to critical discussion. This seminar explores the present and futures of rehabilitation. This event is sponsored by Corrective Services NSW. Speaker: Pat Carlen, BA, PhD, Kent University, Editor-in-Chief of the British Journal of Criminology, co-founder of the UK campaigning group Women in Prison; Luke Grant, Assistant Commissioner Corrective Services NSW. No cost. 5.30 to 8.00 pm, Faculty Common Room, Sydney Law School, Building F10, Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney. Contact: 02 9351 0429 or [law.events@sydney.edu.au](mailto:law.events@sydney.edu.au). Register: <http://sydney.edu.au/news/law/458.html?eventarchive=2011>.

**24 SEPTEMBER. CATALYST FOR RENEWAL FORUM: 'SEEKING TRUTH AND RENEWAL THROUGH CONVERSATION - WHAT DIFFERENCE CAN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH MAKE?'** Moderator: Monsignor Tony Doherty. Speakers: Dr Michele Connolly rsj, Academic Dean, Lecturer in Biblical Studies at The Catholic Institute Strathfield; Rev Dr Richard Leonard sj, Director, Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting; and Dr David Tacey, Associate Professor and Reader in Arts, La Trobe University. Cost: \$20. 2.00 to 5.00 pm, The Salvation Army Congress Hall, 140 Elizabeth Street, Sydney. Contact: 02 9990 7003 or [catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au](mailto:catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au). Web: [www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au](http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au).

**25 SEPTEMBER. CONCERT: 'TED KENNEDY - AUSTRALIAN PROPHET'.** A concert by Peter Kearney to celebrate the life and spirit of Father Ted Kennedy. Donation at the door. 4.00 to 6.00 pm, St Joseph's Catholic Church, corner Bedford and Station Streets, Newtown. Contact: [newtown@catholic.org](mailto:newtown@catholic.org) or 02 9557 3197. Web: [http://stpatrik-summerhill.org.au/news\\_events/index.html/](http://stpatrik-summerhill.org.au/news_events/index.html/).

**25 SEPTEMBER. AUBURN MOSQUE OPEN DAY.** Tour of the mosque, information seminars, meeting members of the Muslim community,

refreshments and light lunch. 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, Auburn Mosque, North Parade (Gelibolu Parade), Auburn. Contact: info@gallipolimosque.org.au. Web: [http://www.cimer.org.au/news\\_events.html](http://www.cimer.org.au/news_events.html).

**28 SEPTEMBER. BREAKING OPEN THE LINEAMENTA: A CONSULTATION ON THE 'NEW EVANGELIZATION'**. This is an opportunity for members of the Church in Greater Sydney to listen to a variety of informed speakers about evangelization and to have input into the preparation for the Synod of Bishops to be held in Rome 2012. 1.00 to 4.00 pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Contact: 02 9352 8000 or secretary.cmi@columban.org.au, RSVP by 23 September. Web: <http://www.columban.org.au>.

**28 SEPTEMBER. SYDNEY UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES (CPACS) BOOK LAUNCH**. Two books will be launched at this event: *Surviving Care: Achieving Justice and Healing for the Forgotten Australians*, Bond University Press. Dr Richard Hil and Dr Elizabeth Branigan (editors) and *Recipes for Survival: Stories of Hope and Healing by Survivors of the State 'Care' System in Australia*, People's Voice Publishing. Dr Dee Mitchell and Priscilla Taylor (editors). 12.30 to 1.30 pm, Room 107, Mackie Building, University of Sydney. Web: [http://sydney.edu.au/arts/peace\\_conflict/news/events.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/arts/peace_conflict/news/events.shtml).

**7 OCTOBER. CATHOLICCARE FUNDRAISER: PINK DIAMOND CHARITY BALL**. Money being raised will go to Youth Refuges. Cost: \$120. 6.30 pm, West Leagues Club, 88 Hobart Road, New Lambton. Contact: 0421 957 378 or pinkdiamondball@gmail.com. Web: <http://www.PinkDiamondBall.com>.

**9 OCTOBER. MULTI-FAITH FORUM: ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS**. FEN (Faith-Ecology-Network) has joined hands with the Hindu Council of Australia, ARRCC (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change), and the UWS Multi-faith Chaplaincy to organise a joint multi-faith forum to address the moral and ethical issues involved in tackling the very important problem of climate change, environmental degradation and the prevailing atmosphere of greed, fear

and hatred afflicting the humanity. No cost. 1.45 to 5.00 pm, University of Western Sydney, Parramatta Campus, (Room: PS-EB.G.02). Contact: 02 9873 4214 or 0406 033 704, RSVP by 30 September. Register: <http://www.arrcc.org.au/ecoforum>.

## AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**3 SEPTEMBER. PROTEST: 'NO TO THE MALAYSIA DEAL! RALLY FOR REFUGEES'**. The deal to force refugees onto planes to face an uncertain and dangerous future in Malaysia marks a new low in Labor's brutal treatment of refugees. This is a chilling reminder of events 10 years ago, when Howard sent armed SAS troops to board the MV Tampa - a ship carrying rescued refugees - and sent these refugees to be locked up on Nauru. Meanwhile, people continue to be locked up for long periods in appalling conditions on Christmas Island and elsewhere, for committing the 'crime' of fleeing war and persecution. If you're opposed to locking up refugees, and you're opposed to sending them offshore, then come to this demonstration organised by the ACT Refugee Action Committee. 1.00 to 2.00 pm, Petrie Plaza, Civic (in front of the merry-go-round), Canberra. Contact: mail@refugeeaction.org or 0401 960 467 or 0433 375 501. Web: <http://www.refugeeaction.org/>.

**6 SEPTEMBER. GUINNESS AND GOD: 'HUMANITY AND DIS-ABILITY: ETHICS AND COMMUNITIES OF DIFFERENCE'**. Speaker: Associate Professor Patrick McArdle, Campus Dean, Australian Catholic University. He has extensive knowledge in the area of Practical Theology and its application in health care, as well as considerable expertise in public policy and governance issues. Patrick has authored numerous written publications, and in 2008, his book *Relational Health Care: A Practical Theology of Personhood* was published. 6.30 to 9.00 pm, King O'Malley's Irish Pub, Canberra city. Web: [http://www.guinnessandgod.com/?page\\_id=87](http://www.guinnessandgod.com/?page_id=87).

**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).

**8 SEPTEMBER. BOOK LAUNCH: 'WALK WITH US'.** A sequel to the highly regarded *This Is What We Said*. Beautifully illustrated, this hard-covered book provides a very important update of the current thinking about the Intervention. The book articulates the views of Aboriginal Elders who gathered in Melbourne in February 2011 as well as those of other leading Australians. Elders are calling on the 'People of Australia' to walk with them as they seek the return of their basic human rights in their quest for justice. Speakers: Jilpia Nappaljari Jones; and Digby Habel. 5.30 pm, The Friends Meeting House, Corner Bent and Condamine Streets, Turner. Web: [http://www.concernedaustralians.com.au/WWU\\_booklaunches.html#Canberra](http://www.concernedaustralians.com.au/WWU_booklaunches.html#Canberra).

**8 SEPTEMBER. CHRISTIANS FOR AN ETHICAL SOCIETY (CES) FORUM: 'WATER, COMMUNITY AND FOOD'.** The need for attention to food production is perhaps one of the greatest scientific challenges we face, yet one that appears to have slipped from national attention. Speaker: Dr John Williams, Commissioner of the NSW Natural Resources Commission, and Member of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists. Cost: \$5 donation is invited to cover the cost of room hire. 7.30 pm, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton. Contact: 02 6291 4537. Web: <http://www.ces.org.au>.

**11 SEPTEMBER. PEACE AND HARMONY GATHERING: '9/11 - TEN YEARS ON ... AN OPPORTUNITY FOR REFLECTION ON VARIOUS TRAGIC ACTS OF INHUMANITY'.** In our age of rush and noise, find the time to join us to be still and quiet - together - through the

common ground of meditation (embedded in all the great spiritual traditions). Several faith communities, under the umbrella of Canberra Interfaith Forum will host this shared reflection. May our appreciation of the humanity in ourselves and in each and every person, evoke in us compassion to console, renew and uplift the human spirit and bring justice to all people. 2.30 pm, Environment, Meditation and Healing Garden, 5 Menindee Drive, Barton, near Clare Holland House (Canberra Hospice). Contact: [act@christianmeditationaustralia.org](mailto:act@christianmeditationaustralia.org) or [shobhamvarkey@gmail.com](mailto:shobhamvarkey@gmail.com).

**13 SEPTEMBER. ACROSS AND CHOICE CONFERENCE: 'ENERGY AT HOME - CURRENT ISSUES FOR CONSUMERS'.** Australian energy prices are rising fast - faster than inflation, faster than wages, and faster than in other advanced economies. The energy market and its products are becoming more complex. Find out why and what this means for Australian households. Consider what can be done in response, what the future might look like and factors for consideration in policy making. Speakers: Paul Simshauser, Chief Economist and Group Head of Corporate Affairs, AGL Energy; Matt Levey, Head of Campaigns, CHOICE; Clare Petre, Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW; Lauren Solomon, Policy Manager, Clean Energy Council; etc. Cost: parliamentarians and advisors no charge; government and corporate \$150; not-for profit \$50. 9.30 am to 4.00 pm, Parliament House, Canberra. Contact: [tony.westmore@acoss.org.au](mailto:tony.westmore@acoss.org.au) or 02 9310 6200. Web: <http://acoss.org.au>.

**19-22 SEPTEMBER. AIATSIS NATIONAL INDIGENOUS STUDIES CONFERENCE: 'YOUNG AND OLD: CONNECTING GENERATIONS'.** This conference brings together multi-disciplinary expertise from across the Indigenous Studies sector, including researchers, policy makers, community members, academics, representative organizations, consultants, traditional owners and service providers. It will consider key issues for the younger and older generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, whether living in urban, regional or remote areas of Australia. Cost: \$70-440. Manning Clark Lecture Theatre Complex, The Australian

National University, Canberra. Contact: 02 6261 4221 or 2011@aiatsis.gov.au. Web: <http://wired.ivvy.com/event/FF9YZYB9E>.

**20 OCTOBER. CHRISTIANS FOR AN ETHICAL SOCIETY (CES) FORUM: 'LANGUAGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE DENIAL'**. Speaker: Haydn Washington. Cost: \$5 donation is invited to cover the cost of room hire. 7.30 pm, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton. Contact: 02 6291 4537. Web: <http://www.ces.org.au>.

## VICTORIA

**UNTIL 30 SEPTEMBER. COMMUNITY WELCOME PROJECT: 'JUST LIKE US'**. This will open on the 10th anniversary of the Tampa Incident. People can volunteer and assist at this event and a Schools' program is 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/>.

**1 SEPTEMBER. CATHOLICCARE FUNDRAISER: 'THE GLAMOUR OF THE GOWN'**. This parade of after five and special occasion gowns dating back to the 1940s, will raise funds for CatholicCare's Alcohol and Other Drug Family Service. Cost: \$35. 7.30 pm, Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. Contact: 03 8417 1200. Web: [http://www.cam.org.au/index.php?option=com\\_eventlist&view=details&id=317&Itemid=393](http://www.cam.org.au/index.php?option=com_eventlist&view=details&id=317&Itemid=393).

**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. 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>.

**6 SEPTEMBER. ANNUAL AQUINAS LECTURE: 'REFLECTIONS UPON AN ENGAGED LIFE: THE HUMAN SPIRIT IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY'**. The lecture aims to promote awareness and action related to issues of social justice amongst the Ballarat and regional community. Speaker: General Peter Cosgrove, Chancellor of ACU. 7.30 pm, ACU Campus, Mulkearns Lecture Theatre, 1200 Mair Street, Ballarat. Web: [http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/\\_uploads/enews/E-News/AnnualAquinasLectureEmail.pdf](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/_uploads/enews/E-News/AnnualAquinasLectureEmail.pdf).

**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/>.

**8 SEPTEMBER. JUST LEADERSHIP JUST IMAGINE BREAKFAST SERIES: 'IMAGINING SOCIAL LEADERSHIP AT WORK'**. Is it possible to deepen the meaning we gain from our work and add more value through social leadership? What might it look like in action? Speakers: Lisa Gray, Group Executive, NAB Personal Banking; and Peter Biggs, Chief Executive, Clemenger BBDO. 7.15 to 8.55 am, NAB Auditorium, 800 Bourke Street, Docklands. Cost: \$20. Book: [www.trybooking.com/PIB](http://www.trybooking.com/PIB). Contact: 03 9427 7388 or [justleadership@jss.org.au](mailto:justleadership@jss.org.au). Web: <http://www.jss.org.au/just-leadership/what-we-offer/just-imagine-breakfast-series-in-melbourne>.

**8 SEPTEMBER. BISHOP JOSEPH GRECH MEMORIAL COLLOQUIUM ON ETHICS AND MIGRATION: 'ONE HUMAN FAMILY ACROSS BORDERS'**. Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office in association with Australian Catholic University are holding this event. Speakers: Fr Maurizio Pettena, Director of Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office; Bishop Christopher Prowse, Bishop of Sale;



The Honourable Chris Bowen, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship; Anton Enus, SBS Television Presenter. 7.00 to 9.00 pm, Central Hall, Melbourne Campus, 24 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. Contact: [adminassistant@acmro.catholic.org.au](mailto:adminassistant@acmro.catholic.org.au), RSVP by 2 September. Web: [http://www.acu.edu.au/about\\_acu/news\\_events/acu\\_events/melbourne/bishop\\_joseph\\_grech\\_memorial\\_colloquium\\_on\\_ethics\\_and\\_migration/](http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/news_events/acu_events/melbourne/bishop_joseph_grech_memorial_colloquium_on_ethics_and_migration/).

**17 - 18 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. Hosted by the Diocese of Ballarat. Cost: \$230. Australian Catholic University Campus, Mulkearns Theatre, 1200 Mair Street, Ballarat. Contact: 03 5337 7125 or [vin.dillon@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:vin.dillon@ballarat.catholic.org.au), RSVP 13 September. Web: <http://australianstewardship.catholic.net.au/asp/index.asp?pgid=11916&cid=8446&id=3300>.

**18 SEPTEMBER. MARY WARD INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA FUNDRAISING EVENT: 'NGV'S VIENNA: ART AND DESIGN'.** Mary Ward International Australia (the office for justice and development projects of the Loreto Sisters) is holding this event. It will include breakfast followed by an introduction by Prof William M Johnston, a cultural historian and former professor of Modern European Cultural History at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. An early exhibition viewing will follow. Proceeds from the event will support various Loreto justice, education and development projects in Australia and overseas. Cost: \$80 (includes a donation). 8.30 am, National Gallery of Victoria International, 180 St Kilda Road, Melbourne. Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/RVF](http://www.trybooking.com/RVF), RSVP by 8 September. Contact: [mwiaustralia@loreto.org.au](mailto:mwiaustralia@loreto.org.au) or 03 9813 4023. Bookings and more information: <http://www.loreto.org.au/Home/News-Media/News/MWIA-invites-you-to-the-NGV-s-Vienna-Art---Design.aspx>.

**22 SEPTEMBER. CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA BREAKFAST BRIEFING: 'THE SOCIAL EQUITY DIMENSION OF A CARBON TAX'.** Speaker: Patricia Faulkner AO. Cost: \$20. 7.15 to 8.45 am, Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Contact: [carmen.montalto@css.org.au](mailto:carmen.montalto@css.org.au) or 03 9287 5566, RSVP by 19 September. Web: <http://www.css.org.au/>.

**22 SEPTEMBER. IILAH AND CCCS PUBLIC LECTURE: 'IS THE MALAYSIAN SOLUTION LEGAL? PERSPECTIVES FROM CONSTITUTIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LAW'.** The UNHCR's Regional Representative in Canberra and leading academic commentators will explore the international and domestic legal issues surrounding the 'refugee swap' Agreement between Australia and Malaysia. The question whether 'responsibility sharing' arrangements are permitted at international law will be debated, and the specific legal issues surrounding the current challenge to the Agreement in the High Court will also be examined and considered. Panel Members: Richard Towle; James Hathaway; Michelle Foster; Chair Adrienne Stone. 5.30 to 7.10 pm, Lecture theatre G08, ground floor, Melbourne Law School, 185 Pelham Street, Parkville. Contact: 03 8344 6589 or [vesnas@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:vesnas@unimelb.edu.au). Web: <http://iilah.unimelb.edu.au/go/events/2011-events/index.cfm#22Sep11>.

**24 - 25 SEPTEMBER. SEMINAR: 'INTERFAITH ENCOUNTERS - WELCOMING THE STRANGER UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS'.** This seminar for young people aims to facilitate dialogue between Muslims and Christians. Imam Afroz Ali and Fr Herman Roborgh SJ will be accompanying the retreatants. Cost: \$20 donation would be appreciated. 11.00 am Saturday to 5.00 pm Sunday (overnight stay), Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, 99 Studley Park Road, Kew. Contact: 0430 312 165 or 0401 941 392. Web: <http://www.cam.org.au/eic/events/09-24-25-sep-24-25-retreat-for-young-muslims-christians.html>.

**29 SEPTEMBER. PRIOLETTI CONSULTANTS FORUM: 'BEYOND THE VEIL - UNDERSTANDING ISLAM AND THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY'.** This short forum will provide participants with an understanding of the Muslim community and barriers which prevent service access.

Speakers: Mrs Manar Chelebi, Executive Officer, Australian Council for Islamic Education in Schools & Diversity Consultant; Mr Yasser Soliman, President of Islamic Family and Child Care Agency. Cost: \$55. 10.00 am to 12.00 pm, Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre. Contact: [josie@prioletticonsultants.com.au](mailto:josie@prioletticonsultants.com.au) or 03 9038 9292. Web: <http://www.prioletticonsultants.com.au>.

**13 - 14 OCTOBER. CONFERENCE: 'ST MARY MACKILLOP - HER INFLUENCE ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW.'** Workshop topics: seeking out the most marginalised; working in partnership with Indigenous Australians; sainthood - a theological perspective; international engagement - moving beyond boundaries; etc. The conference is auspiced by MacKillop Family Services, the Josephites, Australian Catholic University, the Victorian Aboriginal Catholic Ministry and Catholic Social Services Victoria. Speakers: Fr Frank Brennan SJ; Michael McGirr, author. Cost: \$200. 13 October 6.30 pm, Cardinal Knox Centre, East Melbourne; 14 October 9.00 am, Thomas Carr Centre, East Melbourne. Contact: [margaret.allen@me.com](mailto:margaret.allen@me.com) or 0418 776 987, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.css.org.au/MaryMacKillop>.

## **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**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**

**21 SEPTEMBER. NOTRE DAME SCHOOL OF LAW INDIGENOUS JUSTICE FORUM: 'LEGAL PATHWAYS TO RECONCILIATION'.** Indigenous leaders share their aspirations for the future of Australia's legal landscape and explore ways we can use the law to achieve reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. Speakers: Clive Walley, Head of Indigenous Health Team, Notre Dame School of Medicine; Barry McGuire, Nyoongar Representative; Leah Armstrong, CEO Reconciliation Australia; Mick Gooda, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner; etc. Free for the public and students, \$100 for those wishing to claim CPD points. 6.00 to 8.30 pm, The Drill Hall, ND25, Notre Dame, Mouat Street, Fremantle. Contact: [courtney.ebbs@nd.edu.au](mailto:courtney.ebbs@nd.edu.au) or 08 9433 0720, RSVP by 12 September. Web: <http://www.nd.edu.au/fremantle/events/Indigenousforum.pdf>.

## **NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**UNTIL 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>.

# News Monitor

## Vic human rights charter likely to stay

The Victorian government looks set to keep its human rights charter, following submissions from dozens of groups, including a critical one from the Church, reported the Age.

## Malaysia solution ‘more ruthless’ than Nauru, says Brennan

Priest and lawyer Father Frank Brennan SJ savaged the Gillard government’s Malaysia Solution, saying it appeared to have been driven by a desire to hatch a policy “more ruthless” than Nauru, according to the Australian.

## NATSICC calls for more effective approaches

The report into the effectiveness of government spending on indigenous programs should be a wake up call to get it right, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) said in a statement.

## Tampa incident took away ‘welcome mat’

The key consequence of the Tampa crisis,

which has its tenth anniversary tomorrow, was that Australia made a “fundamental shift” in the way refugees were regarded in relation to our society, says the director of Jesuit Refugee Service Australia, the Catholic Weekly reported.

## Charities join call to help child refugees

Australian not-for-profit organisations renewed their calls for child refugees to be allowed to stay here as the High Court decides upon their fate, reported Pro Bono Australia.

## Bishop welcomes US announcement on migrant deportation

An announcement by the US Obama administration that new discretion will be exercised over deporting immigrants with criminal records, was hailed by advocates, reported the Catholic News Service.

- Courtesy CathNews. For details click on headlines or go to [cathnews.com](http://cathnews.com)

# Social Justice Calendar

## **1 THU**

National Wattle Day  
Biodiversity Month  
National Landcare Week commences

## **2 FRI**

Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Act, 1991

## **5 MON**

Death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, 1997

## **7 WED**

National Threatened Species Day (last Tasmanian tiger in captivity died in Hobart Zoo, 1936)

## **8 THU**

Birth of Mary, Mother of Jesus (Feast)  
International Literacy Day

## **11 SUN**

Terrorist attack on New York and Washington DC, 2001

## **12 MON**

Death of Steve Biko, 1977

## **14 WED**

Triumph of the Cross (Feast)

## **15 THU**

UN International Day of Democracy  
Racial Hatred Act, Australia, 1995

**16 FRI**

International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

**18 SUN**

Death of Dag Hammarskjold, 1961

**21 WED**

UN International Day of Peace

**23 FRI**

Australian Consumers Association launched, 1959

**25 SUN**

Social Justice Sunday

**27 TUE**

Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul  
Aung San Suu Kyi (Burma) forms National League for Democracy, 1988

**28 WED**

Death of John Pat in Roeburne Prison WA, 1983, initiated the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody

**30 FRI**

World Maritime Day  
Racial Discrimination Act proclaimed,

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