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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends

Below is the text of a Pastoral Letter issued to mark the Feast of St Joseph the Worker (1st May), which I invite you to circulate in your parish and local communities. The formatted letter can be downloaded from: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

The Dignity of Work: More than a Casual Concern

Just over 30 years ago, Pope John Paul II made a major pronouncement, 'On Human Work', in which he defended the dignity of the worker in the face of major economic and industrial changes that threatened to devalue work. He stated that the world was on the eve of new developments that would be as tumultuous as those experienced during the industrial revolution:

And the "poor" appear under various forms; they appear in various places and at various times; in many cases they appear as a result of the violation of the dignity of human work: either because the opportunities for human

work are limited as a result of the scourge of unemployment, or because a low value is put on work and the rights that flow from it, especially the right to a just wage and to the personal security of the worker and his or her family.¹

Since that time Australia has witnessed massive changes in the world of work. Globalisation has seen the removal of tariffs and industry protections as the economy has been opened to international competition. Technological improvements have influenced almost every workplace, increasing efficiency of production but also displacing jobs, particularly for low skilled workers in traditional industries. The pressure to remain competitive and the drive for higher profits have also seen employers and industry bodies seeking cost savings - often at the expense of workers, through redundancies, low wages and the casualisation of jobs.

While Australia now boasts a low unemployment rate of around five per cent, this masks a significant rise in casual and insecure work. Up to one quarter of employees are in casual jobs, without many of the normal entitlements of paid leave, penalty rates, regular hours or notice of termination. The number of insecure workers is likely to be much higher when taking into account the increased use of fixed-term contracts, independent contractors and labour hire agencies. The Australian Council of Trade Unions, which is concluding an Inquiry into Insecure Work in Australia, estimates that up to 40 per cent of workers do not enjoy the rights and entitlements of secure employment.²

The changes have been of such a magnitude that we should ask where the dignity of work remains when inadequate pay and conditions undermine the wellbeing of vulnerable workers.

Pay and conditions that undermine dignity

In its submission to this year's Annual Wage Review by Fair Work Australia, the Australian Catholic Council for Employment Relations has shown that for many families the wages safety net has not kept pace with rising costs of living and that the wages safety net for all families has fallen well behind average weekly earnings. It is estimated that families relying on the minimum wage of \$589.30 per week are living in deep poverty, even when taking into account the range of family benefits that supplement the family income. Both the average family of four with one minimum wage-earner and the sole parent working family are particularly vulnerable.³ Of course, the likelihood of poverty is increased where casual workers with irregular hours cannot gain the hours of work to earn even the minimum.

Some groups experience the worst aspects of casual and insecure work - in particular, the thousands of sweatshop workers and outworkers in the clothing industry, who have little control over the flow of their work, endure exploitative working conditions, and can sometimes earn as little as \$3 an hour. It is not uncommon for these women to toil well into the night to complete an order - sometimes relying on their husbands and children to help meet unreasonable deadlines. Businesses have sometimes established sham contracting arrangements whereby these workers are treated not as employees but as 'independent contractors' so as to avoid the requirements of award pay rates and conditions.⁴

The Federal Government is to be commended for new legislation relating to the Textile, Clothing and Footwear industry, which ensures all outworkers are entitled to the protection of award rates and conditions. This legislation sets a clear limit on the ability of employers to shift the normal risks of business, such as fluctuating demand or price competition, onto vulnerable workers.

Factors that limit career development

Casual work has become so widespread that it may be time to question the common wisdom

that this type of work provides a stepping stone to more secure permanent work. There is a close relationship between high rates of casualisation and high unemployment, particularly for workers in sectors such as retail and accommodation, and almost one-third of casual workers want to work longer hours, mostly to earn more income.⁵ Over 50 per cent of those finding jobs through the employment service system are moving into casual, temporary or seasonal work.⁶ Without the opportunity for career progression and skills development and training, people are likely to be trapped in a series of intermittent contracts or spend periods moving between unemployment and precarious jobs.

This insecurity is now extending to those professions considered to be highly skilled. In Australian universities, around 65 per cent of staff are employed on a casual and fixed term basis.⁷ Think also of the vital work of nurses. Almost half are in part time or casual positions and of these, almost a half would like full-time hours.⁸

Even among professional occupations, those in insecure positions are less likely to be considered for structured training. Those undertaking training in their own time face the difficulty of fitting their tuition between irregular shifts and the competing demands of multiple jobs.

Demands that interrupt family life

The financial pressures and irregular time demands of casual work often interrupt family life and place obstacles in the way of the important aspirations of workers and their families over the course of their lives. Marriage and family life can be harmed when parents juggling round-the-clock shiftwork face the choice of spending enough time with their families or making ends meet.

But it is not only the demands of two or three bosses that can intrude into family time. Low paid workers often face strict requirements by Government agencies. Some single parents tell of having to leave their children alone and unattended while they attempt to meet

the Centrelink requirement of 30 hours of work per fortnight in order to receive their entitlements.⁹ One wonders where the needs of children feature in relation to the demands of a number of employers and a government agency.

Workers in the 'flexible' labour market confront other practical difficulties. Irregular shifts can make the accurate declaration of earnings difficult, resulting in overpayments by Centrelink and a debt that must be repaid. An intermittent work history can be a major disadvantage when seeking a mortgage, personal loans, or even accommodation in the rental market.

For some, casual work offers flexibility to balance work and family commitments, to undertake study or to supplement the income of a spouse. But for a growing number of people, it has become an impediment to achieving a healthy and fulfilling life. For many in insecure work, 'flexibility' represents a backward step rather than a path to improved wages and conditions.

A call for decent work

In a developed nation such as Australia, one would imagine that our wealth and the organisation of our labour market would ensure low paid, vulnerable workers and their families could live in basic dignity. Sadly, this is often not the case.

Pope Benedict XVI, in his 2009 Encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, reaffirmed the Church's call for 'decent' work:

It means work that expresses the essential dignity of every man and woman in the context of their particular society: work that is freely chosen, effectively associating workers, both men and women, with the development of their community; work that enables the worker to be respected and free from any form of discrimination; work that makes it possible for families to meet their needs and provide schooling for their children, without the children themselves being forced into labour; work that permits the workers to organise themselves freely, and to make their

*voices heard; work that leaves enough room for rediscovering one's roots at a personal, familial and spiritual level; work that guarantees those who have retired a decent standard of living.*¹⁰

The casualisation of work over the past thirty years has not been confined to a few sectors of Australia's labour market. It ranges across retail, accommodation and hospitality, health and social services, education, transport, construction and manufacturing industries.

It is unacceptable that people who work to clothe us, feed us, clean for us, teach us and tend to the sick and those in need should endure poor conditions and have such a low value placed upon their work. It is time to consider the need for more decent pay and conditions for those in insecure work. A new approach is needed that places the dignity of the worker at the centre of labour market policy.

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6. Brotherhood of St Laurence (2011), *Decent sustainable work for all in a global economy*, Submission to the Independent Inquiry into Insecure Work in Australia, p. 18
7. National Tertiary Education Union

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8. Australian Nursing Federation (2012), Submission to the Independent Inquiry into Insecure Work, p. 3

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10. Pope Benedict XVI (2009), *Caritas in veritate*, Encyclical Letter on Integral Human Development in Charity and Truth, n. 63.



Current Issues / Resources

ACCER CALLS FOR INCREASES TO MINIMUM WAGE

The Australian Catholic Council for Employment Relations is calling on Fair Work Australia to increase the national minimum wage from \$589.30 per week to match the base cleaner's rate of pay, which is currently \$629.50. The ACCER maintains that the setting of safety net wages over the past decade has failed low-paid workers and their families, leading to social exclusion, highlighting in particular the impact that wage policies have on Australian families.' Refer: <http://catholicweekly.com.au/article.php?classID=1&subclassID=2&articleID=9678&class=Latest%20News&subclass=CW%20National>

To access ACCER's submission, visit: http://www.accer.asn.au/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=19&Itemid=40

INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO INSECURE WORK IN AUSTRALIA

The last two decades in Australia have seen a dramatic decline in permanent work, and corresponding growth of insecure forms of employment, such as casual, contract work and labour hire. The full extent and impact of this shift on workers, their families and the Australian community has never been formally investigated. The Australian union movement has commissioned this independent inquiry to examine the extent of the insecure work and its impact on workers, their families and the community, and to provide recommendations on measures that can be taken to address problems that are identified. A panel of experts and community members chaired by Brian Howe will report to the ACTU Congress 2012 on its findings. To find out more visit: <http://securejobs.org.au/>

NATIONAL ANTI-RACISM STRATEGY

The Australian Human Rights Commission

will be holding public consultations around Australia from March to May as part of developing the National Anti-Racism Strategy. Everyone is invited to give their thoughts on how racism affects the community and what should be done about it. Information on consultations at locations near you are listed at http://www.hreoc.gov.au/racial_discrimination/NARPS.html.

PETITION: 'STAND FOR FREEDOM'

The Aboriginal people of the Northern Territory are fighting for their freedom. The Stronger Futures legislation proposes to extend key elements of the Northern Territory Emergency Response until 2022. The Intervention has been condemned by the United Nations as racially discriminatory and contrary to international human rights principles. Our Generation and Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation are running the campaign 'Stand for freedom'. You can find out more and sign the petition to request the Government to withdraw the legislation until 8 May at: <http://www.standforfreedom.org.au>.

NEW BOOK: 'NT CONSULTATIONS REPORT 2011: BY QUOTATIONS'

The groups 'concerned Australians' have released a new report on the consultations that took place in the Northern Territory between June and August 2011, at the request of Government. The stated purpose of Government was to find out what worked and what didn't work under the Intervention introduced there in 2007. Ten of these consultations were recorded and quotations from them are contained in this report. This publication is a sequel to the highly regarded books, 'This Is What We Said' (February 2010), and 'Walk with Us' (August 2011). An order form is available at <http://www.concernedaustralians.com.au/>.

NATSICC ASSEMBLY: 'CULTURALLY ENRICHED THROUGH THE GOSPEL'

The 2012 National Assembly of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council will be held in Melbourne on 1-4 October. The theme of the event is 'Culturally enriched through the Gospel'. A strong emphasis has been placed on the incorporation of Catholic faith into the lives of Indigenous people. NATSICC Assemblies occur only once every three years and hold an important place on the Indigenous Catholic Calendar. For further information and to register, visit: http://www.natsicc.org.au/assembly_2012.html

REFUGEE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA CALLING FOR IMMIGRATION DETENTION TIME LIMITS TO BE LEGISLATED

The Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA) has urged the Federal Government to legislate a 30- day limit on the time asylum seekers spend in immigration detention. Responding to the release of the Joint Select Committee report on Australia's Immigration Detention Network today, RCOA chief executive officer Paul Power said the 31 recommendations provided a positive pathway for refugee and asylum seeker policy. Key recommendations include: a 90-day time limit to detention of asylum seekers; amending legislation to replace the Minister for Immigration as the legal guardian of unaccompanied minors; and amending the ASIO Act to allow the review ASIO assessments of refugees and asylum seekers. Mr Power said, 'The Federal Government should return to its stated policy from 2008 that detention must be used only as a last resort.' For more information, visit: http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/news/releases/120330_Committee_Detention.pdf

CALL TO HOSPITALITY: HOMESTAY FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

The Community Placement Network (CPN) is an initiative of the Australian Homestay Network (AHN) to offer 6 week homestay accommodation to eligible asylum seekers leaving immigration detention on a Bridging visa. The AHN has been commended by both the Senate Inquiry into the Welfare of International Students (2009) and the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into International Student Accommodation (2011). CPN offers those in the community who are interested the opportunity to volunteer their home to host an asylum seeker. CPN provides hosts with training and support services. Hosts will also receive accommodation cost reimbursement through AHN via their guest paying board. The CPN website explains the homestay experience, visit it at <http://www.homestaynetwork.org/cpn>.

PETITION: END IMMIGRATION DETENTION OF CHILDREN

Every day around the world, thousands of children fleeing abuse, poverty, human trafficking and war are locked up simply because they do not hold the right documentation. Many of these children are unaccompanied minors. Immigration detention has a devastating effect on the physical, emotional and psychological development of children and must be stopped. **The International Detention Coalition (IDC) is conducting a campaign on this vital matter.** You can support the global campaign to end this damaging practice by signing a petition at <http://endchilddetention.org/>.

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/OrderFormPublications.pdf>

PASTORAL LETTER - FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER 2012

The Pastoral Letter for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker for 2011 is entitled 'The Dignity of Work - More than a casual concern'. It is available for download in regular and 'three-column' versions at: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

SERIES PAPER - 'TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES, WALK ON THE GROUND'

The ACSJC has published a collection of three essays under the title *Take Off Your Shoes, Walk on the Ground: The journey towards reconciliation in Australia* (Catholic Social Justice series paper No. 71). The authors are: Professor Lyn Henderson-Yates of the University of Notre Dame Australia; Fr Brian McCoy SJ, Senior Research Fellow in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health at La Trobe University; and Melissa Brickell, member of several Catholic and ecumenical commissions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Director of Reconciliation Victoria and Chair of the Stolen Generations Victoria Alliance. (\$6.60 a copy plus postage - postage rates listed below)

DISCUSSION GUIDE - WORLD DAY OF PEACE MESSAGE 2012

On 1 January, the Holy Father delivered his World Day of Peace message. The theme of his message is *Educating Young People in Justice and Peace*. The ACSJC discussion guide consists of a brief overview of the Pope's message, some points for reflection and prayer. This is an ideal resource for schools and social justice discussion groups. It can be downloaded in pdf or word formats from the ACSJC homepage: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

SERIES PAPER - 'READING THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES'

The ACSJC Secretariat has releasing Catholic Social Justice Series paper No.70, 'Reading the Signs of the Times: A basic introduction to Catholic social teaching'. This paper provides a brief analysis of the context in which the encyclicals were promulgated, some of the key themes of each, and a method for applying the permanent principles of social doctrine to the challenges of today. (\$6.60 a copy, plus postage - postage rates listed below)

ORDER NOW! - 2012 SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY

The 2012 Social Justice Diary includes the dates of significant events, anniversaries and special days which celebrate particular aspects of social justice. The Diary provides a social justice program for the full year. Information and ideas for prayer and reflection are included. This is an essential resource for teachers and parishes. A great Christmas gift. Cost: \$6.60 (inc. GST), plus postage. To download an order form, go to: <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

30 APRIL. RALLY: 'MAKE IT REAL - NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (NDIS)'. The NDIS will make sure people with disabilities get the essential care, support, therapy, equipment and early intervention they need. This rally is an opportunity to make every Australian count by ensuring that the NDIS becomes a reality. Contact: info@everyaustraliancounts.com.au.

VIC: 12.00 pm, Federation Square, corner Flinders and Swanston Streets, Melbourne.

NSW: 12.00 pm, AllPhones Arena, Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park.

TAS: 12.00 pm, Parliament House lawns, Salamanca Place, Hobart.

SA: 11.30 am, corner of Hindmarsh Square and

Pirie Street, Adelaide.

QLD: 11.00 am, State Library Queensland, 29 Stanley Street, South Brisbane.

WA: 11.40 am, Hay Street Mall (William Street end), Perth.

Web: <http://everyaustraliancounts.com.au/rally/>.

7 - 11 MAY. GLOBAL POVERTY PROJECT FUNDRAISER: 'LIVE BELOW THE LINE'. This campaign aims to change the way people think about extreme poverty. Take the challenge to live on \$2 a day for all your food and drink and catch a glimpse of the challenges faced by the 1.4 billion people who survive on \$2 a day for all their needs, every day. Web: <http://globalpovertyproject.com/pages/lbl2012>.

15 - 21 MAY. NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK: 'FAMILIES MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE - HELPING KIDS TO GROW AND LEARN'. This celebration will coincide with UN International Day of Families 15 May. Everyone is encouraged to think about the valuable role families play in helping children to develop, learn and grow, and reflect on the influence families have on a child's wellbeing. Events and ideas: <http://www.familiesaustralia.org.au/familiesweek/index.htm>.

20 MAY. JUBILEE SUNDAY. The second reading for the Solemnity of the Ascension urges us to live 'with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love' (Eph 4:2). In a globalised world that means being in solidarity with those struggling with life in extreme poverty. On Jubilee Sunday, we are asked to focus on one of the root causes of this type of endemic global poverty, the unjust and unpayable debts of many countries. Church resources for Jubilee Sunday are available from the Columban Mission Institute, Centre for Peace, Ecology and Justice, contact: 03 9375 9475 or pej.cmi@columban.org.au. Find out how you can support the Stop Debt Vultures campaign: <http://stopdebtvultures.org.au>.

27 MAY - 3 JUNE. NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK (NRW): 'LET'S TALK RECOGNITION'. NRW is celebrated each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. The theme focuses on how Australians can better recognise each other and recognise the contributions, cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Resources and events: <http://www.reconciliation.org.au/>.

QUEENSLAND

UNTIL 26 MAY. EXHIBITION: 'FROM LITTLE THINGS BIG THINGS GROW: FIGHTING FOR INDIGENOUS RIGHTS 1920-1970'. This exhibition tells the largely unknown story of Indigenous and non-Indigenous activists who fought together for justice and equal rights for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from 1920 to 1970. It details the

achievements and sacrifices of the struggle through personal stories, rarely seen objects and protest material. No cost. 9.30 am to 5.00 pm, Level 4, Queensland Museum, corner Grey and Melbourne Streets, South Bank, Brisbane. Contact: 07 3840 7555. Web: http://www.nma.gov.au/exhibitions/from_little_things_big_things_grow/home.

14 MAY. MARY WARD JUSTICE LECTURE. Fr Daniel Groody will draw on his years of experience in pastoral work along the US-Mexican border, and later research and theological reflection on issues related to globalisation and immigration. Cost: donation. 6.30 pm, Loreto College, Cavendish Road, Coorparoo. Contact: pauline.tonini@loreto.org.au. Web: <http://www.loreto.org.au/Home/News-Media/News/Mary-Ward-Justice-Lecture-Fr--Daniel-Groody-CSC.aspx>.

15 MAY. PHOTO EXHIBIT AND FORUM: 'MAKE POVERTY HISTORY - THE ROAD TO 2015'. This exhibition tells the story of people in communities all over the world who have been positively affected by aid. From Laos to Afghanistan to Zambia, aid has worked to lift communities out of poverty and change lives. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of local Federal Members. 7.00 to 8.30 pm, Church of Christ, Ann Street, Kallangur. Contact: qld@tear.org.au, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.tear.org.au/states/news/the-road-to-2015-photo-exhibit-and-forum/>.

17 MAY - 1 JUNE. PRISON FELLOWSHIP QLD (PFQ) ART COMPETITION EXHIBITION: 'ART FROM THE INSIDE'. This is an art competition for Queensland inmates including paintings, sculpture, installations and ceramics. The exhibition supports the prison therapy. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Peter W Sheenan Gallery, N Block, ACU, Brisbane. Web: <http://www.acu.edu.au/415787>.

21 - 25 MAY. UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND (UQ) DIVERSITY WEEK. Diversity Week provides an opportunity to consider how to address problems facing humanity by creating dialogue across boundaries, and harnessing the strengths of diverse perspectives and knowledge in seeking to find unity through diversity of views. UQ's Diversity Week is packed full of entertainment, including

debates, public lectures, awards, dinners and art exhibitions. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, St Lucia campus, University of Queensland. Contact: 07 3365 3052 or equity@uq.edu.au. Web: <http://www.uq.edu.au/diversity-week>.

4 - 6 JUNE. NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE CONFERENCE: 'ECHOES OF MABO, HONOUR AND DETERMINATION'. This conference is an opportunity for native title holders and claimants, traditional owners, native title representative bodies and service agencies, the Federal Court, National Native Title Tribunal, Commonwealth and State government agencies, academics, consultants and industry representatives to engage in debate. Cost: \$510-990. Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre, Entertainment Drive, Townsville. Contact: 02 6261 4250 or ntconference@aiatsis.gov.au. Web: <http://wired.ivvy.com/event/NT2012/>.

5 - 6 JUNE. ALCOHOL AND DRUG FOUNDATION CONFERENCE: 'LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD'. Programs cover prevention, education, treatment and rehabilitation. This year's program focuses on advancements in the alcohol and other drug and mental health sector as well as providing the opportunity to talk openly about pending changes to the health landscape. Cost: \$250-570. Outrigger Surfers Paradise. Contact: dinie.vandenBerg@adfq.org or 07 3834 0214. Register: <http://www.winterschool.info>.

8 JUNE. REFUGEE LANTERN PARADE. This is a unique opportunity to celebrate peace and to bring together diverse groups. For refugees particularly, it is a way to thank people who have helped them on their journey and to celebrate the Refugee Council of Australia's theme for Refugee Week 2012 - 'Restoring Hope'. 5.30 pm, South Bank Parklands, Brisbane. Web: <http://www.barc.org.au/post/12821>.

NEW SOUTH WALES

30 APRIL - 2 MAY. AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MEDIA CONGRESS: 'COMMUNICATING THE WORD: TIMELESS MESSAGES, NEW MEDIA'. The congress is run by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference through the Australian

Catholic Media Council and aims to bring together Catholic media, Christian media, secular media, people working within Church agencies, and anyone with an interest in how we communicate the Gospel message in our society today. Speaker: Monsignor Paul Tighe, Pontifical Council for Social Communications; Khoa Do, former Young Australian of the Year and filmmaker; Melinda Tankard Reist, social commentator; etc. Cost: \$655. Menzies Hotel, Sydney. Contact: 02 9923 8729. Web: <http://www.communicatingthewordacmc2012.com/index.php?page=Home>.

1 MAY. CENTRAL COAST SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB: 'BECOMING WHOLE, SEEKING MEANING'. Speakers: Terry Lovat, Professor Emeritus, University of Newcastle. Terry's particular interest is in the ways in which Islam has influenced Western development and in establishing and maintaining positive understanding between Muslim and non-Muslim populations. Peter Hester recently retired following 48 years in NSW primary and secondary education with the Christian Brothers. 7.30 to 9.00 pm, The Grange Hotel, corner Renwick Street and Pacific Highway, Wyoming. Contact: 02 4325 3627 or 02 4369 1586. Web: http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=122:central-coast&catid=8:nsw-sip-venues&Itemid=94.

2 MAY. PADDINGTON SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB: 'ARE WE THERE YET? PERILOUS JOURNEYS AND ENCOUNTERS'. Speakers: Kate Maclurcan, musician and former Refugee Advocate with Bridge for Asylum Seekers Foundation; and Ghassan Nakhoul, journalist, SBS radio reporter, Sydney University lecturer. 7.30 to 9.00 pm, Paddington Arms Hotel, 384 Oxford Street, Paddington. Contact: 02 9387 3152 or dfdlaw@infolearn.com.au. Web: http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=127:paddington&catid=8:nsw-sip-venues&Itemid=94.

2, 3, 5, 11 MAY. SIMAID EVENTS: 'MAKING A DIFFERENCE'. SIMaid delivers aid to sustainable projects that empower communities to live with dignity and hope - removing threats of child labour, poverty and

exploitation. They are holding the campaign 'Girls off the Streets' to support their work in giving vulnerable women and children a new start in life. Speakers: Roger and Hiroko Seth, leaders in an aftercare home for sex-trafficking survivors.

2 May: Cost: \$20. 7.30 to 9.00 am, Sir Stamford, 93 Macquarie Street, Sydney.

3 May: Cost: \$20. 7.30 to 9.00 am, GyMEA Tradies, 57 Manchester Road, GyMEA.

5 May: No cost. 10.30 am to 12.00 pm, John Edmondson RSL Club, Liverpool.

11 May: Cost: \$20. 7.30 to 9.00 am, North Sydney Harbourview Hotel, 17 Blue Street, North Sydney.

Contact: simaid@sim.org.au or 02 8568 8890, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.facebook.com/simaid/events>.

3 MAY. FAIRTRADE EVENT: NUI FACTORY SALE. This will be a fun day of shopping and tasting of Vanuatu chocolate. Mothers Day gift packs will be available. 12.00 to 7.00 pm, Nui, 7/21 Tepko Road, Terrey Hills. Contact: 02 9986 3444 or office@africanpacific.com. Web: <http://www.fta.org.au/node/763>.

4 MAY. BOOK LAUNCH: 'CONSULTATIONS REPORT 2011: BY QUOTATIONS'. This book is the sequel to the highly regarded *This Is What We Said* (February 2010) and *Walk With Us* (August 2011). Speakers: Graeme Mundine, Executive Officer, ACM Sydney Archdiocese; and Amy McQuire, Editor, Tracker Magazine. Organized by Concerned Australians. No cost. 5.30 pm, Amnesty International's NSW Action Centre, Level 1, 79 Myrtle Street, Chippendale. Contact: 0422 385 852 or binochka25@yahoo.com. Web: <http://www.respectandlisten.org>.

4 - 6 MAY. SISTERHOOD NATIONAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE. Sisterhood is a national Catholic women's movement. The annual conference aims to empower women to make a difference in their own parish, community and work-place. Speakers: Andrew Mullins, headmaster, author; Sr Mary Rachel OP, Master of Science in Educational Leadership, Vocation Director; Francine Pirola, Director, Marriage Formation; etc. Cost: \$195. Collaroy Centre, Homestead Avenue, Collaroy Beach. Contact: info@sisterhood.org.au or

0418 681 437. Register: <http://sisterhood.org.au/>.

4 MAY - 8 JULY. PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION: 'MANUWANGKU, UNDER THE NUCLEAR CLOUD'. An exhibition by renowned photographer Jagath Dheerasekara which aims to break down the preconception that an area proposed for a nuclear dump is in the middle of nowhere. An Amnesty International Human Rights Innovation Fund Grant project. No cost. Level 2, Customs House, Circular Quay. Contact: 08 9226 2799 or mail@form.net.au. Web: <http://jd.photoshelter.com/page1>.

5 MAY. SERENDIPITY FAIR TRADE AND ETHICAL COMMUNITY MARKET. This market includes an eclectic selection of fairly traded tea, coffee, coconut and chocolate, craft, skincare, sports equipment and jewellery. Serendipity Fair Trade Shop respects the peace and security of Producers' Communities. 8.30 am to 3.30 pm, St Stephen's Church Centre, 16 Lockwood Avenue, Belrose. Contact: margiebel@gmail.com or 0402 267 857. Web: <http://www.fta.org.au/node/756>.

5 MAY. YOUTH OFF THE STREETS FUNDRAISER: MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT FAIR AND ANTIQUE VALUATIONS. Two professional antique valuers - bring along heirlooms, collectables and paintings. Each valuation costs \$5. Over 30 stalls including Devonshire tea and a sausage sizzle. Proceeds to Fr Chris Riley's Youth off the Streets. 8.00 am to 2.00 pm, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Camilleri Hall, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Web: http://www.olqp.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=135:mothers-day-craft-fair&catid=18:coming-events.

6 MAY. PALMS AUSTRALIA INFORMATION SESSION. Palms Australia, a Catholic organisation which has been sending volunteers to developing countries for over 50 years, is holding an information session for next year's placements. People with time to give and skills in education, health, administration, agriculture/farming, trades or other skilled areas are needed. 3.30 pm, The Healing Ministry, Golden Grove, 5 Forbes Street, Newtown. Contact: 02 9518 9551 or

sarah@palms.org.au. Web: <http://www.palms.org.au/about/events/>.

8 MAY. NEWTOWN SIP: 'ART: PROVOKING PERSONAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE'. Speaker: Rod Pattenden, chair of the Blake Prize for Religious Art, an artist and an ordained minister in the Uniting Church. No cost, donation welcome to cover expenses. 7.30 to 9.00 pm, Town Hall Hotel - The Townie, upstairs 326 King Street, Newtown. Contact: 02 9797 8128 or aclevana@mooball.com. Web: http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=125:newtown&catid=8:nsw-sip-venues&Itemid=94.

9 MAY. UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY SEMINAR: 'THEY TRIED TO MAKE ME GO TO REHAB... YOUNG OFFENDERS AND DRUG USE'. This seminar will look at the latest research on drug use by young offenders and alternatives to incarceration. Speakers: Melanie Simpson, National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre; Geoff Wilkinson, Program Manager, Alcohol and Other Drugs, Juvenile Justice; and Jane Sanders, Principal Solicitor, Shopfront Youth Legal Centre. No cost. 6.00 to 8.00 pm, Law Foyer, Level 2, Sydney Law School, New Law Building (F10), Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney. Contact: 02 9351 0248 or law.events@sydney.edu.au, RSVP essential. Book: <http://sydney.edu.au/news/law/457.html?eventcategoryid=35&eventid=9415>.

9 - 10 MAY. NSW COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRE (CLC) CONFERENCE: 'PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES'. This conference is an opportunity for all who work in legal, educational, social justice and community organisations to share knowledge, showcase projects, develop partnerships and enjoy enhanced learning experiences. Speakers: The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG; The Hon Greg Smith SC MP, NSW AG; Ronald Merkel QC; etc. Cost: \$355-640. Rydges World Square, Sydney. Contact: clc@theideasunit.com.au or 0405 256 753. Web: http://www.clcnsw.org.au/cb_pages/files/CLC2012ConferencePoster_A4.pdf.

10 MAY. NSW BUREAU OF CRIME STATISTICS AND RESEARCH (BOSCAR) SEMINAR: 'FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE IN

NSW'. Speakers: Don Weatherburn, Director, Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research; Jenny Bargaen, former Director of Youth Justice Conferencing, NSW Department of Juvenile Justice. 9.30 to 10.30 am, Metcalfe Auditorium, State Library of NSW, Sydney. Contact: bocsar_seminars@agd.nsw.gov.au or 02 9231 9190, RSVP essential. Web: http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/bocsar/ll_bocsar.nsf/pages/bocsar_seminar_series.

11 MAY. POLITICS IN THE PUB: 'AUSTRALIA'S MEAGRE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - A JUST RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS OF UNEMPLOYMENT?' Speakers: Maree O'Halloran, Director Welfare Rights Centre; and Prof Peter Whiteford, Social Researcher SPRC. 6.00 to 7.45 pm, Gaelic Club, Level 1, 64 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills. Contact: 02 9552 3599 or winchids@bigpond.com. Web: <http://www.politicsinthepub.org.au/>.

12 MAY. MANLY COUNCIL FAIR TRADE MARKET. This market has over 35 stalls, free entertainment, Kids Tent with free face painting and Mother's Day craft activities. 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, Manly Council Forecourt, 1 Belgrave Street, Manly. Contact: carol.layton@manly.nsw.gov.au or 02 9976 1658. Web: <http://www.fta.org.au/node/744>.

12 MAY. ANTAR NSW FORUM ON CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION AND AGM. The forum will include the launch of a Constitutional Recognition Supporter's Tool Kit. The kit will provide information about and a basic explanation of what the proposed referendum on Constitutional Recognition means, what the various recommendations are and what people can do locally to support the national campaign. 10.00 am, Club Room, NSW Teachers Federations, 23-33 Mary Street, Surry Hills. Contact: antarnsw@antar.org.au or 02 9564 0594. Web: <http://www.antar.org.au>.

14 - 15 MAY. HOMELESSNESS NSW CONFERENCE: 'GETTING RESULTS!' This conference provides an opportunity to examine new models of service delivery for homeless people and to build on the strengths of what organisations in the homelessness sector have been achieving. Speakers: Mike Allen, Chief Executive of Housing, NSW Department

of Family and Community Services; Nicole Lawder, CEO, Homelessness NSW; Sue Cripps, Director, Homelessness, Mental Health and Disability, Catholic Community Services; etc. Cost: various. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Newcastle City Hall. Contact: 02 9331 2004. Register: <http://www.homelessnessnsw.org.au/homelessness-nsw-conference-2012-getting-results/>.

15 MAY. MARY WARD JUSTICE LECTURE. Fr Daniel Groody will draw on his years of experience in pastoral work along the US-Mexican border, and later research and theological reflection on issues related to globalisation and immigration. Cost: donation. 6.30 pm, Loreto Normanhurst, Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst. Contact: pauline.tonini@loreto.org.au. Web: <http://www.loreto.org.au/Home/News-Media/News/Mary-Ward-Justice-Lecture--Fr--Daniel-Groody-CSC.aspx>.

16 MAY. AUSTRALIAN NETWORK ON DISABILITY CONFERENCE: 'RAISING THE BAR'. This is Australia's only conference on disability as it affects business. It is a unique opportunity for businesses to share knowledge and resources, with the aim of building their disability confidence and offering more jobs and better customer service to people with disability. Speakers: MC - Wendy Harmer; The Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Disability Reform; Kate Nash, leading UK diversity consultant; etc. Cost: \$655-1045. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Hilton, Sydney. Register: <http://www.probonoaustralia.com.au/events/2012/04/australian-network-disability-conference-raising-bar-2012>.

17 MAY. PASS ON A BOOK CONFERENCE: 'LEARNING LESSONS: ORAL COMMUNICATION, JUVENILE JUSTICE AND EDUCATION'. The focus will be the role of educators in providing support for young offenders' oral communication development and remediation. Many young people who have had contact with the Police or the Juvenile Justice system have been identified with learning difficulties and communication deficiencies. Cost: \$165. 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, 37 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills. Contact: admin@passonabook.org or 0411 232 566. Web: <http://www.passonabook.org/conference-2012/>.

18 MAY. FAIR TRADE EVENT: 'SHIFTING SAND'. Nui/African Pacific is celebrating the end of Fair Trade Fortnight with this opening night performance of TaikOz, Australia's leading taiko drumming group. Before the performance Nick's Coffee Grove Cart will be outside the theatre serving Fairtrade coffee. You are invited to join the cast and crew for an after party in the theatre foyer. Cost: \$40-65. 8.00 pm, Glen Street Theatre, corner Blackbutts Road and Glen Street, Belrose. Contact: 02 9975 1455. Web: <http://www.fta.org.au/node/757>.

18 MAY. ASYLUM SEEKER CENTRE FUNDRAISER: QUIZ NIGHT - 'BATTLE OF THE BANDS'. Dig out your ABBA get-up, dust off your Bowie leather and come out dressed like Mick Jagger at this Quiz Night, with host James Valentine and special guests. Fundraising activities will take place on the night, with all funds raised supporting the Asylum Seekers Centre. Cost: \$80. 7.00 pm, North Sydney Leagues Club, 12 Abbott Street, Cammeray. Contact: 02 9361 5606 or fundraising@asylumseekerscentre.org.au. Book: <https://register.eventarc.com/event/view/8541/tickets/quiz-night-2012>.

18 - 20 MAY. NATIONAL RURAL AND REGIONAL LAW JUSTICE CONFERENCE. The focus of the conference is threefold: on sharing knowledge amongst attendees with a shared interest in the future of rural and regional Australia; on critical analysis of issues and problems; and on practical strategies for delivering greater social justice for rural and regional communities. Cost: \$395. Coffs Harbour. Contact: 02 6773 3493 or rrlj@une.edu.au. Web: <http://www.une.edu.au/law/rrljconference/>.

21, 28 MAY, 4 JUNE. HOUSE OF WELCOME FUNDRAISER: 'A WELCOME FEAST: COOKING CLASSES WITH ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES'. These cooking classes provide an opportunity to try dishes from Pakistani, Sri Lankan and Ugandan cuisines and learn new skills from asylum seeker and refugee teachers. Funds raised will support the House of Welcome's work with asylum seekers. Cost: \$60 per class. 6.30 to 9.30 pm, North Sydney Community Centre, 220 Miller Street,

North Sydney. Contact: 02 9922 2299 or info@northsydneycentre.com.au. Web: <http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/getinvolved/events.php>.

22 MAY. WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE.

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (20 - 27 May) the Commission for Ecumenism and Inter-religious Relations are holding this prayer service. 3.00 to 5.00 pm, Polding Centre Chapel, Level 6, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney. Contact: 02 9390 5168. Web: <http://www.aceir.org.au/events/icalrepeat.detail/2012/05/22/237/-/ecumenical-prayer-service-at-the-polding-centre-during-the-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity>.

22 MAY. NORTH SYDNEY SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB: 'SOCIAL POLICY AND JUSTICE'.

Speakers: Sandie Cornish; and Mary Leahy RSJ OAM, Maritime Chaplain. 7.30 to 9.00 pm, Union Hotel, corner Pacific Highway and West Street, North Sydney. Web: http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=126:north-sydney&catid=8:nsw-sip-venues&Itemid=94.

25 MAY. INDIGENOUS VETERANS MEMORIAL.

The ceremony is being held to recognise the contribution that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans have made to this country and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and their families, the wider veteran community and the general public are encouraged to take part in the ceremony. There will be a display in the ANZAC Memorial before and after the ceremony. 11.00 am, ANZAC Memorial, Hyde Park South. Contact: rbaker@rslnsw.org.au or 02 9264 8188 ext 706. Web: <http://www.nswreconciliation.org.au/events-1/indigenous-veterans-memorial>.

25 MAY. MARIST YOUTH CARE (MYC) GOLF DAY.

MYC has a goal of raising \$25,000 for equipment, new resources and refurbishment for their Skills Development Centre which will deliver skills training for young people in Western Sydney to provide pathways to employment. Their Golf Day includes breakfast, green fees, golf cart, lunch etc. Cost: \$170. The Coast Golf Club, Little Bay.

Contact: alycel@maristyc.com.au or 02 9672 9266. Web: <http://www.maristyc.com.au>.

29 MAY. MATTHEW TALBOT HOMELESS SERVICES FUNDRAISER: 'HOTELS HAVE HEARTS GALA DINNER'.

This dinner supported by the AHA NSW, will play host to a number of VIPs and WILL feature auctions with a range of 'money can't buy' items, superb raffle prizes and lucky draws. Funds raised will go to support Matthew Talbot Homeless Services. Cost: \$195. Hilton Hotel, 488 George Street, Sydney. Contact: events@vinnies.org.au or 02 9568 0262. Web: http://hotelshavehearts.com/about_hotels_have_hearts.html.

29 MAY. PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE (PIAC) COURSE: 'PRACTICAL HUMAN RIGHTS'.

This workshop provides an overview of the framework for protecting human rights in Australia. It will equip you with knowledge and skills for accessing this framework in the assistance of those whose rights have been violated. Presenter: Kylie Coventry, PIAC Training Officer. Cost: \$200. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Sydney CBD. Contact: 02 8898 6531. Register: <http://www.piac.asn.au/course/practical-human-rights>.

1 JUNE. STARTTS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP: 'CORE CONCEPTS IN WORKING WITH PEOPLE FROM REFUGEE BACKGROUNDS'.

This introductory workshop focuses on understanding the link between what refugees have been through, the sorts of issues and behaviours refugees may present with, and how to work in a way that promotes recovery and minimises the risk of retraumatisation. Cost: \$149, concession \$99. 9.30 am to 4.30 pm, STARTTS, 152-168 The Horsley Drive, Carramar. Contact: 02 9794 1900 or starttstraining@startts.org.au. Register: <http://www.startts.org.au/default.aspx?id=388>.

1 JUNE. TENISON WOODS EDUCATION CENTRE ANNUAL DINNER: 'TWO HANDS, THE ONLY WAY FORWARD!' Speaker: Damien Price CFC.

Damien has worked with youth at risk, with homeless people, with refugees and asylum seekers and as both a parish youth worker and classroom teacher. Damien says, 'There is a desperate need in today's church and

society to see the two hands of spirituality and justice as essential if we are to go forward as effective evangelisers.’ Cost: \$55. 6.30 pm, The Therry Centre, New England Highway, East Maitland. Contact: 02 4930 9601 or twec@ssjl.org.au. Web: <http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/newsroom/pdf/2012/TWEC%20dinner%20poster%202012.pdf>.

2 JUNE. TEAR AUSTRALIA ART EXHIBITION. Art of Resistance is a community of young artists who seek to use their art as a way to express their faith in Jesus, their desire to see justice flood the earth, and to effect nonviolent social change in Australia by challenging the way we perceive the world. They will be taking submissions for works related to this year’s theme: ‘Enough!’ Cost: \$10. 6.30 pm, Cafe Church, 37 St Johns Road, Glebe. Contact: artofresistance@tear.org.au or 02 9212 4499. Web: <http://artofresistance.com.au/sydney-art-of-resistance-june-2-2012/>.

2 JUNE. SOCIAL JUSTICE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD (SJIEC) CONFERENCE: ‘THROWING OUT THE BABY WITH THE BATHWATER’. Cost: \$35. 8.30 am to 4.00 pm, Redfern Community Centre, 29-53 Hugo Street, Redfern. Contact: conference@socialjusticeinearlychildhood.org or 0404 852 151. Web: <http://www.socialjusticeinearlychildhood.org/campaigns/>.

5 JUNE. CENTRAL COAST SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB: ‘BECOMING WHOLE, SEEKING MEANING’. Speakers: Alf Taylor, special needs teacher, lay preacher, Gosford Uniting Church, Gosford Citizen of the Year 2011; Pat Dell, teacher, Social Justice co-ordinator, St Edward’s College, East Gosford, Gosford Citizen of the Year 2012. 7.30 to 9.00 pm, The Grange Hotel, corner Renwick Street and Pacific Highway, Wyoming. Contact: 02 4325 3627. Web: http://www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=122:central-coast&catid=8:nsw-sip-venues&Itemid=94.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

30 APRIL - 1 MAY. NATIONAL DISABILITY ADVOCACY CONFERENCE: ‘ADVOCATING FOR INCLUSION’. Advocacy strategies for achieving community living, full inclusion

and participation of people with disabilities. Speakers: Senator Jan McLucas, Senator for Queensland, Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers; Senator Mitch Fifield, Senator for Victoria, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities, Carers and the Voluntary Sector; Senator Rachel Siewert, Senator for Western Australia, Australian Greens; etc. Cost: \$400-600. Canberra Rex Hotel, 150 Northbourne Avenue, Braddon. Contact: 02 6154 1983 or info@dana.org.au, RSVP by 20 April. Web: <http://dana.org.au/presentations/>.

2 MAY. PUBLIC LECTURE: ‘REMOVING THE BOUNDARIES: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR SERIES - MEDIATED “RISK” AND “RESPONSIBILITY”’: MENTAL ILLNESS AND THE POLITICS OF POLICE USE OF DEADLY FORCE’. Speaker: Katrina Clifford School of English, Journalism and European Languages, University of Tasmania. 4.00 to 5.00 pm, Room 555, Humanities Building, Sandy Bay campus. Contact: Katrina.Clifford@utas.edu.au or Danielle.Wood@utas.edu.au. Web: <http://www.events.utas.edu.au/2012/may/removing-the-boundaries-an-interdisciplinary-seminar-series>.

2 MAY. ST THOMAS MORE FORUM: ‘CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING UNDER THE PAPACY OF PAUL VI, JOHN PAUL II AND BENEDICT XVI’. Speaker: Clifford Longley, Tablet Columnist in the United Kingdom. Cost: \$12, concession \$5. 7.30 to 9.00 pm, St Thomas More Church, 30 White Crescent, Campbell. Contact: 02 6163 4300 or info@catholiclife.org.au. Web: <http://www.stthomasmore.org.au/Forum/upcoming-forums.html>.

2 OR 3 MAY. SPIRITUALITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. Hear the stories of five local women in the Central Deanery who contribute to parish and Archdiocesan life in a variety of ways. Hosted by the Commission for Women. Cost: gold coin donation. 2 May, 7.30 pm, Parish Hall, Curtin; 3 May, 10.30 am, Marian Hall, Page. Contact: 02 6231 0664 or 0417 418 838. Web: <http://www.cg.catholic.org.au/news/archives/1204/120417.html>.

6 MAY. FAIR TRADE MARKET STALL @ OLD BUS DEPOT MARKETS. The ACT Fair Trade Collective and the Oxfam ACT Committee

will be hosting this stall. It will show the role Fair Trade is playing in improving the lives of producers in developing countries. It will feature ethically produced gifts that will be on sale on behalf of local businesses. 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, Old Bus Depot Building, Wentworth Avenue, Kingston. Web: <http://www.fta.org.au/node/766>.

22 MAY. ONE JUST WORLD FORUM: 'OVERCOMING BARRIERS - LIVING WITH A DISABILITY IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD'. People with a disability are among the poorest and most vulnerable in the world, particularly in developing countries. If you have a disability you are more likely to be poor and if you are poor you are more likely to have a disability, so we cannot really deal with poverty effectively if we ignore or avoid disability. 6.00 pm, Old Parliament House, Canberra. Contact: contactus@onejustworld.com.au. Register: <http://www.onejustworld.com.au/Upcoming-Forums#Overcoming-Barriers---Living-with-a-Disability-in>.

VICTORIA

UNTIL 9 JUNE. PHOTO EXHIBITION: 'UNSAFE HAVEN: HAZARAS IN AFGHANISTAN'. The photographs of an artist and former Afghan refugee Abdul Karim Hekmat make a powerful point about Australia's asylum seeker policy. The status of the Hazaras, who are vulnerable because of their ethnicity and religious belief, has become ever more perilous in past months as it is intertwined with the security situation in Afghanistan. Put together by the UTS Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre, Amnesty International and the Australian Refugee Council. No cost. RMIT Gallery, 344 Swanston Street, Melbourne. Contact: 03 9925 1717 or rmit.gallery@rmit.edu.au. Web: <http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse/Our%20Organisation%2FRMIT%20Gallery%2FExhibitions/>.

1 MAY. SOCIAL POLICY CONNECTIONS TALK: 'THE POKIES TEN YEARS ON: ADDICTION - PERSONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL'. Victoria has had electronic gaming machines for a decade now. The harm is well known, and yet little progress has been made in tangible reforms, because successive governments

remain addicted to this most regressive form of taxation revenue. Speaker: Gabriela Byrne. Cost: donation. 7.30 pm, The Study Centre, Yarra Theological Union, Box Hill. Web: <http://www.socialpolicyconnections.com.au/?p=4603>.

1 MAY. PUBLIC LECTURE: '1.4 BILLION REASONS'. This multimedia presentation will explore the issue of extreme poverty and the barriers faced in bringing about its end. It will provide tools to help create sustainable change. Speaker: Paul Mason, educator, speaker. 5.00 to 7.00 pm, Monash University Law Chambers, 555 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. Contact: castan.centre@monash.edu or 03 9905 3327, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.law.monash.edu.au/castancentre/events/2012/1.4-billion-reasons.html>.

3 MAY. BROTHERHOOD OF ST LAURENCE SEMINAR: 'VOLUNTEERING, SOCIAL INCLUSION AND PRODUCTIVE AGEING'. Volunteering is a key productive and healthy ageing strategy, as it is both socially productive and provides social and health benefits for older people. However, there are profound changes occurring within the contemporary volunteering world, and these changes are having a significant impact on the recruitment and retention of older volunteers. Speaker: Professor Jeni Warburton, John Richards Chair, Rural Aged Care Research, La Trobe University, Wodonga. 12.00 to 1.00 pm, Fr Tucker's room, 67 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. Contact: kphilipp@bsl.org.au or 03 9483 1364. Web: <http://www.bsl.org.au/About-the-Brotherhood/Whats-on.aspx?id=688>.

3 MAY. DINNER DISCUSSION: 'THE UNIVERSAL ETHIC AND END OF LIFE ISSUES'. Caroline Chisholm Library and Connor Court Publishing are holding this dinner. Speakers: Rabbi Shimon Cowen, Director of the Institute for Judaism and Civilization, Melbourne; and Professor Nicholas Tonti-Fillipini, Head of Bioethics, John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family, Melbourne. Cost: dinner and drinks at bar prices. 6.30 pm, The Celtic Club, 316-320 Queen Street, Melbourne. Contact: anthony@connorcourt.com. Web: http://www.cam.org.au/index.php?view=details&id=612%3Acowen-and-tonti-fillipini-discuss-the-universal-ethic-and-end-of-life-issues&option=com_eventlist&Itemid=395.

4 - 18 MAY. VICTORIAN FAIR TRADE FESTIVAL: 'EVERY CHOICE MATTERS'. Moral Fairground is holding this festival including a corporate morning break, markets, art exhibition, talks and forums, and fun for the kids. Contact: susanna@moralfairground.com.au or 0409 943 254.

4 May: Launch Event - guest speakers, stalls and free coffee and chocolate, 1.00 to 2.00 pm, Federation Square.

11 May: Fair Trade Markets, 11.00 am to 9.00 pm, Atrium Federation Square.

11 May: Lets Talk Forums, 10.00 am to 8.00 pm, BMW Edge Federation Square.

11 May: Fairly Arty Exhibition, 11.00 am to 9.00 pm, Urban Garden Amphitheatre, Federation Square.

13 May: Fair Trade Play event for children. 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, City Square.

18 May: The Big Fair Trade Morning Break. 7.00 to 11.00 am, Docklands, NAB Forecourt. Web: <http://moralfairground.com.au/vichighlights.html>.

5 MAY. FAIRTRADE EVENT @ PRAHRAN MARKET. The City of Stonnington and Prahran Market are hosting this event which includes giveaways of Fairtrade products and various stalls. 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, Blanco Kitchen, Prahran Market, 163 Commercial Road, South Yarra. Web: <http://www.fta.org.au/node/760>.

7 MAY. THEOLOGY@THEPUB: 'MAKING SENSE OF SUFFERING'. Theology@thepub is an event for 18-35 year olds (priests and religious of any age are welcome to attend). Speaker: Fr Andrew Keswick. 6.30 pm dinner, 7.30 pm talk, Pumhouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy. Contact: penny@theologyatthepub.com.au. Web: <http://theologyatthepub.com.au/>.

8 MAY. FOUNDATION HOUSE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE: 'SCHOOL'S IN FOR REFUGEES'. This introduction is recommended for those working with refugee background students. It is appropriate for those working in and with schools and other educational settings, at primary, secondary and post-compulsory levels. No cost. 9.30 am to 4.00 pm, The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick. Contact: pdregistrations@foundationhouse.org.au or 03 9389 8965, RSVP

essential. Web: www.foundationhouse.org.au/professional_development/index.htm.

8 MAY. CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VIC WORKSHOP: 'WORKING EFFECTIVELY WITH PEOPLE EXPERIENCING MENTAL ILLNESS'. This workshop will focus on face to face practice, equipping those working in community and related services to work effectively with people experiencing mental illness. Cost: \$50. 9.30 am to 1.00 pm, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne. Contact: lucia.brick@css.org.au or 03 9287 5566, RSVP by 4 May. Web: <http://www.css.org.au>.

8 MAY. SIMAID EVENTS: 'MAKING A DIFFERENCE...' SIMaid delivers aid to sustainable projects empowering communities to live with dignity and hope - removing threats of child labour, poverty and exploitation. They are holding the campaign 'Girls off the Streets' to support their work in giving vulnerable women and children a new start in life. Speakers: Roger and Hiroko Seth, leaders in an aftercare home for sex-trafficking survivors.

8 May: No cost. 7.30 to 9.00 pm, Crossway Baptist Church, Burwood East.

9 May: Cost: \$20. 7.30 to 9.00 am, Melbourne City Conference Centre, 333 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

9 May: No cost. 7.30 to 9.00 pm, The Knox School, 220 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South. Contact: simaid@sim.org.au or 02 8568 8890, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.facebook.com/simaid/events>.

10 MAY. AUSTRALIAN HOUSING AND URBAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE (AHURI) SEMINAR: 'THE FUTURE OF HOME OWNERSHIP: NEW AHURI RESEARCH'. This seminar will present the findings from three AHURI research projects - *Sustaining home ownership in the 21st century: emerging policy concerns* (Essay) from Professor Gavin Wood, *Mortgage default in Australia: nature, causes and social and economic impacts* from Professor Tony Dalton and *The advantages and disadvantages of home ownership for low-moderate income households* from Professor Kath Hulse. No cost. 8.30 am to 12.00 pm, Rydges Hotel, 186 Exhibition Street, Melbourne. Contact: 03 9660 2300. Web: <http://www.probonoaustralia.com>.

au/events/2012/03/future-home-ownership-new-ahuri-research.

10 MAY. BOOK LAUNCH: 'A WORLD OF PRAYER'. Rosalind Bradley edited this book which includes the favourite prayers of spiritual leaders, activists and humanitarians. Dr Julian Droogan will launch the book; he is a popular presenter on religion and culture, art and world history. Rev Sef Carroll will MC the evening. Sef is a Uniting Church Minister and Chair UCA Assembly Working Group on *Relations with other Faiths*. 6.00 to 8.00 pm, St Francis Xavier Church Hall, 17 Mackenzie Street, Lavender Bay. Contact: rsbrad99@bigpond.net.au or 0410 690 246 by 8 May. Web: <http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/news---events/events/events.aspx/book-launch---a-world-of-prayer--.aspx>.

10 MAY. MARY WARD JUSTICE LECTURE. Fr Daniel Groody will draw on his years of experience in pastoral work along the US-Mexican border, and later research and theological reflection on issues related to globalisation and immigration. Cost: donation. 7.00 pm, Loreto Toorak, Mandeville Crescent, Toorak. Contact: pauline.tonini@loreto.org.au. Web: <http://www.loreto.org.au/Home/News-Media/News/Mary-Ward-Justice-Lecture--Fr--Daniel-Groody-CSC.aspx>.

11 MAY. 'MAKING ROOM AT THE INN - STRENGTHENING OUR RESPONSE TO ASYLUM SEEKERS'. This is a day of sharing information and experiences, and building networks in order to improve the church's response to help asylum seekers. Speakers: Fr Daniel Groody, CSC; and Bishop Vincent Long. Organised by the Melbourne Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and the Office for Justice and Peace, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. Cost: donation. 9.00 am to 3.30 pm, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne. Contact: lucia.brick@css.org.au or 03 9287 5566, RSVP by 7 May. Web: http://www.css.org.au/documents/Asylum_Seekers_Forum_11May2012_001.pdf.

11 MAY. MAKE POVERTY HISTORY PHOTO EXHIBIT AND FORUM: 'THE ROAD TO 2015'. This exhibition tells the story of people in communities all over the world who have

been positively affected by aid. From Laos to Afghanistan to Zambia, aid has worked to lift communities out of poverty and change lives. There will be an opportunity to ask questions in a forum attended by local Federal Members. 7.30 to 9.00 pm, Dudley House, 60 View Street, Bendigo. Contact: admin@makepovertyhistory.com.au, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.makepovertyhistory.com.au/events/87/bendigo-vic/>.

14 MAY. FOUNDATION HOUSE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION: '16+ ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISRUPTED EDUCATION'. This workshop explores ways in which social inclusion can contribute to the wellbeing, education and pathways of young people of refugee background with disrupted education. Participants will examine a social inclusion framework and strategies to support young people within and beyond the classroom. No cost. 4.00 to 7.00 pm, Foundation House, 6 Gardiner Street, Brunswick. Contact: 03 9389 8965 or pdregistrations@foundationhouse.org.au. Web: http://www.foundationhouse.org.au/professional_development/index.htm.

24 MAY. CATHOLICCARE FUNDRAISER: 'HEAVENLY GALA BALL'. This is a special evening to raise needed funds for families and individuals experiencing alcohol and other drug issues in the community. All proceeds will be directed to CatholicCare's Alcohol and Other Drug Family Service delivered from the St Mary of the Cross Centre. Cost: \$200. 6.30 pm, Plaza Ballroom, 191 Collins Street, Melbourne. Contact: 03 9287 5517 or fundraising@ccam.org.au. Tickets: <http://www.ccam.org.au/events/>.

30 MAY. VINNIES SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE CITY TALK. Sr Margaret Mary Flynn IBVM, Australian Leader of the Loreto Sisters and 2010 NSW Business Woman of the Year will be presenting on her work in rural areas with disadvantaged women and the networks and opportunities established for employment. 12.00 pm, St Francis' Church annex, 326 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. Web: http://www.cam.org.au/index.php?view=details&id=597%3Avinnies-social-justice-in-the-city&option=com_eventlist&Itemid=395.

30 MAY. PUBLIC FORUM: 'THE IMPACT OF MENTAL IMPAIRMENT LEGISLATION FOR PEOPLE WITH COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT: THE ABORIGINAL DISABILITY JUSTICE CAMPAIGN'.

This forum will explore the human rights and legal issues for people who come before the courts and are assessed as having a mental impairment and then found unfit to plead. Panellists: Phillip French, lawyer, Director of the Australian Centre for Disability Law; and Professor Patrick Keyzer, Director of the Centre for Law, Governance and Public Policy, Bond University. 6.00 to 7.30 pm, Monash University Law Chambers, 555 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. Contact: castan.centre@monash.edu or 03 9905 3327, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.law.monash.edu.au/castancentre/events/2012/aboriginal-disability-justice.html>.

31 MAY. MONASH UNIVERSITY DISASTER RESILIENCE (MDRI) FORUM: 'MANAGING INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE'. This forum will explore if emerging international standards and guidelines provide an opportunity to enhance our management of internally displaced people. Cost: \$250. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Rydges on Swanston Hotel, 701 Swanston Street, Carlton. Contact: 03 9905 4397 or caroline.spencer@monash.edu. Web: <http://www.monash.edu.au/news/events/show/managing-internally-displaced-people-mdri-forum>.

1 JUNE. INDIGENOUS LAW CENTRE PANEL: 'RESTORATIVE JUSTICE'. The panel will address the questions on family violence matters and the restorative justice process. Panel members: Professor Elena Marchetti; Dr Mark Harris; Dr Megan Davis; etc. Cost: \$100. 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Victoria Room Level 2, Queen Vic Womens Centre, 210 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. Contact: 03 9670 3460 or infor@kwmb.org.au, RSVP by 21 May. Web: <http://www.adfvc.unsw.edu.au/PDF%20files/Fl yerResistance&RenewalWorkshops2012.pdf>.

7 - 8 JUNE. CENTRE FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY AGEING CONFERENCE: 'STORIES TO INSPIRE'. The conference will address a broad range of themes associated with the design and delivery of culturally inclusive services and showcase best practice and innovative service models. Topics will include social inclusion, elder rights, person-centred care, residential

care, community care, workforce diversity, clinical care, palliative care, research, dementia care and carer support. Cost: \$350. Melbourne Convention Centre, 1 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf. Contact: 03 8823 7979. Web: <http://culturaldiversity.com.au/conference-2012>.

TASMANIA

1 MAY. PHILOSOPHY CAFÉ: 'RETRIBUTIVE JUSTICE - WHY DO WE PUNISH PEOPLE?' Speaker: Graham Wood, Lecturer, School of Philosophy, UTAS. 6.00 to 7.30 pm, The Royal Oak Hotel, Brisbane Street, Launceston. Contact: 03 6324 3920 or graham.wood@utas.edu.au. Web: <http://www.events.utas.edu.au/2012/may/philosophy-cafe-launceston>.

8 MAY. PUBLIC TALK: 'AN ECONOMY FOR A RESILIENT WORLD'. Speaker: Dr Robert Howell, Australian Quaker Peace and Earthcare worker. Dr Robert Howell will discuss the ways in which modern philosophers, ethical and religious writers have extended their traditions to deal with Human-Earth relations, and the insights of many scientists into how an economy should work, which have yet to be taken up by mainstream economists to invest in a world that cares for the planet and its people. 6.00 pm - a shared meal, 7.00 pm - presentation, followed by questions, Quaker Meeting House, 5 Boa Vista Road, North Hobart (Friends' School entrance). Contact: jrobertson@friends.tas.edu.au or 0428 572 736. Web: http://www.afaairerworld.org/_Coming_events/OxfamTalk.pdf.

12 MAY - 17 JUNE. BLAKE PRIZE EXHIBITION. The Blake Prize reflects the multi-cultural nature of Australian society with works of art expressive of diverse religious faiths and others reflecting the spirituality of indigenous peoples. Rosny Barn, Rosny Hill Road, Clarence. Contact: 03 6245 8740. Web: <http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=864&c=4750>.

14 MAY. ONE JUST WORLD FORUM: 'THE FORGOTTEN VICTIMS OF WAR'. Over 15.4 million refugees worldwide, and another 27.5 million internally displaced people have been forced to leave their homes as a result of armed conflict, violence, or human rights

violations. 6.00 pm, University of Tasmania, Newnham Drive, Newnham, Launceston. Register: <http://www.onejustworld.com.au/Upcoming-Forums#Overcoming-Barriers---Living-with-a-Disability-in>.

15 - 18 MAY. EARTHCARE FORMATION PROGRAM: 'ASSISI FORMATION - ANIMATORS FOR SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM'. This program is for people interested in forming sustainability teams in their school, organisation or community. Cost: \$990. Maryknoll, Blackmans Bay, Tasmania. Contact: 02 8920 0719 or admin@catholicearthcare.org.au. Web: <http://www.catholicearthcare.org.au>.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

7 MAY. SIMAID EVENT: 'MAKING A DIFFERENCE...' SIMaid delivers aid to sustainable projects empowering communities to live with dignity and hope - removing threats of child labour, poverty and exploitation. They are holding the campaign 'Girls off the Streets' to support their work in giving vulnerable women and children a new start in life. Speakers: Roger and Hiroko Seth, leaders in an aftercare home for sex-trafficking survivors. Cost: \$20. 7.30 to 9.00 am, Stamford Plaza, 150 North Terrace, Adelaide. Contact: simaid@sim.org.au or 02 8568 8890, RSVP essential. Web: <http://www.facebook.com/simaid/events>.

8 MAY. MARY WARD JUSTICE LECTURE. Fr Daniel Groody will draw on his years of experience in pastoral work along the US-Mexican border, and later research and theological reflection on issues related to globalisation and immigration. Cost: donation. 6.30 pm, Loreto College, Portrush Road, Marryatville. Contact: pauline.tonini@loreto.org.au. Web: <http://www.loreto.org.au/Home/News-Media/News/Mary-Ward-Justice-Lecture--Fr--Daniel-Groody-CSC.aspx>.

20 MAY. MARY MACKILLOP FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER: HIGH TEA. This High Tea Party will help support the Mary MacKillop Foundation's small life-changing projects. It will include entertainment, raffle prizes and auction items. Speakers: The Hon Jay

Weatherill MP, Premier of South Australia; The Hon Dr Lynn Arnold AO; The Hon Amanda Vanstone. Cost: \$65. 2.00 pm, Hilton Adelaide. Contact: 02 8912 2714 or events@mackillopfoundation.org.au. Book: <http://www.mackillopfoundation.org.au/index.php?section=events&type=future&eventID=58>.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

UNTIL 12 MAY. ART EXHIBITION: 'PURNU, TJANPI, CANVAS: ART OF THE NGAANYATJARRA LANDS'. This is an exhibition of the dynamic creativity of the Western Desert's Ngaanyatjarra artists. The exhibition showcases the humour and playful innovation of the Tjanpi Desert Weavers, the explosive eclecticism of artists in translations of weaving and carving into paint, and the glorious canvases that reflect the completeness of the desert and community life. Tuesday to Saturday, 11.00 am to 5.00 pm, Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery, University of Western Australia, 35 Stirling Highway (corner Fairway), Crawley, Perth. Contact: 08 6488 3707 or info@lwgallery.uwa.edu.au. Web: <http://www.lwgallery.uwa.edu.au/>.

22 MAY. BOB HAWKE PRIME MINISTERIAL CENTRE FORUM: 'FORMS OF MODERN DAY SLAVERY'. There are 27 million slaves in the world today - poor and vulnerable people who are owned, bonded or trafficked - children, women, men. This address will cover the forms of modern slavery and how people can bring change. Speaker: Roscoe Howell, Slavery Links Australia. No cost. 5.30 pm, Bradley Forum, UniSA City West campus, Hawke Building, Level 5, 50-55 North Terrace, Adelaide. Contact: 08 8302 0371, RSVP essential. Register: <http://www.unisa.edu.au/hawkecentre/events/2012events/Slavery.asp>.

23 MAY. BOB HAWKE PRIME MINISTERIAL CENTRE FORUM: 'WHERE AND HOW AUSTRALIANS ENCOUNTER MODERN SLAVERY'. Australians may encounter modern slavery in many ways both within Australia and when travelling overseas. We can act cruelly or contribute to slave-like working conditions without realising. This address will help you to recognise slavery and know what you can do when you meet it. Speaker: Roscoe

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4 JUNE. YOUNG ADULTS DINNER: 'THE WORLD'S A MESS UNLESS...' Speaker: Jon Owen. Jon is involved in building community in his local Sydney neighbourhood through Urban Neighbours of Hope. Cost: \$10. 6.30 to 9.00 pm, Earthwise, 315 Bagot Road, Subiaco. Contact: wa@tear.org.au, RSVP by 1 June. Web: <http://www.tear.org.au/states/news/young-adults-dinner-the-worlds-a-mess-unless...-/>.

6 - 8 JUNE. NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DRUG AND ALCOHOL CONFERENCE (NIDAC): 'BEYOND 2012 - LEADING THE WAY TO ACTION'. NIDAC aims to highlight how the sector is able to lead the way to action in addressing the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs among Indigenous Australians. Speakers: Stephanie Bell, Chief Executive Officer, Central Australian Aboriginal Congress; Linda Forrest, Indigenous Programs Officer, Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Services, QLD; Noel Hayman,

Clinical Director, Inala Indigenous Health Service, QLD; etc. Cost: \$300-700. Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle. Contact: nidac@eventcorp.com.au or 07 3334 4400. Web: <http://www.nidaconference.com.au/>.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

1 - 3 MAY. NTCOSS CONFERENCE: 'GROWING THE NT FAIRLY - BUILDING STRONGER LINKS'. NTCOSS aims to share information, ideas and practical strategies to assist growing a fair Northern Territory. Cost: \$125-600. Crowne Plaza Hotel, Alice Springs. Contact: admin@ntcoss.org.au or 08 8948 2665. Web: <http://www.ntcoss.org.au/publication/2011/11/ntcoss-conference-2012>.

2 MAY. FAITH ON TAP: 'BEING PEOPLE OF FAITH IN A SECULAR WORLD'. Speaker: Janet Buhagiar, former CEO, St Vincent de Paul Society NT, recipient of Telstra Marie Claire Young Business Women's Award, Director of Social Policy, department of Chief Minister. An event for 18-35 year olds. 6.30 to 8.30 pm, Shennannigans, Mitchell Street, Darwin. Web: http://www.darwin.catholic.org.au/youth/news_events.htm.

News Monitor

Pope says social action must include prayer

Pope Benedict XVI said that all pastoral work, including promoting social justice and providing for the poor, must be nourished by prayer, reported Catholic News Service.

Families in the cold over power bill rise

Large numbers of households will go without heating during winter as people struggle to meet the cost of rising energy bills, according to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Vietnamese priest in coma after police attack

A young Catholic priest who runs an orphanage

in Hanoi, was in a coma in hospital, after he was badly beaten up by police, reported the Independent Catholic News.

Deportees to Afghanistan living in 'extreme danger'

Deportations research just conducted in Afghanistan by the Edmund Rice Centre has revealed further horrors confronted by asylum seekers who have been returned there by the Australian Government, the organisation said in a media release.

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Social Justice Calendar

- 1 Tue St Joseph the Worker
International Workers Day
1991: Pope John Paul II's encyclical *Centesimus Annus*
- 3 Thu World Press Freedom Day
- 5 Sat Fair Trade Fortnight begins
- 6 Sun Fifth Sunday of Easter
- 8 Tue World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day
1945: War ends in Europe
1970: First Anti-Vietnam War
Moratorium March in Australian cities
- 10 Thu 1994: Nelson Mandela's inaugural address as President of South Africa
- 12 Sat International Day for Nurses
(Anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth)
Doctors for Doctors Day
- 13 Sun Sixth Sunday of Easter
International Conscientious Objectors Day
Mother's Day
- 14 Mon 1971 Pope Paul VI's Apostolic Letter *Octogesima Adveniens*
- 15 Tue UN International Day of Families
1891: Pope Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum Novarum*
1931: Pope Pius XI's encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno*
1961: Pope John XXIII's encyclical *Mater et Magistra*
- 16 Wed World Debt Day
- 17 Thu World Telecommunications and Information Society Day
- 2005: Death of Fr Ted Kennedy
- 20 Sun Seventh Sunday of Easter
World Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Jubilee Sunday
2002: Timor-Leste becomes independent
- 21 Mon World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
1991: Murder of Australian Josephite Sister Irene McCormack in Peru
- 22 Tue International Day for Biological Diversity
- 24 Thu Mary Help of Christians, Patron of Australia
1948: Foundation of World Council of Churches
- 25 Fri Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories commences
Africa Day
- 26 Sat National Sorry Day
1997: Bringing them home report tabled in Parliament
- 27 Sun Pentecost Sunday
National Reconciliation Week begins
Week of Prayer for Reconciliation begins
1967: Referendum changes articles in the Australian Constitution that discriminated against Indigenous people
- 29 Tue International Day of UN Peacekeepers
Torres Strait Islander flag launched
- 31 Thu World No-Tobacco Day

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