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FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Dear Friends

Social Justice Sunday this year falls on 29 September.

The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council is preparing for the launch in September of the Australia Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2013-2014.

This year's Statement is titled *Lazarus at Our Gate: A critical moment in the fight against world poverty*. It calls on the Christian community and all Australians to stand in solidarity with our neighbours around the world who are living in conditions of extreme poverty.

The title of the Statement comes from the Gospel reading for Social Justice Sunday this year - Jesus' parable about the poor man, Lazarus, who lies unnoticed at the gate of the rich man (Luke 16:19-31).

In 2000, the world leaders of 189 nations, including Australia, gathered together and

committed themselves to tackling global poverty. Their Declaration gave rise to eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to be achieved by 2015. While great progress has been made over the past decade, many of these goals will not be fulfilled: around the world, a quarter of a million women still die in childbirth each year and eight million children die annually from malnutrition and preventable diseases. One billion people remain in extreme poverty and 20 per cent of the poorest in the world live in countries near Australia.

'In our region', the Bishops say, 'Australia is the rich man and Lazarus is at our gate.'

Five groups in particular need our support. They are: people who face severe hunger; people who are victims of disaster; Indigenous peoples; people with disability; and refugees and displaced people. The circumstances they face remind us of our obligation to help the world's poorest and to work to combat poverty wherever it is found.

It is time to renew our commitment to address world poverty - a commitment inspired by the mission of Jesus in his Incarnation and in his gift of the Eucharist. Pope Francis has reminded us of our vocation: 'Fighting poverty, both material and spiritual, building peace and constructing bridges'.

What will we do, as individuals and as a nation, to help the most needy who sit at our gate?

To Order

Parishes, schools and groups can order printed copies (minimum of 10) from the ACSJC. Order form and cost details can be found on the ACSJC website (<http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>) or call (02) 8306 3499.

Social Justice Sunday - Complementary Resources

The ACSJC produces a range of complementary resources to assist parish communities, schools and social justice groups to celebrate Social Justice Sunday.

Among the resources that will be available on the ACSJC website over the coming months will be:

- Social Justice Sunday Liturgy notes
- PowerPoint presentation
- Educational resources

Other resources that are very useful in parishes and schools are the Social Justice Sunday Prayer Card and “Ten Steps” leaflet. These can be ordered from the ACSJC Secretariat on (02) 8306 3499.

Promotion

A possible entry in your organisations newsletter could be:

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 September.

This year’s Social Justice Statement is titled: ‘Lazarus at our Gate: A critical moment in the fight against world poverty’.

The Statement urges all Australians to focus on our obligation to help the world’s poorest and to work to combat poverty wherever it is found. Although progress has been made over the past decade in the fight against extreme poverty, one billion people still live on less than \$1.25 per day, and 20 per cent of the world’s poor live in countries near Australia.

For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

Any assistance you can give in spreading the word about Social Justice Sunday and this Bishops’ Statement would be greatly appreciated.

John Ferguson
National Executive Officer



Current Issues / Resources

ACSJC’S NEW WEBSITE

The new website of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council has just been activated. The site gives better access to our resources and incorporates features that will make it easier to use. Our thanks to the Sydney Archdiocese’s Catholic Communications and all involved in the creation of this website. The web address remains the same: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY - 7 JULY

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has produced wonderful resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. The theme this year is ‘Peace and Mercy for all’. Included are a range of Ceremonies, rituals and prayers that may be utilised where

approved and appropriate. NATSICC advises that you consult your parish Priest or pastoral council when preparing your Mass. When using traditional ceremonies, it is imperative that local Indigenous community are consulted. A list of State and Territory Aboriginal and Islander Catholic Ministries (AICMs) can be found at www.natsicc.org.au in the ‘Your NATSICC’ section. The 2013 resources are extensive and include Small Group Activity sessions. NATSICC hopes that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is celebrated in all Parishes and Catholic Schools. To access the resource, visit, http://www.natsicc.org.au/files/218_2013_booklet_small_final.pdf

ARTICLE ON THE 6th ANNIVERSARY OF THE NT INTERVENTION.

Michele Harris of ‘concerned Australians’ has written the article ‘Striking the Wrong Note’. In the article she says, ‘even before the Intervention

began in June 2007, government had long planned a new approach to the “management” of Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory. It was no longer part of government thinking that self-determination and Aboriginal control over land could be allowed to continue. These were the Whitlam notions of 1975 and they were no longer acceptable.’ Read the full article at <http://concernedaustralians.com.au/>

PETITION: ‘KEEPING THEM HOME’

Recent data shows that the number of children being moved into out-of-home care in the Northern Territory has just about doubled since 2007. Two-thirds of these children are being placed with non-Indigenous families away from their communities. Elder Rev Dr Djiniyini Gondarra, as spokesperson for Yolngu Makarr Dhuni calls for this trend to be reversed by increasing family support services in communities. He has written to the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, Adam Giles, asking him for his support. The group ‘concerned Australians’ says the process of removing children is appalling and identifies the problem - funding for community programmes has been slashed and the money that is there is being directed to the training of new foster placements as opposed to the preventative and supportive programmes within communities. To find out more, visit: <http://concernedaustralians.com.au/>

ON-LINE RESOURCE: ‘REFUGEE FACTS’

‘Refugee Facts’ has been designed to provide quick facts and comprehensive background information on asylum seekers in Australia, in the interest of ethical and accurate reporting. Authors John Menadue AO, Arja Keski-Nummi and Kate Gauthier have compiled this manual, which provides key information and statistics for journalists, editors and advocates on asylum seeker issues. It has been designed to provide quick facts and accessible background information on asylum seekers in Australia in the interest of accurate reporting. Visit: <http://refugeefacts.cpd.org.au/>

PASTORAL GUIDELINES ON REFUGEES & FORCIBLY DISPLACED PERSONS

On June 6, 2013, the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People together with Cor Unum published the document *Welcoming Christ in Refugees and Forcibly Displaced Persons: Pastoral Guidelines*. The document sets pastoral guidelines and aims to create awareness of the context of forced migration. It also highlights the weaknesses and ambiguities of the strategies that the international community and national States have developed

to prevent and oppose the phenomenon. ‘In regards to refugees and asylum seekers, the document emphatically asserts that the first point of reference should not be the interests of the State or national security, but the human person’, says Fr Pettenà, National Director of ACMRO and Consulter of the Pontifical Council. ‘The document is particularly timely in an election year where both major parties appear intent on dehumanising asylum seekers for political gain,’ he said. To download the Guidelines, visit: http://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=283&Itemid=2

‘RIGHT TO WORK’ CAMPAIGN

Currently some asylum seekers living in the Australian community have the right to work. In November 2012, the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship announced new policy changes affecting asylum seekers arriving by boat. These changes place asylum seekers on bridging visas with no right to work and imposing waiting periods of up to five years for processing. A coalition of community groups is calling for an undertaking from the Minister for Immigration to make a policy change extending the right to work to all asylum seekers released into the community on bridging visas and that the right to work is accompanied by the provision of basic employment support services. As a fundamental human right, asylum seekers should have the right to work. To find out more and to join the campaign, visit: <http://righttowork.com.au/>

RED CROSS INAUGURAL VULNERABILITY REPORT

With a mandate and responsibility to raise issues of humanitarian concern with governments and the public, Red Cross has released its inaugural Vulnerability Report: *Inside the process of seeking asylum in Australia*. The Report provides rare insights into the day to day realities of people seeking asylum to highlight the personal and human dimension of their plight. Among its recommendations, the Red Cross is calling for work rights to asylum seekers who are living in the community on a Bridging Visa and for basic living allowance payments and other supports provided to people seeking asylum that are commensurate with their needs. To download the Report, visit: http://www.redcross.org.au/files/20130614_Inaugural_Vulnerability_Report_LR.pdf

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK 13 - 19 OCTOBER

Poverty and severe hardship affect more than a million Australians. Around the world more than a billion people are desperately poor. The main aims of Anti-Poverty Week are to: strengthen public

understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and within Australia and to encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems, including actions by individuals, communities, organisations and governments. Last year, at least 600 organisations around the world participated in more than 400 activities during the Week, with a total 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? For information and ideas, visit the website or email apw@antipovertyweek.org or call 1300 797 290. Web: www.antipovertyweek.org.au

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>)

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2013-2014 - ORDER NOW!

This year's Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement is entitled 'Lazarus at Our Gate: A critical moment in the fight against world poverty'. The ACSJC is now taking orders for the Statement. An order form, letter from the President of the Bishops Conference and summary material are available on the ACSJC website: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

PASTORAL LETTER - FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER 2013

The Pastoral Letter for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker for 2013 is entitled 'Time for a New Start - a call to increase allowance payments'. It is available for download in regular and 'three-column' versions at: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

DISCUSSION GUIDE: 2013 WORLD DAY OF PEACE MESSAGE

The theme for the 46th World Day of Peace Message from Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI is *Blessed Are the Peacemakers*. This message reminds us at that we all have a role to play

in building peace in our communities and the world. The Message focuses on human dignity, rights and responsibilities, as well as the fiftieth anniversaries of Pope John XXIII's *Pacem in Terris* and of the beginning of the Second Vatican Council. The ACSJC has prepared a Discussion Guide for Pope Benedict's Message, which is available on our website: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

SERIES PAPER - 'WHERE DO WE STAND? WITH WHOM DO WE STAND?'

Paper no. 73 in the ACSJC's Catholic Social Justice Series is titled 'Where Do We Stand? With Whom Do We Stand? People with disability and the call of Jesus'. In it, authors Patrick McArdle and Patricia Mowbray explore the issue of disability and ask what we as Christians are called to do for our brothers and sisters. Too often, they say, those who live with a disability are ignored or shunned by our society. In fact, the authors argue, we all live in precarious and vulnerable situations and unless we appreciate and confront our own vulnerabilities and are willing to enter into true relationship with those living with disability, we will struggle to recognise them as fully human in the way Jesus did. (\$7.50 a copy, including postage)

(Catholic Social Justice Series papers: \$7.50 a copy, including postage)



This Month's Notices

NATIONAL

Until 14 July. NAIDOC Events. National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) celebrations are held around Australia to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The week is celebrated not just in the Indigenous communities but also in increasing numbers of government agencies, schools, local councils and workplaces. Resources, ideas, events: <http://www.naidoc.org.au/naidoc-events/>.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

1 - 5 July. Centre for Ecumenical Studies Winter School: 'Looking Beyond Division'. Introducing the study of Ecumenism. Speakers: Reverend Dr Michael Kinnamon, Visiting Professor of Ecumenical Collaboration in Interreligious Dialogue, Seattle University; Dr Tamara Grzelidze, Orthodox Church of Georgia, theologian, WCC Faith and Order Commission; etc. Cost: \$420-1600. Catholic Theological College. Contact: 02 6272 6213 or raywilliamson@csu.edu.au, RSVP by 8 June. Web: <http://www.acc-c.org.au/>.

2 July. Guinness & God: 'Femininity - A Catholic Perspective'. Guinness and God is a youth event, targeted at those aged 18-35. Speaker Renee Doyle has been involved in youth ministry for many years both in Australia and overseas. She spent over five years working with NET Ministries of Canada, where she served as the assistant program director and helped establish NET's ministry in Ireland. A wife and mother to two little boys, Renee also has a real heart for speaking truth to women and is one of the founders of the 'Imagine' women's movement in Brisbane. As a life coach and personal trainer, Renee has a passion to see people living beyond their expectation and discovering their God given potential. 6.30 - 9.00pm (live music by Brianna Thomas from 6.30pm). King O'Malley's Irish Pub, City Walk, Civic. For more details call (02) 6163 4300 or email youth_events@catholiclife.org.au. Web: <http://www.guinnessandgod.com/news/>

3 - 4 July. Workshop: 'Democratic Rights - Democratic Duties'. The Faculty of Arts at Charles Sturt University is holding a workshop on the topic of democratic citizenship. The event will bring together academics from Australia and from overseas, whose work focuses broadly on the meaning and nature of democracy. The conference will comprise seven sessions, over two days: each session will have a speaker and a respondent. Papers will cover topics such as political obligation, ethics of voting, just war theory, freedom of speech, human rights. Cost: full workshop \$40; one day \$20, dinner (on 3 July) \$65. The event will be held in the Pavilion Room at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall Street, Barton ACT. Contact pmoraro@csu.edu.au or register at: <http://democraticduties.wordpress.com/>

7 - 10 July. Freilich Foundation Biennial Winter School: 'Indigenous Issues: Past, Present and Future'. This course is for school teachers and other professionals working in Australian schools who wish to further broaden their understanding of issues that confront our understanding of Indigenous Australia. This school will explore the past (facts and myths), and question how it continues to shape the present, and the future both in negative and positive ways. Speakers: Professor Jon Altman, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, ANU; Professor William Gammage, Humanities Research Centre, ANU; Professor Desmond Manderson, Australian Research Council Future Fellow, ANU; etc. Cost: \$400-450. 1.00 pm, Sir Roland Wilson Building, McCoy Circuit, Australian National University. Book: <http://freilich.anu.edu.au/events>.

20 July. Dinner Address: 'My Christian walk: Let the process look after the scoreboard'. Nick Farr-Jones will deliver the 9th Annual St Thomas More Forum Lecture. In his address, Nick will link his football days and his Christian walk. It will encompass lessons learnt on the rugby field leading the Wallabies and his experiences in applying these lessons to his life with his family, business and his work in

the community. Cost: \$70 per person. 6.30 - 10.00pm, Canberra Southern Cross Club, 92-96 Corinna Street, Phillip. Contact (02) 6163 4300 or sharon.brewer@catholiclife.org.au. Web: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e7kp612k13707cb3&llr=bl9b6idab>

24, 31 July & 7, 14 August. Lecture Series: 'Prejudice, Reason and Understanding'.

Raimond Gaita, Emeritus Professor of Moral Philosophy, King's College London and Professorial Fellow in the Melbourne Law School and the Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne will be delivering the 2013 Eminent Lecturer Series exploring the ideal of a democratic politics as a conversation of citizens. Lectures 1 & 2 will be on the subject of 'Reason, Tone and Judgement'. Lecture 3 will be on the subject 'The Voice of the Academy in the Conversation of Citizens'. Lecture 4 will be 'The Idea of a Common Humanity and the place of International Law in the Conversation of Mankind'. The Freilich Foundation is hosting this event. No reservations required. 12.30pm - 1.30pm, Theatre of the Sir Roland Wilson Building, McCoy circuit, Australian National University, Canberra. Web: <http://freilich.anu.edu.au/events/eminent-lecturer-series>

NEW SOUTH WALES

1 July. Theology on Tap: 'Catholics Anonymous: The 12 Step Program to Heaven'. Guest speaker Fr Emmerich Vogt OP comes from the US. He has spent 29 years running retreats for Mother Teresa's Priests and Sisters in Calcutta and around the world. Fr Emmerich is an engaging and humorous presenter who combines common sense, positive psychology with a deep and practical spirituality. He understands our everyday struggles and the common destructive behaviours that trap many people and erode human relationships. Event starts from 6.30pm at the Commercial Hotel, 2 Hassall St. Parramatta.

3 - 6 July. Broken Bay Institute (BBI) International Speaker Series: 'Strangers, Migrants and Refugees in the Bible'. Whether for professional or personal development, this event is not to be missed by anyone who

cares about refugees and wishes to gain new perspectives and practical insights that will help you make a difference. Fr van Thanh Nguyen SVD, CTU, Chicago. Cost: \$500. 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills. Contact: 02 9847 0030 or bbi@catholic.edu.au. Web: www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/news-and-events/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=347.

5 - 7 July. Symposium: 'One mind, one heart without barriers: The movement of world peoples'. This symposium will look at the issue of refugees in the lead up to the election. Featuring international guest speaker, Fr van Thanh Nguyen, expert on the movement of peoples, from a Christian and Biblical perspective. Facilitators: Sister Libby Rogerson IBVM, Justice and Peace; Sandie Cornish, Director of Mission RSCJ. Cost: \$110. St Augustine's College, Alfred Rd, Brookvale. Contact: paul.wilson@augustinians.org.au.

10 July. Day Retreat: 'Sustaining Communities of Hope and Justice'. A workshop for clergy, ministers, leaders and community development workers from local churches and communities embodying the Kingdom message of Jesus. This is a professional development workshop with Wes Howard-Brook & Sue Ferguson Johnson and hosted by Pace e Bene Australia in collaboration with Uniting Mission and Education. Cost: \$95. 9.30am - 5.00pm at the Centre for Ministry, 16 Masons Drive, North Parramatta. Contact: 0438 281 017. Web: <http://www.paceebene.org.au/sydney/>

10 July. Public Meeting: 'War: What is it good for?' Speaker Vince Emanuele is a former US Marine of two tours to Iraq and now the organiser for the Michigan chapter of Veterans for Peace and serves on the national Board of Directors of Iraq Veterans Against the War. He returns to Australia to speak about the real and ongoing human cost of war and militarism, exemplified by the US and Australian military occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan. Vince connects the plight of returning veterans to the military-industrial complex highlights the long tradition of soldiers resisting participation in unjust wars. Organised by Stop the War Coalition, Marrickville Peace Group and StandFast. Suggestion entry donation

\$10. 6.30 for 7.00pm Gumbramorra Hall, 142 Addison Rd, Marrickville. Web: <http://stopwarcoalition.org/events/war-what-is-it-good-for-2/>

11 July. Human Rights Address: The impact of the internet on media standards. Prof Julian Disney AO, Chair of the Australian Press Council, will discuss the impacts of the internet on traditional media standards concerning news and comment. This includes impacts on accuracy, fairness and balance and on respect for core personal rights such as privacy and safety. Prof Disney has been the independent Chair of the Australian Press Council since 2009. He is also a Professor in the Law Faculty of the University of the New South Wales and the founder and national Chair of Anti-Poverty Week. Free event. 1.00 - 2.15pm, Australian Human Rights Commission, Level 3, 175 Pitt St, Sydney. RSVP to: <http://www.humanrights.gov.au/news/events/rightstalk-impact-internet-media-standards>

11 July. Public Lecture: 'Come Out, My People: God's Call Out of Empire'. As part of the National Inspiritor Tour, Pace e Bene presents this public lecture by Wes Howard-Brook on his book, 'Come Out, My People'. Cost: \$10. 7.00 - 9.00pm, Pitt Street Uniting Church, 264 Pitt St., Sydney. Contact: gill.burrows@ozburrows.com. Web: <http://www.paceebene.org.au/sydney/>

11 - 27 July. Exhibition: 'Faces of East Timor'. A celebration of art and photography supporting 'Future in Youth'. See exclusive works by Tony Amaral, Tristan Velasco and Dean Allen-Craig. Based in Baucau, Timor-Leste's second largest town, Future in Youth provides an intensive coaching training program to young East Timorese leaders. Dr Paul Callery and Dr Ross Smith, lecturers based at ACU Melbourne from the School of Exercise Science, started the Future in Youth program in 2010. Free entry. 11.00am - 4.00pm, Monday to Saturday, ACU McGlade Gallery, Strathfield Campus, 25A Barker Road, Strathfield. Web: http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/our_university/events/strathfield/faces_of_east_timor

15 August. Marist Youth Care (MYC) Charity Golf Day. Breakfast will be served from 7.00

am with briefing session at 7.30 am. You and your guests will tee off at 8.00 am and enjoy a game of Ambrose on the green before finishing up for a luncheon in 'Lilian's on Beaconsfield'. This golf day will raise funds for Pete's Place School, a program of MYC which supports Year 7-10 students with complex needs who have been unable to succeed in mainstream schools and are seeking to complete year 10. Cost: \$160. 7.00 am, Chatswood Golf Club. Contact: events@maristyc.com.au or 02 9672 9200. Web: <http://www.maristyc.com.au/how-to-help/events/11-uncategorised/136-2013-charity-golf-day>.

15 - 16 July. National Forum on Children and Young People from Refugee Backgrounds. This forum will showcase research, policy and practice from around Australia in relation to children and young people from refugee backgrounds. The forum has been structured to identify and discuss emerging issues in relation young people from refugee backgrounds in Australia and facilitate links between policy and practice. Speaker: Dr David Corlett, presenter, *Go Back to Where You Came From*. Cost: \$20-100. New Law Building (F10) Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney. Contact: 02 9351 0429 or law.events@sydney.edu.au. Book: <http://sydney.edu.au/news/law/457.html?eventid=10241>.

16 - 17 August. Council for Australian Catholic Women colloquium: 'Wisdom at the Gate - Radiant and Unfading'. Wisdom at the Gate aims to gather, connect and reenergise those who are responding to the issues of women's participation in our church within their local context. Speakers: Lyn Horner, Beth Nolan, Andrea Dean, etc. Cost: \$220-385. 9.00 am to 7.00 pm. Mary Mackillop Place, Mount St, North Sydney. Contact: 02 6201 9845. Book: <http://wisdomatthegate.org.au/>.

22 July. 'Tree of Life' performance. 'Tree of Life' tells the true life stories of young refugees from Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran and Serbia who attend Miller High School and Intensive English Centre, Liverpool Boys High School and Fairvale High School. It provides a powerful insight into the refugee experience as told by the children who experienced it. Cost: \$35, concession \$20. Ensemble Theatre, 78 McDougall St, Kirribilli. For performance

times and to book tickets, contact 02 9929 0644. Web: <http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/n/event.php>.

25 July. Human Rights Address: Stigma is still the number one issue. Former Premier of Western Australia and Director of the Graduate School of Government at the University of Sydney, a position he still holds, Prof Geoff Gallop will discuss how stigma remains the number one issue for individuals with mental health illness. It is a barrier for people who need to present for treatment not just because it distorts public perceptions of illness but also because it is often internalised by the sufferer. Free event. 1.00 - 2.15pm, Australian Human Rights Commission, Level 3, 175 Pitt St, Sydney. RSVP to: <http://www.humanrights.gov.au/news/events/rightstalk-stigma-still-number-one-issue>

26 - 28 July. Retreat, 'Resistance and Contemplation: Following the Way of Jesus'. As part of the National Inspiritor Tour, Pace e Bene is hosting a weekend retreat directed by Wes Howard-Brook and Sue Ferguson Johnson. As authors, activists, spiritual directors and educators, Wes and Sue will explore the journey of resistance and contemplation. The retreat starts with Friday dinner and ends Sunday after lunch. Cost: \$295 (single room with ensuite). The Hermitage, Old South Road, Mittagong. Contact: (02) 9922-2927. Web: <http://www.paceebene.org.au/sydney/>

QUEENSLAND

5 - 19 July. Caritas Fundraiser: The Run to Better Days. 15 days, 1400 kms, 22 young athletes. This initiative was started by a group of medical students from James Cook University and aims to generate action towards the fight to end global poverty. In July this year, Coordinator Daniel Charles and his team will run, in relay format, roughly 1400 km down the Queensland coast from Mackay to the Gold Coast in a bid to fundraise for Caritas Australia and to inspire young people to take action against global poverty. Along the way, they will be stopping to give presentations in schools, community organisations and universities, challenging young people throughout Queensland to consider that Australians can and should do more for

the world's poorest people. Web: <http://runtobetterdays.wordpress.com/>.

8 July. NAIDOC Flag Raising. Sunshine Coast Council is presenting this event to recognise the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the Sunshine Coast community. The ceremony also acknowledges NAIDOC Week Celebrations. 10.00 am Nambour forecourt, outside Nambour Library. Morning tea served after the ceremony.

21 July. Mabo Oration 2013. Aboriginal Sovereignty - Redefining native title as the inalienable right to hold and develop our lands, territories and resources. Join speaker Les Malezer, co-chair of the National Congress of Australia's First People, to pay tribute to the work of Eddie Mabo and examine current issues facing Australia's First Nations' Peoples. The Mabo Oration 2013 will also include commentary by Fr Frank Brennan and a performance by Brisbane local and Triple J Unearthed artist Thelma Plum. 5.00 pm, the Playhouse, Queensland Performing Arts Centre, Corner of Grey and Melbourne Streets, South Bank. For further information and to make a booking, visit: http://www.qpac.com.au/event/Mabo_Oration_13.aspx

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

8 July. Port Augusta NAIDOC Opening Ceremony. The Committee of Port Augusta NAIDOC 2013 welcomes all to join them in officially launching NAIDOC 2013. The event commences with a free Community Breakfast from 8.00 am followed by the Official Flag Raising Ceremony and speeches by renowned local celebrities. The local Aboriginal Radio Station - Umeewarra Media (89.1fm) will be broadcasting live from the Opening Ceremony. 8.00am - 12.00 noon. Gladstone Square Central Business District Port Augusta. Contact clintondadleh@flinderscrest.com.au.

TASMANIA

Until 13 July. Exhibition: 'Island Cultures'. Island Cultures is an exhibition by Tasmanian artists Rex Greeno and Will Stackhouse and curated by Lola Greeno. Rex Greeno will give an artist talk 13 July at 3.00 pm. Gallery

opening times: Wednesdays to Fridays - 12.00 noon to 5.00pm, Saturday - 12.00 to 4.00 pm. Sawtooth ARI Level 2, 160 Cimitiere Street, Launceston. Contact: sawtoothari@gmail.com or lola.greeno@bigpond.com. Web: www.sawtooth.org

VICTORIA

Until 28 July. Afghanistan Exhibition: Hidden Treasures from the National Museum, Kabul. This exhibition, with more than 230 priceless treasures, some thousands of years old, offers a rare opportunity to discover the extraordinarily rich culture that is Afghanistan. Cost: \$24, concession \$16. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, Melbourne Museum, 11 Nicholson St, Carlton. Contact: 13 11 02. Web: <http://museumvictoria.com.au>.

3 July. Public lecture: 'Asylum: A Community of Nations?' Dr Savitri Taylor is an Associate Professor in the Law School at La Trobe University. Her research focus over the past 20 years has been on refugee law and asylum policy at the national, regional and international level. Deepening political instability in many regions of the earth, compounded by the effects of climate change, will probably cause more people to be uprooted than were uprooted last century. Strong nations are likely to protect themselves in ways that become increasingly brutal, testing the relevance and authority of international law. Dr Taylor considers new ways to respond morally, legally and politically to the fact that mere luck ensures that some people enjoy the fruits of the earth while others suffer the miseries of the damned. Free event. Register at <http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/melbourne-law-school/news-and-events/news-and-events-details/diaryid/7068>. 7.00 - 8.30pm, Melbourne Law School, 185 Pelham Street, Carlton. Contact: law-events@unimelb.edu.au or (03) 9035 1111.

3 July. Public lecture: 'The Future of Working Conditions'. Will the workplace, the 9-to-5 working day and working for a single employer become a relic of the past? What are the new opportunities these changes present for employees and employers to improve working life? What are the risks in

terms of increasing insecure forms of work and the polarisation of job opportunities and earnings? This presentation will look at the way technology, globalisation, and demographic change are rapidly transforming the way in which we work in the 21st century. The speakers are Ged Kearney, President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, Innes Willox, Chief Executive of the Australian Industry Group, and Bill Harley, Professor of Human Resource Management in the Faculty of Business and Economics at the University of Melbourne. Free event. 6.00 - 8.00pm, Theatre 230, Graduate School of Education, 234 Queensberry Street, University of Melbourne, Carlton. Contact: georgina.cahill@unimelb.edu.au or (03) 8344 8550. Web: <http://events.unimelb.edu.au/events/3127-the-future-of-working-conditions>

4 July. Cultured Cafe. Held once a month on Thursday, Cultured Cafe promises good food, fun, and entertainment with friends. It starts straight after Holy Hour. The guest speaker on 4 July is Dr Maureen O'Connell who is a lay theologian, author and professor at Fordham University. Her latest book focuses on the power of community art in bringing about social justice. The evening will consider how art, faith and culture intersect and contribute to our communities. Cost: \$5. 7.30 - 9.30pm, Cardinal Knox Centre (Cnr Landsdowne St and Albert Street) East Melbourne. Contact aoy@cam.org.au or (03) 9412 3300. Web: <http://www.cam.org.au/youth/Get-Involved/-CulturED-Cafe>

18 July. Conference: Citizenship - What does it mean for people with a disability?

Paradigm to Empowerment presents a one day workshop covering the topics: Citizenship and Leadership - what are the barriers for people with a disability; The Community Imperative; How do we cross the divide between service life to community life?; Person Centred Planning; The Abundant Community - how people can use their gifts to make community connections and contributions of citizenship; Making a life by making a living - explores why we feel people with a disability are excused from working. This workshop is for families who have a member with a disability, support workers, team leaders and managers. The

facilitator, Annette Axen, has been part of the disability community for many years in varied positions using Person Centred Approaches. Cost: Professionals \$100, Families \$50. 9.00am - 3.00pm, Bendigo YWCA Building, 20 Townsend St, Flora Hill. Web: http://www.field.org.au/infocast13/field/ccllj/citizen_flyer.pdf

26 July. Catholic Social Services Victoria Annual Dinner. CSSV invites members and friends to their annual dinner. It is an opportunity for the Catholic social services community to celebrate their work and to strengthen the links within the community of service. This dinner will also provide the opportunity to honour Bernie Geary OAM with life membership of CSSV. Bernie is Principal Commissioner for Children and Young People in Victoria and has for many decades been a champion for young people, through youth outreach work, policy advising, advocacy and leadership. He was a founder of the Brosnan Centre, CEO of Jesuit Social Services and a Council member of Catholic Social Services Victoria. Cost: \$85. 6.45 for 7.30pm, 'Leonda', 2 Wallen Road, Hawthorn. RSVP by 19 July. Contact: (03) 9287 5566 or Lucia.Brick@css.org.au. Bookings & payments: www.trybooking.com/CVZH

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2 July. Economics Conference: 'Freedom to Choose: The Economics of Government Failure'. The speakers will consider how and why the costs of government failure can be substantial. Government intervention to resolve market failures may often fail to achieve an efficient allocation of resources.

Speakers will make reference to Australian and international cases where the diagnosis of market failure may be accurate, but the recommendations and policies designed to correct such failures are inappropriate. Speakers will examine how both microeconomic and macroeconomic policies of various kinds may actually produce unintended, negative results and considerable resource wastage.

The conference is sponsored by the Mannkal Economic Education Foundation and The University of Notre Dame. Cost: \$50-100. Fremantle Campus, University of Notre Dame. Contact: dhoare@nd.edu.au. RSVP by 18 June.

Web: <http://www.nd.edu.au/fremantle/schools/business/freedomtochoose2013>.

News Monitor

Pope says 'throwaway culture' harms environment and life

Pope Francis blamed widespread degradation of the natural environment and disregard for human life on an increasingly common "throwaway culture" that places no value on the needs of others, reported the Catholic News Service.

Pope renews appeal for peace in Syria

Pope Francis renewed his call for peace in Syria and vowed that the Church will not abandon the country's people. In an address to humanitarian groups dealing with the Syrian crisis, prior to a Wednesday general audience, the Pope said: "In the face of ongoing and overwhelming violence, I strongly renew my appeal for peace," reported The Catholic

Herald.

Housing help proposal for homeless

Inroads into the 2008 White Paper's target of halving homelessness by 2020 could be made simply by providing more affordable housing, experts have argued in a forum on homelessness run by the St Vincent de Paul Society in Canberra, reported the Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn.

Vatican demands better protection for refugees

The world's governments must give "absolute priority" to the fundamental human rights of refugees, the Vatican insisted in a new document released during the month, reported Ucanews.

Caritas chief heartened by meeting with Pope Francis

A meeting with Pope Francis last month heartened the chief executive of Caritas Australia Jack de Groot, reported The Catholic Weekly. On the other side of the world, a program organised by Caritas given Notre Dame students the experience of a lifetime in Peru.

Art exhibition by asylum seekers goes on show

For the first time, the Jesuit Refugee Service's annual art exhibition to mark World Refugee Day went on public exhibition, in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs, reported the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

Australian religious leaders urge bipartisan support for climate change

Prominent Australian religious leaders from five diverse traditions called for urgent action on climate change to help avert global warming, the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change said in a media statement.

CEO sleepout tonight prompts calls for action on homeless

More than 1200 CEOs and business leaders slept out across Australia in support of the 2013 Vinnies CEO Sleepout, reported The Catholic Weekly.

- For details click on headlines or go to <http://cathnews.com/archives/cath-news-archive> (1-17 June stories not available)



Social Justice Calendar

- 1 Mon** 2012: The Fair Work Amendment (TCF Industry) Act 2011 commenced, ensuring fair pay and conditions for outworkers in the garment industry
Tartan Day
- 5 Fri** 1935: Birth of Dalai Lama - awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989
- 6 Sat** International Day of Cooperatives
- 7 Sun** Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday
NAIDOC Week begins
1945: Blessed Peter To Rot - killed in Papua New Guinea, recognised as a martyr
- 9 Tue** Ramadan commences
- 10 Wed** 1985: Sinking of Greenpeace ship Rainbow Warrior in Auckland
- 11 Thu** World Population Day
- 12 Fri** 1971: Aboriginal Flag first flown in Adelaide
- 14 Sun** Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Apostleship of the Sea

- 1995: Aboriginal Flag and Torres Strait Islander Flag proclaimed official flags of Australia
- 16 Tue 1945: First Atomic bomb detonated in New Mexico
- 18 Thu 1918: Birth of Nelson Mandela
- 20 Sat 1969: First moon landing accomplished by Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin and Michael Collins
- 21 Sun Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 22 Mon St Mary Magdalene
- 26 Fri 1833: Emancipation Bill approved, abolishing slavery throughout the British Empire
Schools Tree Day
- 28 Sun Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
National Tree Day
National Missing Persons Week begins
- 30 Tue International Day of Friendship

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

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