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Dear Friends,

The Social Justice Statement for 2016–17, *A Place at the Table*, challenges Australians to think about the social justice issues related to the ageing of the population.

The demographic shifts in the population have been considered over decades. This is not an issue that has emerged overnight. With other advanced economies around the world, we share common experiences of falling birthrates, smaller families and a reduced number of people in the workforce compared to those reaching the traditional retirement age.

This demographic shift has significant implications across a whole range of policy areas and at all levels of government – from taxation and retirement savings to spending in health and aged care services, from labour market and industrial relations to town planning, transport and housing policies.

Our nation has had more than enough time to prepare for a significant increase in the number of older Australians. In this sense, we should not be shocked by the statistics of an ageing demographic. The cohort of ‘baby boomers’ approaching retirement age has been on the radar since the 80s and advances in medicine and technology have greatly increased the health and vitality of older generations.

Policies such as compulsory superannuation, the expansion of community and residential aged care, the promotion of ‘active ageing’ and work beyond retirement are just some indications of a society planning for the future. Of course, such initiatives need always to ensure that the more vulnerable members of the community are also beneficiaries and not allowed to fall through the system.

Older unemployed workers, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples experiencing the huge gap in wealth and longevity compared to non-Indigenous people, women with low-income and negligible retirement savings, older people who are homeless – these are just some of the groups who will carry the burden of poverty into retirement if the nation’s policies lack the essential ingredient of distributive justice.

There are some incidents and trends that remain truly shocking and cause us to question whether we as a society are yet prepared to value, respect and adequately care for those most in need.

At the end of July, the ABC’s *7.30 Report* [ran a story](#) on the abuse of a resident of a retirement home who had end-stage dementia. Being unable to communicate, the man’s daughter noticed changes in her father’s demeanour and decided to hide a camera in her father’s room.

The footage is disturbing.

While this kind of treatment is not endemic, it does occur. And it gives cause for us to raise our awareness of the real threat of elder abuse both in institutional care and in our communities.

In their Social Justice Statement, the bishops call on us to challenge ‘ageism’ which stereotypes older people as being dependent, incapable or a burden on society. They say ‘the human dignity of older

people is undermined when the wishes of a person are overlooked, their decision-making power is curtailed or their basic rights infringed’.

Ageism can be seen in older people being disregarded in family consultations about treatment, or described as ‘blocking’ hospital beds, being too demanding over standards of care in residential settings, or as just another task on an overloaded community care roster. These attitudes can so easily develop into situations of elder abuse.

The Statement notes a recent Senate Community Affairs Inquiry that found residential care and aged care residents are ‘particularly vulnerable to violence, abuse and neglect due to their age, frailty and specific disabilities such as dementia’. The report also noted that elder financial abuse is a growing problem in the community.

The bishops state, ‘Elder abuse typically occurs out of sight and is often perpetrated by family members. Frequently it involves emotional abuse and the improper use of the older person’s assets and finances. One study from Victoria found over one-third of clients of a seniors advisory service alleged they had been subject to financial abuse, including theft, coercion, misuse of power of attorney documents and receiving fraudulent bills. A similar proportion reported psychological abuse, including verbal abuse, bullying and threats of harm. Significantly, more than 70 per cent of victims were women’.

The bishops join with Pope Francis in challenging indifference and contempt for old age and the ‘throw-away’ culture that views people only in terms of their utility and casts them aside if they have no productive value or are regarded as a financial burden on families, communities or institutions. They emphasise how ‘each and every person is created in the image of God’. They say ‘this is the basis of our worth and dignity. Even in our weakness, our fragility and decline, the image of God still shines in our eyes and we remain his beloved daughters and sons’.

This fundamental truth underpins our defence of older people who are frail and vulnerable. We must ensure that no policy or public debate ever casts these citizens as a burden or as rivals to younger generations.

The 2016–17 Social Justice Statement, *A Place at the Table*, will be launched on 6 September during the annual meeting of the Australasian Catholic Press Association.

Social Justice Sunday falls on 25 September. The Statement will be accompanied by prayer cards, a ‘ten steps’ leaflet, and a PowerPoint presentation that can be downloaded from the ACSJC website.

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

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

John Ferguson



Current Issues/Resources August 2016

ALZHEIMER'S AUSTRALIA – Welcome pledge to help combat elder abuse

On 15 June, as we entered the final period of the election campaign, Federal Attorney-General George Brandis announced a \$15 million package to combat elder abuse. The measures would include the establishment of a national elder abuse hotline, training for frontline staff, a study into the prevalence of elder abuse and a national awareness campaign to shift attitudes. To read the media statement, visit [here](#).

DISCUSSION PAPER: Preventing Financial Abuse of People with Dementia

This 2014 discussion paper by Alzheimer's Australia NSW examines how financial abuse of people with dementia occurs and what can be done to prevent it. Researchers found that much financial abuse is perpetrated within families and that a considerable proportion of financial abuse of people with dementia is perpetrated by people appointed as an attorney under an Enduring Power of Attorney not acting in the interests of the person with dementia. People with dementia, particularly those who live alone, are susceptible to exploitation and abuse by neighbours and friends who prey on their vulnerability. The research has implications for many stakeholders including lawyers, police, banks and community services. To access this report, visit [here](#).

HOLY FATHER appalled by TERRORIST ATTACKS

Pope Francis has sent condolences to Archbishop Lebrun of Rouen following the murder of Fr. Jacques Hamel. A message delivered by the Secretary of State reads: 'Informed of the hostage-taking in the church of Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray, which has caused the death of a priest and in which one of the hostages has been gravely injured, His Holiness Pope Francis assures you of his spiritual closeness and joins in prayer with the suffering of the families and with the pain of the parish and the diocese of Rouen. He implores God, Father of mercy, to welcome Fr. Jacques Hamel in the peace of His light, and comfort the injured person. The Holy Father is particularly troubled to learn that this act of violence took place in a church, during Mass, a liturgical act that implores of God His peace on earth. He asks the Lord to inspire in all thoughts of reconciliation and fraternity in this new trial, and to extend to everyone the abundance of His blessings'. [[LINK](#)]

On 15 July, a telegram was sent to Bishop André Marceau of Nice, following the attack in which 84 people lost their lives and more than one hundred were injured: 'As France was celebrating her national holiday, the country was again struck by blind violence, this time in Nice, claiming many victims, including children. Once again condemning such acts, His Holiness Pope Francis expresses his profound sadness and his spiritual closeness to the French people. He entrusts to the mercy of God those who have lost their life, and joins fully in the suffering of the families afflicted. He expresses his sympathy with the injured, as well as with all those who involved in the rescue efforts, and asks that the Lord support all of them in their grief. Imploring of God the gift of peace and harmony, he invokes divine blessings upon the mourning families and all France'. [[LINK](#)]

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES – YEAR OF PRAYER

'Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me' (Psalm 51:10). A change of heart is so needed in this world of tears. Our context calls us to deeper prayer: the continual terrorism against innocent people; crimes of violence; loveless discourse in public life; the effects of hopelessness amidst poverty ... and much else. The new Board of the National Council of Churches (NCCA) met for the first time on the day many Christians remember Mary Magdalene: healed by Jesus, she followed Him to

the Cross and then was at the tomb, faithful and grieving, thus to witness 'Christ is Risen'. In Resurrection faith, the first resolve of our NCCA Board is to call us to a Year of Prayer. Perhaps around noon each day, we might pray: 'Create in me a clean heart O God. And put a new and right spirit within me'. At every level this cleaner and purer heart is needed: in ourselves, our NCCA Churches, our nation, our whole human family on this beautiful earth in the vastness of God's creation. To find out more, visit [here](#).

ACMRO MIGRANT AND REFUGEE KIT

Migrant and Refugee Sunday will be celebrated on 28 August. This year marks the 102nd anniversary of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. As part of the celebrations, the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office has prepared the annual Migrant and Refugee Kit. The purpose of the kit is to help schools and parishes to prepare celebrations for Migrant and Refugee Sunday. The kit reflects on the theme *Migrants and Refugees Challenge Us – The response of the Gospel of Mercy*, as outlined by Pope Francis in his message for Migrant and Refugee Day 2016. It also coincides with Migrant and Refugee Week which runs from 22 to 28 August 2016. The kit is available to download and print [here](#).

2016 UNHCR GLOBAL TRENDS: FORCED DISPLACEMENT IN 2015.

UNHCR, the Refugee Agency of the United Nations, has released its annual report on forced displacement of peoples worldwide. It reports that wars and persecution have driven more people from their homes than at any time since its records began. The report shows that a total of 65.3 million people were displaced at the end of 2015, compared to 59.5 million just 12 months earlier. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees says: 'At sea, a frightening number of refugees and migrants are dying each year. On land, people fleeing war are finding their way blocked by closed borders.' The report is available [here](#).

ONLINE RESOURCE: GLOBAL SLAVERY INDEX 2016.

In 2016, it is estimated that 45.8 million people are in some form of modern slavery in 167 countries. This estimate draws on data from random sample, nationally representative surveys conducted by Gallup. The countries with the highest estimated prevalence of modern slavery by the proportion of their population are North Korea, Uzbekistan, Cambodia, India, and Qatar. Those countries with the highest absolute numbers of people in modern slavery are India, China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Uzbekistan. For more information, visit [here](#).

ONLINE RESOURCE: GLOBAL PEACE INDEX 2016.

The tenth edition of the Global Peace Index (GPI) finds that many countries are at record high levels of peacefulness, while the bottom 20 countries have progressively become much less peaceful. This creates increased levels of inequality in global peace, and the gap between the most-peaceful and least-peaceful countries continues to widen. For more information, visit [here](#).

STATEMENT: WORLD CONGRESS AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY.

On 23 June, the 6th World Congress Against the Death Penalty issued a Final Declaration that notes how both terrorist threats and drug trafficking are the major pretext for the retention and application of the death penalty. Major offenders are Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, the United States and China. The penalty if still applied to minors, people with disabilities, and people of minority status. The Declaration calls for a range of groups to act. To retentionist states it calls for: a reduction of the scope of crimes punishable by death; abolition of the penalty being applied to minors; the implementation of a

moratorium on death sentences and executions; provide adequate legal representation to poor people exposed to such a sentence. The Declaration can be accessed [here](#). Visit the Congress [website](#).

REPORT: 'WE WILL LOSE EVERYTHING'

A new report has just been issued by the Brisbane Archdiocesan Catholic Justice and Peace Commission. It presents findings on a fact finding mission undertaken by Mr Peter Arndt and Sr Susan Connelly rsj to the Indonesian provinces of Papua and West Papua in February. Based on over 250 interviews with community leaders in Jayapura, Merauke, Timika and Sorong, the report reveals how Papuans are becoming a small minority in their own land, living with unrelenting intimidation and brutality at the hands of the Indonesian Government's security apparatus together with rapidly growing economic and social marginalisation. There is a call for urgent action to stop the violence and to secure an international commitment to give the people of West Papua a genuine opportunity to freely determine their future. To download the report, visit [here](#).

ETIKO – WEAR NO EVIL

Etiko was established at the end of 2005 to sell sportsballs, clothing & footwear, that were produced without children or poor workers being ripped off in a developing country. Etiko has achieved quite a bit for a small operation based in the outer south east suburbs of Melbourne. Some of these achievements include: the first non-food brand to gain fairtrade certification; the first eco-friendly range of footwear; support for worker owned co-operatives in Argentina and the creation of more than 300 micro businesses in Pakistan. Etiko P/L is committed to being 100% Fair Trade – It aims to supply customers with high quality products, friendly and efficient service, and education of Fair Trade and environmentally sustainable solutions. Consider talking to your local schools about purchasing sports material from Etiko. Find out more about the [Etiko store](#).

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK: 16 – 22 OCTOBER 2016

Poverty and severe hardship affect more than a million Australians. Around the world, more than a billion people are desperately poor. In Anti-Poverty Week, YOU can help fight poverty and hardship! Anti-Poverty Week is a week where all Australians are encouraged to organise or take part in an activity aiming to highlight or overcome issues of poverty and hardship here in Australia or overseas. It was established in Australia as an expansion of the UN's annual International Anti-Poverty Day on October 17. The main aims are to: strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia; and, encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems, including action by individuals, communities, organisations and governments. Everyone is encouraged to help reduce poverty and hardship by organising an activity during the Week or taking part in an activity organised by others. To find out more, visit the [website](#).

FUNDRAISING – JUBILEE AUSTRALIA

Rio Tinto is out of Bougainville! The courageous campaign from the people of Bougainville to say 'never again' to the mine that sparked the country's bloodiest war has prevailed. But the next phase is crucial, as Rio must not be let off the hook without being held accountable for the toxic environmental legacy their operations have caused. Jubilee Australia is seeking your support in their efforts to have Rio clean up the mess. To find out more, visit [here](#). To make a donation, [click here](#).

ACSJC Publications August 2016

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2016–2017 – ORDER NOW!

This year's Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement is entitled 'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an Ageing Society'. 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 [here](#).

Complementary Resources

The ACSJC website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) will have resources available for download free of charge before Social Justice Sunday. They will include Social Justice Sunday Liturgy Notes, a PowerPoint presentation and community and education resources.

Prayer Cards and 'Ten Steps' leaflets can be ordered from the ACSJC on (02) 8306 3499 or by email: admin@acsjc.org.au

Promotion

The Bishops would welcome promotion of the Statement in the weeks leading up to Social Justice Sunday. A possible entry in your parish bulletin or newsletter could be:

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 25 September.

This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society'.

The Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognise their significant contribution to society and emphasises that this contribution should not be valued in mere economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable.

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.

DISCUSSION GUIDES: DIGNITY AND WORK 2016

The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council has issued three short discussion guides that address critical issues concerning justice for Australia's most vulnerable workers or for those who confront the reality of unemployment. These vital aspects of work and dignity in our country address: the inadequate levels of income support offered to people who are unemployed; the risk that penalty rates will be cut for vulnerable workers; and the increasing intrusion of work demands into family time and weekends. We encourage you to promote these documents in your networks and publications. We hope that they will be a valuable resource for anyone who wants to be informed about the Church's commitment to justice and fulfilment in the workplace. The discussion guides can be accessed [here](#).

SERIES PAPER 78 – 'PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST: PASTORAL LETTERS FOR THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER 2010-2015.'

In the latest Catholic Social Justice Series, the ACSJC has brought together a collection of the Pastoral Letters issued by Bishop Christopher Saunders. *Putting People First: Pastoral Letters for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker 2010-2015*, provides an invaluable record of the significant issues relating to work and justice in that five-year period: the global financial crisis; the Northern Territory 'intervention' and the future of remote communities; the Insecure Work inquiry of the ACTU; and the public outcry at the

inadequacy of allowances for the unemployed and sole parents. The letters include succinct and accurate summaries of the arguments with sufficient, reliable statistics. Professor Paul Smyth provides an extensive [introduction](#) to the series paper.

DISCUSSION GUIDE: 2016 WORLD DAY OF PEACE MESSAGE

The theme for the 49th World Day of Peace Message from Pope Francis is *Overcome Indifference and Win Peace*. Pope Francis' message is a heartfelt plea to us all to engage with the world around us, not to turn our backs on suffering and injustice, and 'not to lose hope in our human ability to conquer evil and to combat resignation and indifference'. He highlights the responsibilities we share, not simply as individuals but as a society. If we are to honour the spirit of this Jubilee of Mercy – and the presence of a God who cares about us and will not abandon us – we need to show genuine and practical concern for the most vulnerable among us. The ACSJC has prepared a Discussion Guide for the papal message, which is available on our [website](#):

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2015–2016: AVAILABLE AGAIN

This year's Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement is entitled 'For Those Who've Come Across the Seas: Justice for refugees and asylum seekers'. Due to overwhelming demand the original print run sold out, but the document has been reprinted and is now available. We have also reprinted the 'Ten Steps' leaflet that accompanies the Statement.

PDF and Word versions of the Statement can be downloaded from the ACSJC website. On the ACSJC website you will also find a range of print and multimedia resources – available [here](#).

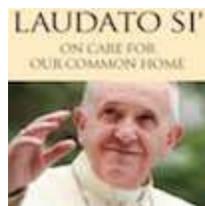
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BUILDING BRIDGES

The book, *Building Bridges: Social Justice Statements from Australia's Bishops 1988 to 2013*, brings the Statements together in an attractive and readable format. The publication is fully indexed, making this an exceptional resource for education and research. It offers an invaluable insight into Catholic social teaching brought to life in an Australian context over the past 26 years. This collection is a vital resource for anyone interested in the Church's teaching on justice. It is of special interest to schools and universities and to parish and diocesan groups.

Building Bridges is available from the ACSJC for \$35.00 per copy including postage anywhere in Australia. Order forms are available [here](#).

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



News Monitor August 2016

[Refugees make Olympic history thanks to help from Caritas](#)

28-Jul-2016

Two Congolese athletes granted official refugee status in Brazil with the help of Caritas Rio de Janeiro are to make history as part of the first refugee team to compete in an Olympic Games, reports The Tablet.

[Safe Haven appeal to combat domestic violence](#)

28-Jul-2016

The Sisters of Charity have launched the Safe Haven appeal to help victims of family and domestic violence.

[Caritas welcomes inquiry into juvenile detention](#)

27-Jul-2016

Caritas Australia has welcomed Prime Minister's announcement of a Royal Commission to investigate the evidence in Monday night's Four Corners program about juvenile detention in the Northern Territory.

[Desperate Venezuelans turn to the Church for basic foods](#)

26-Jul-2016

Venezuela's deepening economic crisis has prompted Catholics to turn to the Church for basic foods but it does not have enough donations to help everyone, reports the Catholic News Service/Crux.

[Hear the voters: Growing inequality matters](#)

20-Jul-2016

The July election has thrown our political parties into disarray but, in my view, some commentators misread the causes of the public's disaffection with the main parties, writes Fr Bruce Duncan CSsR in The Good Oil.

[Catholic Earthcare to bring Australian voice to WYD](#)

19-Jul-2016

Catholic Earthcare Australia will take in an Eco-Village promoting Pope Francis's encyclical Laudato Si' during this year's World Youth Day event in Kraków, Poland.

[Mercy and love deliver social justice in an ageing society](#)

19-Jul-2016

The Social Justice statement for 2016-2017, to be released on September 6, will be titled A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society, ACBC president Archbishop Denis Hart has announced.

[Scottish Bishops call for end to Trident program](#)

18-Jul-2016

The Catholic Bishops of Scotland have called on the British government to take "decisive and courageous steps" toward ridding the country of nuclear weapons, Catholic News Service reports.

[MacKillop philosophy drives school social justice](#)

15-Jul-2016

Mary MacKillop's philosophy of never seeing a need without doing something to help is a key driver behind social justice programs in Catholics, according to Catholic Education CEO Stephen Elder, reports the Star Weekly.

[Scientists discuss the key issues for Laudato Si'](#)

14-Jul-2016

Scientists and religious leaders from 15 countries and eight denominations met at the Shrine of Torreciudad in Spain where they launched an ambitious Declaration on the Environment, notes Rome Reports.

[Bougainville bishop pleads for reconciliation towards peace](#)

12-Jul-2016

Bishop Bernard Unabali of Bougainville has called on the people of the island to see reconciliation as means for bringing peace, Wontokniuspepa reports.

[Respect indigenous peoples: Pope Francis](#)

10-Jul-2016

Pope Francis has dedicated the month of July to praying for the world's indigenous peoples, asking specifically in his new prayer video that their identity and cultural traditions be respected.

[TJHC CEO: Voters are wounded by economic inequality](#)

10-Jul-2016

The wash-up from the Federal election echoes that from after the Brexit vote in the UK - voter disenchantment and protest, writes Francis Sullivan on ABC Ethics.

[Placing indigenous prison rates on the national agenda](#)

10-Jul-2016

When I was on ABC radio in Alice Springs lamenting new bail laws in the Northern Territory which would result in even more young Aboriginal men being taken away from their Songlines, the interviewer asked what business it was of mine, writes Fr Frank Brennan in The Age.

[ACU opening doors for indigenous women](#)

08-Jul-2016

When Stephanie Archibald had her two children, the midwives who attended the birth were so wonderful, she was inspired to switch from studying for a science degree to a Bachelor of Midwifery at Australian Catholic University. The eRecord has the story.

[Mirabile Dictu: Films about Erbil, Lampedusa recognised](#)

07-Jul-2016

The Mirabile Dictu International Catholic Film Festival has announced its list of winners. They are filmmakers, journalists, and visual artists whose works add something special to the industry.

[Start with small gestures for the poor](#)

07-Jul-2016

Pope Francis met on Wednesday with a large group of French pilgrims from the ATD Fourth World movement, including very poor and homeless people supported by the Sappel community.

[Send a message to PM: Caritas](#)

06-Jul-2016

As Australia waits to find out the final make-up of our 45th Parliament, one thing remains clear and unchanged – that no matter who our next Federal government will be, Australians want a fairer world, says Caritas Australia.

[Major parties ignored West Papua human rights violations](#)

04-Jul-2016

Brisbane archdiocese's Justice and Peace Commission has called on Australia's major political parties to end their double standards on human rights advocacy in the Asia-Pacific region, The Catholic Leader reports.

– courtesy cathnews.com



Social Justice Diary August 2016

August 2016

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| 1 | Mon | National Homeless Persons Week begins 2010: Convention on Cluster Munitions came into effect - ACSJC resources on Peacebuilding |
| 2 | Tue | 1965: First Indo-Chinese refugees allowed to settle in Australia READ MORE ↓ |
| 3 | Wed | |
| 4 | Thu | National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day - ACSJC resources on Justice for Indigenous People |
| 5 | Fri | |
| 6 | Sat | 1945: Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima - ACSJC resources on Peacebuilding |
| 7 | Sun | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time National Vocation Awareness Week begins |
| 8 | Mon | St Mary MacKillop |
| 9 | Tue | International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples - ACSJC resources on Justice for Indigenous People 1945: Atomic Bomb dropped on Nagasaki - ACSJC resources on Peacebuilding |
| 10 | Wed | |
| 11 | Thu | |
| 12 | Fri | <i>International Youth Day</i> |

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| 13 | Sat | |
| 14 | Sun | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 15 | Mon | Assumption of Mary |
| 16 | Tue | 1975: Wave Hill Station, NT, returned to the Gurindji People - ACSJC resources on Justice for Indigenous People |
| 17 | Wed | |
| 18 | Thu | St Alberto Hurtado SJ Vietnam Veterans Day - ACSJC resources on Peacebuilding |
| 19 | Fri | World Humanitarian Day 2007: Beginning of protests led by Buddhist monks in Burma |
| 20 | Sat | |
| 21 | Sun | Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 22 | Mon | |
| 23 | Tue | <i>International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition</i> - ACSJC resources on Trade Justice |
| 24 | Wed | |
| 25 | Thu | |
| 26 | Fri | 2001: MV Tampa rescued 433 asylum seekers from a sinking vessel. Australian Government sent troops to prevent disembarkation - ACSJC resources on Refugees |
| 27 | Sat | 1999: Death of Dom Helder Camara |
| 28 | Sun | Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Refugee and Migrant Sunday - ACSJC resources on Refugees READ MORE ↓ |

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| 29 | Mon | <i>International Day Against Nuclear Tests</i> - ACSJC resources on Peacebuilding |
| 30 | Tue | <i>International Day of the Victims of Forced Disappearances</i> READ MORE ↓ For more information. |
| 31 | Wed | |