

NEWS

FIRST NATION COMMUNITIES CONTINUE TO BE LEFT BEHIND

[First Nations communities continue to be left behind](#) when it comes to health and housing and is brought into unbearably sharp relief by the present pandemic crisis. Please click on the link to read the article published on *Eureka Street*, written by Michele Madigan RSJ, a South Australian Sister of St Joseph who has been involved with Aboriginal people in various places in SA for many years.

UNANIMA International

[Read UNANIMA's Statement on the Impact of COVID-19](#) on people, specifically women and children, experiencing family homelessness and poverty.

COLUMBAN MID-YEAR APPEAL 2020

As the world faces the daily challenge of managing the spread of the Coronavirus, the Columbans continue to work in countries where the virus is rampant. The people are poor, isolated and have little or no access to medical assistance. Click on the link if you would like to [donate to the Columban Mid-Year Appeal](#).

ACU CAMPUS MINISTRY 'GOES ONLINE' TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

ACU's Vice President, Anthony Casamento CSMA, launched [ACU Campus Ministry's microsite](#) - a dedicated resource for ACU students and staff providing on-going pastoral care and spiritual wellbeing of the ACU community even when staff and students are not on campus. Read more in the [media statement](#).

CRAGC: CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCE AND NEEDS IN RELIGIOUS LIFE IN AUSTRALIA IN 2020

The proposal for CRA Council to be appointed to the role of *Commissary* is a response to current circumstances and trends within religious life in Australia which need to be acknowledged, addressed and planned for. Click here to [read a report from CRA Governance Collaborative \(CRAGC\)](#).

OPEN COMMUNIQUÉ FROM THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC COALITION FOR CHURCH REFORM

This open Communiqué is addressed to leaders of our Church, written by the Australian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform, a coalition of 15 Catholic renewal groups across Australia. It refers to matters that they believe reflect the *sensus fidei* of the Catholic faithful in Australia. Click here to [read the letter](#).

EVENTS/COURSES

ZOOM EVENT: IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON REFUGEES/ASYLUM-SEEKERS/VULNERABLE MIGRANTS

Hear the latest from Jesuit Refugee Service Australia on how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting refugees, people seeking asylum, and migrants in vulnerable situations in NSW, on what the Federal and State governments' responses have been, and on how JRS Australia is responding. Key talking points will include information on how you can get involved to ensure #NobodyLeftBehind in these difficult times.

Date: Wednesday 6 May

Time: 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Where: Online (Zoom)

Registration: [Please register here.](#) Registration is essential so that they can email you a link to the event on Tuesday 5 May.

NEW ACU-JESUIT COLLABORATION ON COURSES

The Australian Province of the Society of Jesus, and Australian Catholic University (ACU), have forged a new agreement for the delivery of ACU accredited courses by the Jesuit College of Spirituality, starting 1 January 2021. Click here to [read the announcement](#).

RESOURCES

EASTER HOPE AND PENTECOST EXPECTATION - FREE ONLINE VIDEO AND MUSIC RESOURCES

As the Pandemic continues to restrict community gatherings, celebrations and liturgy, and as anxiety and uncertainty continue to trouble people's hearts and minds, Emmaus Productions is happy to make more [complimentary online video and music resources](#) available to communities, families, friends and colleagues. Also available on the [CRA Resources pages](#).

REFLECTIONS ON COVID-19

- The Redemptorist's prayer community, @Bread4Today is offering coronavirus prayers throughout the week. Join them in prayer by downloading the app for free at www.bread4today.com.

*"No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
and no mind has imagined
what God has prepared for those who love him."
- 1 Corinthians 2:9*

- [Employment and People Seeking Asylum During COVID-19](#) - a reflection by Leonie Dyer, Jesuit Refugee Services Employment Coordinator
- **EARTH AS ART** - When you no longer want to hear or read any more about COVID-19, here are some [stunning satellite images of Earth's beauty in a 4-minutes video on YouTube](#). Earth-observing environmental satellites can measure outside the visible range of light, so these images show more than what is visible to the naked eye. The images are intended for viewing enjoyment rather than scientific interpretation. Enjoy the beauty of your home planet.