

NEWS

OLSH RETURNING MISSIONARY

Rita Grunke OLSH, who is leaving South Sudan after two decades of service in Africa, looks back at her experience in the world's newest nation with appreciation. [Continue reading](#) at ACIAFRICA.

PRISON SUNDAY – 5 NOVEMBER 2023

Each year on the first Sunday of November, the Catholic Church in Australia marks [Prison Sunday](#), bringing attention to the plight of prisoners and highlighting the important work that prison chaplains undertake. Virginia McGrath RSJ writes about her ministry and experience as a Prison Chaplain. [Read her article](#).

STEPHEN BEVANS SVD WEBINAR RECORDING

Dr Stephen Bevans SVD, Divine Word Missionary priest, recently visited Australia. Catholic Mission shares [the recording](#) of the webinar he presented.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE SYNOD

“We have to live that dream into stories.” Mark O’Connor FMS, Vicar for Communications for the Diocese of Parramatta, shares his fifth and final reflection from the 2023 First Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on Synodality in Rome, [Catholic Outlook](#).

ACRATH’S STORY

Christian Bergmann recently showcased the history and hard work of Australian Religious Against Trafficking in Humans ([ACRATH](#)) in an article for the [Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne](#).

JESCOM CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are invited to support the Jesuit Communications [Christmas Raffle](#).

GLIMMERS OF HOPE AMIDST CONFLICT

Glimmers of hope can be found amidst the world’s most troubled hot spots. E.g., In conflict-ridden Myanmar, a 12-year-old is assisted by [Jesuit Mission](#) to receive an education. In Israel, the [Hand In Hand](#) network of schools persists in educating Jewish and Arab children together and forging communities of peace. Meanwhile, Redemptorist [Common Home TV](#) reminds us that peace is possible as it interviews Alec Reid CSSR, best known for his involvement in peace negotiations during the Northern Ireland conflict.

Amidst the news cycle of terror, war and humanitarian crises, stay in touch with human goodness and our capacity to give life in so many ways, at [The Good News Network](#).

EVENTS/WEBINARS

RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE – CRA RELIGIOUS OF QUEENSLAND

Title: Ritual of Remembrance (see [webpage](#) and download [flyer](#))
Date & Time: Thursday 2 November 2023, 10.30 am (Brisbane time)
Venue: St Vincent's Chapel, Sisters of Mercy, 131 Queens Road Nudgee QLD
Registration: <https://events.humanitix.com/ritual-of-remembrance>
Livestream link: <https://vimeo.com/event/3837557/21134e7aad>
Booklet: This [booklet](#) accompanies the ritual (click on the link to download).

CRA BOOK LAUNCH – IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Please join us at the launch of *Restoring and Nurturing Right Relationships: a Resource to Guide the Formation of Religious for Ministry*. Please [click here](#) to download the book launch invitation.

Title: Book launch – *Restoring and Nurturing Right Relationships*
Date: Tuesday, 21 November 2023
Time: In person: 4.30 – 6.00 pm; Online: 5.00 – 5.30 pm (AEDT)
Venue: ACU Peter Cosgrove Centre, 8 Napier Street, North Sydney
Registration: Register for [in-person launch](#); Register for [online launch](#) - a Zoom link will be sent three business days prior to the launch

CRA ONLINE SEMINARS - ECO-SPIRITUAL PRAXIS TODAY

These CRA online seminars focus on ecological spirituality, with practical exercises and thoughtful exploration to foster confidence among participants, empowering them to return to their congregations, capable of cultivating, practicing, and celebrating ecological spirituality. [Download the flyer](#).

Title: Eco-Spiritual Praxis Today
Dates: Tuesday 21 and 28 November 2023, 9.30 am – 12.00 pm AEDT
Speakers: Margie Abbott; Sally Neaves; Sue Martin
Audience: Leaders, Leadership teams, Ecology Advocates, those in formation for mission
Registration: Cost: \$80 Per Person for the two seminars (No option to register for one seminar)
To register, [click here](#) and find further information at the [event](#) webpage.

YTU INFORMATION SESSION

Yarra Theological Union advertises its virtual information session. [Download the flyer](#).

Title: YTU Online Information Session
Date: Wednesday, 15 November 2023, 5.30—6.30 pm (AEDT)
Registration: Register via [TryBooking](#)

PUBLIC EVENT IN MELBOURNE - WHAT HAPPENED AT THE SYNOD?

Ms Susan Pascoe AM and Bishop Shane Mackinlay will join in discussion with Fr Frank Brennan SJ and Prof. Peter Sheehan to provide unique insight into the events of the First Assembly, and the implications for Australia. [Download flyer](#).

Title: What happened at the First Assembly of the Synod on Synodality in Rome?
Date: Thursday, 23 November 2023, 5.00 – 8.00 pm
Venue: The Oratory, Newman College, University of Melbourne, 887 Swanston St, Parkville VIC
Registration: Please register (free) at [Trybooking](#)

ACCOMMODATION

PROPERTY FOR LEASE

Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary are seeking expressions of interest in the lease of their property at 37 Russell St, Woonona, NSW. The house is four bedrooms - all with ensuite. One bedroom has an added study area. There is a large lounge room and dining area and an eat-in kitchen-living room. There is also a small chapel adjacent to another living space. Nearest beach is 1.5 km walking distance. For more information, photos or to arrange a viewing, please contact Kathryn Yates pa@schoenstatt.org.au

RESOURCES

NATSICC-CRA RESOURCE: CROSS-CULTURAL COMPETENCY IN A CATHOLIC CONTEXT

The [Cross Cultural Competency Course](#) provides a practical way to respond in the aftermath of the referendum. It offers foundational training for members and staff of Religious Institutes to enhance respectful and effective ministry, while walking alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Please consider [enrolling](#) in this course (\$20 p/p).

COLUMBAN E-BULLETIN

The latest [Columban E-Bulletin](#) covers Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum* ("Praise God"), the Columban Christmas Appeal, and more.

CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE

The latest spirituality courses and resources from the Carmelite Centre Melbourne can be found [here](#).

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