

NEWS

MOURNING THE LOSS OF REV NOEL CONNOLLY SSC

It is with deep sadness that we let you know of the death of Noel Connolly, who died peacefully on Saturday evening, 6 June 2020 at Concord Hospital, Sydney.

Many leaders have sent CRA messages in response to Noel's passing, referring to him as "a prophet of the Church in Australia," as an "extraordinary person who contributed so much to the life of the Church and Religious Institutes," and an "amazing person with an amazing spirit for mission". We are grateful for the wisdom, energy and compassion he brought to many parts of our Church. *RIP Noel*.

The funeral may be streamed live and we will share that information when it becomes available.

NEW VICAR FOR RELIGIOUS, ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Veronica Hoey SGS has been appointed as Vicar for Religious for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, effective from May 2020. The appointment is initially for three years. Read the [media announcement here](#).

DEATH IN CUSTODY OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER RESIDENT

Read [St Vincent de Paul Society National Council media release](#) regarding the recent recommendations of the NSW Deputy State Coroner, following an inquest into the death in custody of an ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander resident who was incarcerated in a NSW prison. Read the [Coroner's Report](#).

NATIONAL PETITION TO GRANT PLACES OF WORSHIP EQUAL TREATMENT TO OTHER PUBLIC SPACES

The NSW Government has agreed to a maximum of 50 people at Mass, however most of the other states and territories have more rigid rules in place. The Archdiocese of Sydney has started a [national petition](#) to grant places of worship equal treatment to other public spaces under eased COVID-19 restrictions.

SUMMARY OF THE PLENARY MEETING OF THE BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Attached is the [summary of the Bishops Plenary](#) meeting in May; there are links within the document to more easily find out about some of the decisions the bishops made during the plenary.

CHURCH DENOUNCES MALICIOUS EMAILS CLAIMING TO BE FROM CATHOLIC SOURCES

Please read a [media release from ACBC](#) condemning malicious online behaviour that targets the Catholic Church. People are "spoofing" Church organisations by sending emails that appear to be from those organisations but have not originated from the organisation's email system. You may wish to forward this to your communications personnel and publish a message on your website or social media platforms, in case people come to your website looking to email and complain.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

FREE WEBINAR ON IMPLEMENTING CHILD-SAFE STANDARDS

The Office of the Children's Guardian is hosting a panel discussion and a series of FREE webinars tailored to faith-based organisations; target audience is people in leadership, safeguarding and any child related roles within a faith setting. There will be a panel of four experts and a Q&A session, as follows.

Date: Wednesday, 24 June 2020

Time: 10.00am to 11.30am

Registration: [Click here to find out more and to register for free](#)

MISSION CONFERENCE DATE CLAIMER

Date: Wednesday 1 to Saturday 4 September 2021

Conference organisers have added an extra day (Saturday) in response to evaluations. The Saturday will be a 'stand-alone' event, at the same venue, with some of the keynote speakers to enable those who cannot attend during the week to have an opportunity to hear from the speakers. *Save the date!*

YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR SEMESTER 2, 2020

Catholic College of the University of Divinity, Yarra Theological Union is taking enrolments for theological study for Semester 2, 2020. New students should phone 03 9890 3771. For an appointment by Zoom or phone, email registrar@ytu.edu.au or visit www.ytu.edu.au for further information.

FREE ONLINE PUBLIC LECTURE ON INTERCULTURAL LITURGY IN THE ERA OF POPE FRANCIS

The Australian Catholic University Centre for Liturgy will host a free online public lecture, broadcast live from USA, as follows:

Speaker: Rev Prof Mark R. Francis CSV, President of the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, USA

Event: The Challenge of Intercultural Liturgy in the Era of Pope Francis

Date: Monday, 20 July 2020

Time: 10.00 - 11.30am (AEST)

Format: Free online public lecture via Zoom

Registration: Register [here](#)

Deadline: register by 15 July 2020

Flyer: [Download here](#)

RESEARCH PROJECT - EOI

PARTNER WITH ACU ON RESEARCH PROJECTS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES

Australian Catholic University is seeking expressions of interest for research projects from organisations who are committed to improving their services and the lives of the disadvantage or marginalised people they support. [Read the media release](#). The deadline for expressions of interest is Wednesday, 1 July 2020.