

## NEWS

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### REFUGEE WEEK 14-20 JUNE 2020

Refugee Week raises awareness about the issues affecting refugees and celebrates the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. Refugee Week coincides with World Refugee Day (20 June). This year's theme is 'celebrating the year of welcome'. View the [calendar of events](#) and find out how to [participate](#) from the Refugee Council of Australia's website.

### FUNDING BOOST FOR GROUPS HELPING WITH BUSHFIRE RECOVERY

The first round of grants from Catholic Emergency Relief Australia (CERA) has been awarded to support the ongoing recovery from last summer's bushfires. With at least \$100,000 available, 24 groups applied for approximately \$400,000 in funding to support various programs and projects across New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. Fifteen organisations were successful in seeking grants, receiving a total of \$110,000 to support trauma counselling and mental health, as well as community-building initiatives. Please find attached a [media release](#), with brief descriptions of the programs and projects that have received funding.

### THE LIGHT FROM THE SOUTHERN CROSS – STATEMENT FROM THE BISHOPS

Read a [statement from ACBC president Archbishop Mark Coleridge](#), regarding *The Light from the Southern Cross: Promoting Co-Responsible Governance in the Catholic Church in Australia*, the report tabled at the Bishops Conference in May and recently leaked to various media outlets. The statement outlines some of the background to the report, a timeline for the consideration and the bishops' response to it.

### TRANSITION OF THE MINISTRY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FROM CHA TO ACU

The Ministry Leadership Program (MLP) which commenced in Catholic Health Australia has moved cross to ACU, along with the former Director of MLP at CHA, Susan Sullivan, who will continue to oversee the program. Read the [media statement](#) here.

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

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### “STATE OF PLAY” – WEBINAR SERIES

- Date:** Thursday 18 June 2020  
**Time:** 6.00pm AEST  
**Theme:** Ending Child Immigration Detention in Australia  
**Format:** Webinar – 45 minute panel discussions and Q&A; first session in the series  
**Registration:** Free - visit [Ending Child Detention website](#) or [download the flyer](#)  
**Link to join:** [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_n\\_aCqRa8TdezKwTQJXQv1A](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_n_aCqRa8TdezKwTQJXQv1A)

## AN EXPLORATION OF CREATION AS GOD'S LOVE STORY - WEBINAR

**Date:** Wednesday 24 June 2020  
**Time:** 5.00pm to 6.30pm AEST  
**Theme:** Focus on the call of Pope Francis for ecological conversion and the implications of that call on our lives both personally and communally  
**Registration:** Free - [Download the flyer](#) to register to learn about the speakers  
**Link to join:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89977941083>  
**Enquiries:** Chevalier Institute ph: 02 9315 2299 ore: [brettadamson@chevaliercentre.org](mailto:brettadamson@chevaliercentre.org)

## LIVE MID-WINTER ONLINE RETREAT

**Date & Times:** 10.00am, 12.00pm, 2.30pm on Thursday 9 July 2020  
10.00am, 12.00pm on Friday 10 July 2020  
**Theme:** Journeying with Matthew  
**Facilitator:** Fr Chris Monaghan CP, President of Yarra Theological Union  
**Format:** 40 mins live online interaction with questions at end; 5 sessions; includes time for prayer, reading and silence in between sessions.  
**Registration:** Free - [Download the flyer](#) to register  
**Enquiries:** Mark O'Farrell [mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au](mailto:mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au); phone: 0408 081 338

## THE ART OF READING AND PRAYING SCRIPTURE – ONLINE COURSE

**Format:** Online course – study whenever it suits  
**Duration:** 4 hours (teacher accredited; certificate available upon completion)  
**Registration:** Free - [Download the flyer](#) to register  
**Enquiries:** Mark O'Farrell [mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au](mailto:mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au); phone: 0408 081 338

## REFLECTIONS

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- > Thanks to Tom McDonough CP for sharing this video dedicated to 'Black Lives Matter' entitled [Shelter Me \(I Can't Breathe\)](#). Written by Marty Haughan; Performed by Anne and Danny Bell; Video prepared by the Passionist Fathers.
- > **Pope's prayer intention for June:** [Compassion for the world amidst Covid-19 pandemic](#) – view the video (58 secs)
- > The following excerpt from **The Real Presence of Jesus in Us** is reprinted with kind permission by the [Carmelites of Australia & Timor-Leste](#), click on the link to read the whole article.

*We are very used to thinking that the Real Presence of Jesus is in the Blessed Sacrament.*

*Maybe we need to think more deeply about the real presence of Jesus also being in real, living human beings.*

*Bread and Wine have no eyes to gaze with love, no face with which to smile, no mouth to speak soothing words, no arms to hold the grieving and the sick, or to lend a hand, no ears to hear the pain.*

*But we do.*