

## NEWS

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### **PASSING OF BISHOP PETER INGHAM**

Peter William Ingham, the fourth bishop of Wollongong, died peacefully on 26 April, aged 83. See the media releases of the [Australian Catholic Bishops](#) and the Diocese of Wollongong (courtesy [CathNews](#)).

### **DE LA SALLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NETWORK**

This year marks the launch of DLS-CAN (De La Salle Community Association Network) a newly formed Association which promotes the Lasallian Mission and builds awareness and community support for the Lasallian mission. [Learn more](#) and see [Events](#) below.

### **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP**

Mary MacKillop Place and Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart [announce](#) that bookings are being taken for the Official Australian National Pilgrimage: *In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop*. See [Events](#) below.

### **THE GOOD OIL**

Good Samaritan Sisters' ministries are flourishing in Kiribati, writes Debra Vermeer in [The Good Oil](#).

### **YOUNG ACRATH MEMBER WITH A MERCY LENS**

One of ACRATH's youngest members, Isabel Salter, 22, is undertaking a 10-month internship in New York with Mercy Global Action, the justice arm and United Nations office of Mercy International Association. Read more at the [website](#) of Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH).

### **SYNOD PROCESS IS MOST IMPORTANT**

The most important outcome of the current Synod of Bishops on synodality is the synodal process itself and not the hot-button topics discussed, say Pope Francis. Continue reading at [Catholic News Service](#).

### **BISHOP TARABAY BRINGS TOGETHER CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS**

At an interfaith gathering, Maronite Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay has stressed the responsibility of religious leaders to "work together to keep building peace and security" ([The Catholic Weekly](#), 27.4.24).

### **CATHOLIC MISSION – OUTREACH TO MYANMAR**

For nearly three years, Myanmar has experienced internal conflict and escalating violence, leading to widespread displacement and poverty. [Catholic Mission](#) gives us a way to make a positive difference.

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

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### 2024 & 2025 CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLIES

The dates for the 2025 CRA National Assembly are Monday 18 August to Wednesday 20 August 2025.

The dates for the 2024 CRA National Assembly are Monday 26 August to Wednesday 28 August 2024.

**Registrations are now open** for the 2024 Assembly – details below – [View the program](#) here.

Dates: Monday 26 August to Wednesday 28 August 2024

Location: Brisbane

Registration: Register at [Humanitix](#)

### CRA-VIC LEADERS' NETWORK DINNER

Details for the next gathering of Leaders and Leadership Team Members of Religious Institutes who are part of the CRA-VIC Network are as follows:

Title: CRA-VIC Leaders' Network Dinner

Date & Time: Wednesday 8 May 2024, 6.30 pm

Venue: Kew

Bookings: RSVP by 5 May 2024, [jillburma@gmail.com](mailto:jillburma@gmail.com)

### CRA ONLINE SEMINAR SERIES - MARY PAT GARVIN RSM

The CRA Initial Formation Committee have invited Mary Pat Garvin RSM to prepare an online seminar series for 2024 for formators and formation team members.

Title: Words of Wisdom, Words of Grace

Dates: Tuesday 18 June 2024 - Optional introductory session; then 4 monthly sessions:

Tuesday 25 June - Home Is Where We Start From: Family Dynamics I

Wednesday 17 July - Home Is Where We Start From: Family Dynamics II

Tuesday 13 August – Intergenerational Living: From Generation to Generation

Tuesday 17 September – Strengthening Skills for Accompaniment

Time: 9.30 am QLD, NSW, VIC, TAS | 9.00 am SA | 7.30 am WA

Mode: Online via Zoom | 2.5 hours for each Seminar

Audience: Formators and those involved in formation of Religious (not those being formed)

Registration: Fee \$300 per person for the series. [Register at Humanitix](#) by midnight 16 June

Enquiries: Stephen Middleton | P: 0401 050 595 | E: [cpc@catholicreligious.org.au](mailto:cpc@catholicreligious.org.au)

### SONG OF THE SENSES - ONLINE RETREAT

Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia invites us to a five-day *spiritual sensorium* with the Ignatian '[Prayer of the Senses](#)', grounded in body prayer and an imaginative contemplation. The time commitment is two hours per day, with a different sense the focus of each day: Sight, Touch, Scent, Hearing, Taste.

Dates & Times: 5 – 9 May 2024; Online daily 10.00 am – 12.00 noon or 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm AEST

Registration: Fee \$150 full five-day programme, \$40 one day – [Register here](#)

A reduced price for those with limited means.

### SEMINAR PRESENTED BY AMY-JILL LEVINE

At this seminar, internationally renowned scripture scholar Professor Amy-Jill Levine will explore Jesus' most popular parables, revealing their hidden depths and exposing their misinterpretations.

Title: Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi  
Date & Time: 6 May 2024; 9.00 am – 2.30 pm AEST  
Venue: Doltone House, Hyde Park, 181 Elizabeth Street, Sydney  
Registration: Fee \$120 including morning tea and lunch; [Register here](#)  
More speaking events with Amy-Jill Levine – See [Marist Association website](#) for details.

### HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICES 2024

Annual Holocaust memorial services are being held in Melbourne and Sydney for Christians and all people of goodwill, to gather, to listen, to learn and to commit to justice for all.

**Melbourne:** The service is initiated by the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne; the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne; and the Uniting Church Synod of Victoria & Tasmania  
Date: Wednesday 15 May 2024, 7:30 pm  
Venue: Wesley College, Elsternwick Campus, Vic  
Further details: Download the flyer: [Christians Remember](#)

**Sydney:** The service is initiated by the NSW Council of Christians and Jews  
Date: Thursday 23 May 2024, 6.00 pm  
Venue: The Great Synagogue, Sydney  
Further details: Registration is essential. [Download the flyer and register here](#)

### CATALYST FOR RENEWAL – PUBLIC FORUM ON BECOMING SYNODAL PEOPLE

Catalyst for Renewal, in cooperation with North Sydney Catholic parish, is holding a public forum, with Agbonkhanme E. Orobator SJ, facilitated by Gerladine Doogue AO and panellists Dr Sandie Cornish and Fr Paul Monkerod. For details of speakers and topic, visit the [Catalyst for Renewal](#) website.

Title: Becoming synodal people: forming clergy and laity  
Date: Sunday 26 May 2024, 7.15 – 8.45 pm  
Venue: Ron Dyer Centre, 42 Ridge St, North Sydney and via [livestream](#)  
Registration: All Welcome – No Booking required – Entry by Donation  
Enquiries: 02 4971 4090, E: [catalyst-for-renewal@outlook.com](mailto:catalyst-for-renewal@outlook.com)

### DE LA SALLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NETWORK – INAUGURAL EVENT

This social event will see the [launch of DLS-CAN](#) (De La Salle Community Association Network) a newly formed Association which promotes the Lasallian Mission and builds awareness and community support for the Lasallian mission.

Title: De La Salle Network Event  
Date: Friday 14 June 2024, 6.30 – 8.30 pm (Sydney time)  
Venue: Doltone House, Pyrmont NSW

Registration: Open to Old Boys and Old Girls of De La Salle school days and others connected with De La Salle schools or organisations. Tickets \$90 AUD; [book at Humanitix](#)  
Enquiries: [juliealibrandi@delasalle.org.au](mailto:juliealibrandi@delasalle.org.au)

### HARVEST JOURNEYS: PILGRIMAGE... A TIME TO RENEW YOUR SPIRIT

Be among the first pilgrims to see the great Australian cross rising high on Memory Mountain in the very centre of Australia, an initiative of the Aboriginal peoples of the Ikuntji community. Something deep and mystical calls Australians to journey to the heart of our nation to honour its symbols, stories and beauty in a prayerful spirit. Set out on this pilgrimage to the physical and spiritual centre of the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit, to open ourselves to the presence of God in a way that is ancient and new.

Title: Red Centre Pilgrimage  
Date: Departs 29 August 2024, with Fr Robin Koning SJ  
Registration: <https://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/red-centre/>  
For more Harvest Journeys: [www.harvestjourneys.com](http://www.harvestjourneys.com)

### OFFICIAL AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

'In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop' is an official Australian National Pilgrimage prepared by the [Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart](#). In 2024, the pilgrimage will be led by a Sister of Saint Joseph and the inaugural Director of the [Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre](#), East Melbourne.

Title: In the Footsteps of St Mary MacKillop  
Dates: Tuesday 15 October 2024 to Saturday 26 October 2024  
Registration: For [brochure](#), application form and enquiries, visit the [MMP website](#)

## RESOURCES

### WHY THE RISEN JESUS MATTERS - BOOK LAUNCH TONIGHT, 30 APRIL

This evening, 30 April 2024, [St Pauls Publications will launch](#) *Why the Risen Jesus Matters* by Fr Charles Waddell, Perth priest, prison chaplain and sessional Lecturer in Ecclesiology and Christology at BBI-TAITE. Purchase now at launch price: \$20 (RRP \$24.95).



### THE LIGHTER SIDE

