

NEWS

MOURNING THE LOSS OF TWO SISTERS OF MERCY, PARRAMATTA

Two remarkable Sisters of Mercy, *Sophie McGrath RSM* and *Marie Anselm Gaudry RSM* have died in the past week, each having made a significant contribution in their years of ministry, to the place of women in the Australian Church and to the ongoing formation of religious women and men in Australia and beyond. [Please read more about Sisters Sophie and Marie here.](#)

RELIGIOUS HONOURED FOR LIFETIME OF SERVICE

Religious have once again featured on the Queen's Birthday Honours list in recognition of their long-term service to education and the community. Read about Br Nicholas Harsas FSP, Sr Margaret Cleary RSJ, Sr Kate Conley RSM, Sr Rita Malavisi RSJ on the [CRA website](#), published in the June edition of CRA Pathways.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI

This August 6th and 9th will mark the 75th anniversary of the horrific atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The two bombs killed about 210,000 civilians by the end of 1945 and made many more sick with cancer and chronic diseases. Seventy-five years after these bombings, survivors are still working for nuclear abolition. [Click here to join the campaign](#) in making nuclear weapons illegal under international law.

ACRATH

During this period of the global Covid-19 pandemic more people than ever are vulnerable to being trafficked and enslaved. The June 2020 edition of [ACRATH News](#) highlights the work being done by ACRATH in the areas of forced marriage, forced labour and slavery-free supply chains. Download your copy of **ACRATH News** [here](#).

ACRATH's annual fundraising campaign takes place in June/July. No donation is too small. For details on how to donate click [here](#).

WHO SPEAKS FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

John Warhurst, Emeritus Professor of Political Science at the Australian National University and Chair of Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn and PC 2020 delegate from the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn writes article in Eureka Street, entitled, "Who speaks for the Catholic church?" In it, he says a discussion of church life in Australia is incomplete without consideration of who speaks for the church at the national level. He refers to the ACBC and CRA, the Association of Ministerial Public Juridic Persons and the emergence of a new voice. Read the [article here](#).

RETHINK: POPE FRANCIS WARNS POOR HAVE BECOME PART OF LANDSCAPE

Pope Francis says that the coronavirus pandemic has shown how much the poor are disconnected from society. Poverty is often hidden away, he says, but trying to help others can help us rediscover ourselves.

[Read the article on the BBC website.](#)

RESOURCES

LITURGICAL RESOURCES

The following liturgical resources are available free of charge from the Loreto Community in Kirribilli, Sydney. All are in good condition. If you are interested in any items, please contact Sr Sandra Perrett by email: sandragperrett@gmail.com or by phone: 0427 150 155.

- Divine Office Book 1 6 copies
- Divine Office Book 2 4 copies
- Divine Office Book 3 4 copies
- Shorter Morning & Evening prayer 3 copies
- Small Weekday Missal 3 copies
- Candle holders
- Large Roman Missal
 - CCCB Lectionary Weekdays A and B
 - CCCB Lectionary Sundays and Solemnities
- Various crucifixes – mostly small to medium, standing and hanging
- Communion set for the sick

TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT – ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY – 5 JULY 2020

‘Together in the Spirit’ is the theme of this year’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday and everyone is invited to join in on 5 July 2020, to celebrate the gifts of spirituality and culture.

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced NATSICC to rethink the ways in which they can empower Catholics to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday in a digital setting with online resources and a first-ever live-streamed, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass from the St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Adelaide from 10am EST. The livestream will be available from the [NATSICC homepage](#).

Resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday are now available and can be used in various settings - including virtual meetings and online Mass celebrations. Click on the link to [access the resources](#).

