

IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – 8 MARCH 2020

- UN Women Australia is holding [fundraising breakfast and lunch events](#) across several Australian cities. Theme: [Generation Equality](#)
- [International Women's Day events and information](#). Theme: [An equal world is an enabled world](#) #IWD2020 #EachforEqual
- Voices of Faith's is for local groups to [organise an action outside or inside their church for International Women's Day](#). The basic idea is to wear white and hold up signs saying "WE ARE THE CHANGE" which you will find on the website. For further information, contact Stephanie Lorenzo, E: steph.lorenzo@voicesoffaith.org, M: +39 331 8064169

EARTH HOUR – 28 MARCH 2020, 8.30PM

- Download [CRA Earth Hour poster 1](#) and [CRA Earth Hour poster 2](#) prepared by the CRA justice committee. Please distribute to your congregational members and colleagues in the lead-up to Earth Hour on 28 March. Learn more about [Earth Hour](#).

CRA LENTEN CARBON FAST CALENDAR 2020

- Download [CRA Lenten Carbon Fast Calendar 2020](#), prepared by the CRA justice Committee. Please distribute to your congregational members and colleagues in good time for Ash Wednesday on 26 February.

SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

NSW

[A Conversation with Joan Chittister OSB on Religious Life and the Future of the Church](#)

- Date: Thursday 17 September 2020
- Time : 10.00am to 2.00pm
- Venue: Novotel Parramatta
- Fee: \$45 p/p, including morning tea and lunch
- [Download the registration form](#) and return to events@catholicreligious.org.au
- Enquiries: 02 9557 2695
- Presented by CRA and Diocese of Parramatta

VICTORIA

- Jesuit College of Spirituality in Parkville, Melbourne is holding a four-part [Lenten Public Lecture series for 2020](#) – click here to download the flyer.
- Dates: 12 March; 26 March; 19 March; 2 April – may be attended individually or as a series
- Speakers: Shane Carmody, Fr Chris Gleeson SJ, Professor Maryanne Confoy rsc and Fr Michael Head SJ
- Fee: gold coin donation
- Registration by ph: (03) 9448 8276, or by email: enquiries@jcs.edu.au

NATIONAL

Download the [CRA 2020 Calendar of Events](#)

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The Mercy Foundation's Social Justice Small Grants program is now open.

- Grants up to \$10,000 are available to community organisations working to address a local social justice issue. Each year, the theme of the grants program is based on the Australian Catholic Bishop's Social Justice Statement. This year the theme is "Justice in the Digital World".
- Applications are due in by 27 April 2020.
- Download the [application forms](#) and [criteria](#) here or visit www.mercyfoundation.com.au for more information.
- Contact Mercy Foundation by ph: 02 9911 7390 or email: office@mercyfoundation.com.au.

NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME

The following religious institute has been recently declared by the Minister as a participating institution in the National Redress Scheme:

- Sisters of the Little Company of Mary

RESOURCES

- [CRA Lenten Calendar](#)
- [Earth Hour Posters](#)