

NEWS

JOBKEEPER, JOBSEEKER DECISIONS A TEST FOR MORRISON GOVERNMENT

[Catholic Social Services Australia \(CSSA\) media release](#) outlines the need for the Commonwealth Government to deliver certainty in next week's economic update. Retaining JobKeeper beyond September and extending the current level of JobSeeker payments for 12 months are two key decisions that would help support the country as it confronts its biggest economic crisis since the Great Depression, explains CSSA CEO.

EXPERT PANEL SHOULD SET PAYMENT RATES TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF POVERTY

The St Vincent de Paul Society's National Council has called on the Federal Government to establish an expert panel to advise it on revisions to Social Security payment rates that were originally designed to keep people out of poverty – read the [media release](#).

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK (11 – 17 October 2020)

Visit the [Anti-Poverty Week website](#) to find out how you can take action against poverty; read the [Food Bank Hunger Report 2019](#) or learn more about [poverty and COVID-19](#).

INNOVATIVE PARC NOVITIATE PROGRAMME 2020/2021 APPROVED

The De La Salle Novitiate Board approved the [Pacific-Asia Regional Conference \(PARC\) Programme 2020/2021](#) yesterday and two novices will participate virtually, in consideration of the COVID-19 situation.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S COUNCIL WEBSITE – LIVE

Voices of Faith is one of the affiliated groups of the Catholic Women's Council (CWC), a network of Catholic women's groups representing five continents, various countries, language and cultural groups, who are joining together in preparation for a common meeting in Rome 2021. Visit the [website](#) here.

ACRATH FUNDRAISING

It takes strong community effort to build the momentum needed to stop modern slavery – please read the [letter from Louise Cleary CSB, ACRATH President](#) and support the prevention of human trafficking.

POPE APPOINTS BISHOP MCKENNA TO PONTIFICAL COUNCIL

Pope Francis has appointed Bathurst's [Bishop Michael McKenna as a member of the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue](#). The Council is the central office of the Church for the promotion of inter-religious dialogue in accordance with the spirit of the Second Vatican Council, in particular the declaration [Nostra aetate](#).

RESOURCES

LAUDATO SI' DOCUMENT FROM THE HOLY SEE

The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, which back in May announced a number of initiatives to mark the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical letter [Laudato Si'](#), has shared a new resource which brings together a number of those plans announced in May, on [CRA website - Resources](#).

LATIN MISSALS - FREE

Six Latin Missals available for free; call Elizabeth in Sydney on (02) 9922 3124 if you are interested.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Jesuit Communications has an opportunity for a [Communications Officer - Social and Digital Media](#) to contribute to the social and digital media strategy of the Australian Jesuits, based in Melbourne.

EVENTS/COURSES

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIGNITY AND EQUALITY IN THE CHURCH

Date: Tuesday 11 August

Time: 6.00 pm AEST

Speakers: Dr Cristina Lledo Gomez, theologian, BBI-TAITE and Stephanie Lorenzo, Voices of Faith

Registration: www.watac.net.au (free webinar)

Women and the Australian Church (WATAC) presents a free, one-hour, interactive webinar series, read the [media release here](#).

2021 MISSION CONFERENCE – *save the date!*

Date: Wednesday 1 to Saturday 4 September 2021

Venue: Sydney Masonic Centre

Address: Castlereagh Street, Sydney

CRA CANON LAW FOR LEADERSHIP – FORMATION DAY

Course: Formation Day (part of the Canon Law for Leadership Course)

Date: 28 September

Venue: St Joseph's Conference Centre, Baulkham Hills.

Registration: \$150 for Formation Day, see [registration form](#).

CRA NATIONAL SEMINAR: ADAPTING IN A CHANGING WORLD – *registrations now open!*

Date: Wednesday, 9 September 2020

Venue: Norths Club, Abbott Street, Cammeray NSW 2062

Speaker: Di Adamson, Speaker, management and business facilitator and coach

Registration: \$150 p/p Download the [flyer and registration form](#) or go to the [CRA website](#).