

## NEWS

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### ANTI-POVERTY WEEK 11-17 OCTOBER 2020

You can participate in the following ways:

- [Join actions](#) to reduce homelessness; The [key action](#) is to urge the Federal Treasurer Josh Frydenberg to invest in social housing
- See the [promotional kit](#), including [social media tiles](#); use tags: @EverybodysHome and #buildsocialhousing
- read [eNews on Homelessness](#)
- See [Talking about homelessness - Framing toolkit](#) – a guide on changing the mental framework with which homelessness is viewed and judged. The document aims to build public and political will to end homelessness.

### HIGH HOPE FOR NEW 'CLOSING THE GAP' AGREEMENT

Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced the new Closing the Gap agreement on July 30, 2020. The agreement aims at substantially improving life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. In a fundamental change, the new agreement has been driven by Indigenous organisations, represented by the Coalition of Peaks. [Read more here](#), on Catholic Leader.

### SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COSTS OF GOVERNMENT POLICY REVEALED

New research from the Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA) reveals the enormous public cost of excluding refugees on temporary visas and people seeking asylum from public support during the COVID-19 pandemic. The report is entitled, COVID-19 and humanitarian migrants on temporary visas: assessing the public costs. [Read the report here](#).

### LAST MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PASSES AWAY

Sr Mary Paul OLHC (Elizabeth Killian), the last member of the Congregation of Our Lady Help of Christians, died on 16 August 2020. Sr Mary Paul served as Congregational Leader from 1973 for the rest of the life of the congregation, a congregation of diocesan right founded in Sydney. We give thanks for the years of service and care of Sr Mary Paul and her sisters. May Sr Mary Paul now rest in peace.

This [link shows a photo of the nuns](#) seated in the convent of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady Help of Christians, Manly, Sydney 6 August 1962.

Read more in a book entitled *An Eloquent Witness: The Sisters of Our Lady help of Christians* by Mary Rosa MacGinley. Cardinal Edward Clancy states that this book contains that 'story of the Sisters of Our Lady Help of Christians, a special group of women whose congregation took shape in the Australia of the 1920s.

The driving objective of the founding Sisters was ministry among Australia's Indigenous peoples. There was a pre-history in the Kimberley region of WA and pioneering missionary service on the Palm and Fantome Islands off the northern coast of Queensland.

St Columba's College, Springwood, however, provided the Sisters with a settled base and on-going support as they undertook the domestic care of the seminary. This soon led to similar service at St Patrick's seminary at Manly. The story told in this book is 'an eloquent witness to the Sisters' faith hope and love, and their heroic dedication to God and his Church.'

### **PRAYER FOR BERNARD COLLAERY AND 'WITNESS K'**

[Attached is a prayer](#) asking God for a spirit of truth, honesty, justice, and integrity in relation to the prosecutions of two Australians, Bernard Collaery and Witness K.

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

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### **JUSTICE RESEARCH OFFICER FOR CRA**

CRA is seeking a part-time Justice Research Officer to undertake evidence-based research, produce publications and assist the CRA Justice Committee and the CRA Secretariat in advocating for the marginalised and more vulnerable in our society.

Please circulate to your networks, in particular, principals of congregational schools who may be able to identify recent school or university graduates. Read the [advertisement and position description](#) here.

Applications close 27 August. For further enquiries, email Carmel Warnock: [cpc@catholicreligious.org.au](mailto:cpc@catholicreligious.org.au).

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON**

Communications and Administrative Officer to work in our Community Engagement Office, in the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton. For more information, [click here](#). Applications close 26 August.

## **EVENTS/WEBINARS/CONFERENCES**

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### **ACRATH ZOOM WEBINAR LAUNCH**

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) is launching a new and updated suite of forced marriage resources.

**Date:** Thursday 27th August

**Time:** 2.00 to 3.30pm EST.

**To join:** Click on the [Zoom link](#); enter *Meeting ID*: 897 5180 8956 and *Passcode*: 216135

**Audience:** those in education, healthcare, frontline response, multicultural community support, child protection, law enforcement and tertiary institutions

**Featuring:**

- Navigation demonstration of the Forced Marriage Resources Page
- Presentation by Marilyn Ross, Australian Federal Police - laws around forced marriage
- First official viewing of 2020 ACRATH Recorded Forced Marriage Video Presentation
- an opportunity for Q&A

## 2021 ONLINE CONFERENCE - IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY IN A TIME OF ENGAGEMENT

**Date:** 25 - 28 January 2021

**Topic:** Jesuit College of Spirituality and Newman College will host the Ignatian Spirituality conference to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St Ignatius of Loyola.

**Speakers:** Rev Dr Monty Williams SJ; Rev Dr James Hanvey SJ; Professor Jose Garcia de Valdes SJ

**Flyer:** [Download the flyer](#)

**Call for Papers:** deadline 30 September 2020 - send proposals to [enquiries@jcs.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@jcs.edu.au)

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## RESOURCES

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### CRA MEMBERS' CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP

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### 102 YEARS AGO – SAME WORLD...

