

## NEWS

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### **WATAC TO HOST GATHERING OF WOMEN MEMBERS OF PLENARY COUNCIL**

Women and the Australian Church (WATAC), in partnership with the Australian Catholic University (ACU) and Catholic Religious Australia (CRA), has invited women members of the Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia to a gathering on 29 April which will enable them to meet each other for conversation in the lead-up to the Plenary Council. Read the [WATAC press release](#).

### **BROTHER GERARD RUMMERY HONOURED WITH JOHNSTON AWARD**

On 6 April Lasallians from across the world gathered virtually to honour and celebrate Brother Gerard Rummery FSC who was recognised with the Brother John Johnston FSC Award for his lifetime of service to the Lasallian mission. The Johnston Award is the highest honour given in the Lasallian Region of North America (RELAN). Continue reading at the [De La Salle website](#).

### **DIGITAL INCLUSION PROGRAM**

The second phase of a visionary digital literacy program co-founded by an Australian Jesuit is set to launch in Dzaleka Refugee Camp in Malawi. This program equips people with digital income-generating skills. Students from an initial cohort of 60 graduated in October 2020 and several of them are already participating in the global employment marketplace. Read the [Jesuit Mission media release](#).

### **GOVERNMENT URGED TO RESPOND TO SEAFARERS' NEEDS IN PANDEMIC**

Stella Maris Australia, a Catholic agency that provides spiritual and practical support to those working at sea, has joined an international coalition calling for better treatment of seafarers during the pandemic. Stella Maris is one of hundreds of organisations that have signed up to the Neptune Declaration on Seafarer Wellbeing and Crew Change. Read the press release of the [Stella Maris media release](#).

### **DO YOU NEED EXPERTISE TO ASSIST WITH PROGRAMS IN AUSTRALIA OR ABROAD?**

[PALMS Australia](#) has 27 Australians, qualified and experienced in a variety of professions and trades, offering to volunteer for one to three years, to assist in the building of self-reliance for community organisations wanting to achieve sustainable poverty reduction. CRA member organisations wishing to secure personnel, comprehensively prepared by Palms for cross-cultural mission and development assignments, can complete the Palms [Volunteer Request Form](#). Or first call Christine during business hours (except Wednesdays) on (02) 9560 5333.



## **VINNIES JOINS CALLS FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACTION TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS CRISIS**

Vinnies is joining a coalition of organisations in the [Everybody's Home](#) campaign in calling on the Federal Government to fix the broken housing system, as a chronic shortage of affordable housing contributes to record levels of youth homelessness. Read the [St Vincent De Paul Society media release](#).

## **THE NUNS ARE GOING TO THE BORDER**

*America* magazine reports that some 200 religious sisters in the USA have responded to a call by LCWR on behalf of Catholic Charities USA, for volunteers to assist with services to families and unaccompanied minors being temporarily housed along the USA's Southwest border with Mexico. Read [America article](#).

## **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

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### **ACCOUNTING AND PAYROLL OFFICER**

The De La Salle Brothers have a vacancy for an accounting and payroll officer. This is a permanent 0.8 FTE 4-day/week position that has flexibility to be worked over 5 shorter days or 4 full days, per week. Details available at the [La Salle website](#).

## **EVENTS/WEBINARS**

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### **CRA NATIONAL STEWARDSHIP ZOOM WEBINAR**

Steven Wright from Morgan's Financial Ltd and Mike Kendall from JBWere will cover "How to maximise yield in a low interest rate environment while staying true to your risk appetite". [Download the flyer](#).

Title: How to maximise yield in a low interest environment, staying true to your risk appetite  
Date: 5 May 2021  
Time: 2.00pm – 3.00pm (AEST) See web page for all time zones  
Registration: Free of charge; you are asked to [register online](#) and a zoom link will be sent to you

### **CRA NATIONAL JUSTICE SEMINAR**

Speakers include Cathy McGowan AO who will speak on an avenue for advocacy, Aunty Geraldine Atkinson who will speak on advancing the Treaty Process, Brigid Arthur CSB who will speak on the Asylum Seekers and refugees, and a Student panel convened by Anne Boyd CSB who will discuss Climate Change. [Download the flyer](#).

Title: Engaging justice animators and colleagues of religious congregations to action  
Date: 26 May 2021  
Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm  
Venue: Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville VIC  
Registration: \$150.00 per head and you are asked to register [via this link](#)

### **PALMS AUSTRALIA ZOOM SESSION**

PALMS Australia is calling for people of all trades and professions to share skills to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Join a Zoom session with Carmel Lawry, a health professional in remote South Africa. Hear how people are partnering with local communities to find solutions together.

Title: Reach Beyond  
 Date: 2 May 2021  
 Time: 5.00pm – 6.30pm (AEST)  
 Registration: [Register online – free of charge](#)

### **VIRTUAL TWILIGHT RETREAT**

For a short respite during a busy week, this Lasallian online Twilight Retreat offers time for reflection, input and connecting with others.

Title: Lasallian Online Twilight Retreat  
 Date: 19 May 2021  
 Time: Duration: 45 min. For various time zones [click here](#)  
 Registration: Open to all. Free registration at the [De La Salle web page](#).

### **ONLINE PUBLIC LECTURE: LITURGY**

ACU Centre for Liturgy is hosting an online public lecture by Msgr. Kevin W. Irwin from the Archdiocese of New York. With COVID-19 many parishes have adapted quickly to keep their communities connected using streaming technology; but what are the risks and lessons learnt during this prolonged distant experience of Church?

Title: Liturgy and Sacraments in a COVID World: Renewal not Restoration  
 Date: 17 May 2021  
 Time: 10.00am – 11.30am  
 Registration: \$10 (\$5 concession). [Register online](#) by 13 May. Enquiries: [centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au](mailto:centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au)

### **ENGAGING YOUR FAITH: ONLINE SESSIONS**

*Engaging Your Faith* is a series of eight online short sessions offered by CTC Melbourne, offering an opportunity to explore faith through a variety of topics including: Spirituality, Women in the Early Church, Church History, Reading the Church Classics, The Eucharist, Science and Religion. [Download the flyer](#).

Title: Engaging Your Faith  
 Date: Choose from eight online sessions, 11 - 31 May 2021  
 Time: Various times, view the program [here](#)  
 Registration: \$20 per session; see [downloadable flyer](#) for online registration details

## 2021 CRA EVENTS

Wednesday, 5 May	<a href="#">CRA National Stewardship Seminar</a> , 'How best to maximise yield in a low interest environment'	Zoom event
Wednesday, 26 May	<a href="#">CRA National Justice Seminar Day</a> , 'Now is the Time!'	Melbourne, VIC
Monday 2 to Thursday 5 August	<a href="#">CRA 2021 National Assembly</a>	Parramatta, NSW
Friday 6 August	CRA Interculturality Workshop (flyer and registration available shortly)	Parramatta, NSW

## RESOURCES

### INTERCULTURALITY VIDEO RESOURCES

Seven engaging, informative short videos, ranging 8-20 minutes in length, are available at the CRA website, as part of the work of the CRA Interculturality Committee. Topics include Exploring Interculturality, Interculturality and Leadership, Indigenous Spirituality, Interculturality and Ministry. Access the videos at the [CRA website](#).

### ALIVE WITH DISABILITY: REFLECTIONS ON MY VISION IMPAIRMENT (Coventry Press, 2021), \$22.95

This book, by Khoi Doan Nguyen MSC, describes the author's shock at being diagnosed as a young man with an increasingly deteriorating eye condition and how he comes to recognise the condition as an invitation to grow, to stretch the heart and live fruitfully. Importantly, *Alive With Disability* is written for all of us, because we all live with some kind of disability, since disability, limitation and imperfection are universal features of all human life. Purchase at the [Coventry Press website](#).

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### LAUGHTER THERAPY



### CONVERSATION BETWEEN JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA AND PONTIUS PILATE

Pilate: "Joseph, I don't understand. You're the richest man in the region; you have made this brand new tomb for you and your family, and now you're giving it to Jesus?"

Joseph: "It's just for the weekend; he won't stay longer."

### THE PENGUIN SONG

What song do penguins sing when they bury one of their own in the ice?

"FR---eeeeze a jolly good fellow, FR---eeeeze a jolly good fellow"

## ANAGRAMS

Test your Scrabble skills with this impressive list of anagrams!

(An Anagram is taking the letters of a phrase and rearranging them to give a new meaning.)

PRESBYTERIAN :	When you rearrange the letters:	BEST IN PRAYER
ASTRONOMER:	When you rearrange the letters:	MOON STARER
THE EYES:	When you rearrange the letters:	THEY SEE
THE MORSE CODE :	When you rearrange the letters:	HERE COME DOTS
DORMITORY:	When you rearrange the letters:	DIRTY ROOM
ELECTION RESULTS:	When you rearrange the letters:	LIES – LET’S RECOUNT
A DECIMAL POINT:	When you rearrange the letters:	I’M A DOT IN PLACE
ELEVEN PLUS TWO:	When you rearrange the letters:	TWELVE PLUS ONE

