

## NEWS

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### **VALE NONI MITCHELL IBVM**

It is with great sadness that the Loreto Sisters of Australia and South East Asia announce the death of Noni Mitchell IBVM, former Province Leader and Superior General. Noni died peacefully at North Sydney, on 28th April 2021. Noni was internationally respected and esteemed for her outstanding leadership and contribution to the Church, the international Institute, and education. Read the [Loreto media release](#).

### **RELIGIOUS GOES TO WORK FOR SEASONAL WORKERS**

The latest newsletter of ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) reports that Peter O'Neill SSC has been appointed as ACRATH's representative on the Seasonal Worker Programme (SWP) Advisory Group. Also featured in the newsletter is Umes Acharya, who speaks about the exploitation of international students. Read these items and more in the [ACRATH newsletter](#).

### **WELCOME TO NEW LEADERS**

CRA welcomes to the helm the following incoming leadership:

- Fr Martin Ignacio Gutierrez Rodriguez CS (Fr Nacho) is the new Leader of the Scalabrinian Fathers, supported by Fr Luciano Toldo CS on the Leadership Team;
- Anne Jordan PBVM is the new leader of the Presentation Sisters, Lismore, supported by the Leadership Team of Mary Bruggy, PBVM, Sue Richardson PBVM and Anne Shay PBVM.

### **HONORARY DOCTORATES CONFERRED ON RELIGIOUS BY ACU**

CRA congratulates Mary O'Shannassy SGS and Christopher Willcock SJ on receiving honours at the 2021 graduation ceremony of Australian Catholic University held in Melbourne on 28 April. Mary, a prison chaplain, was awarded an honorary doctorate in recognition of her service to Victorian prisoners and for her chaplaincy leadership. Christopher, a Jesuit composer, was awarded an honorary doctorate for his contribution to liturgical music within the Catholic Church. Continue reading at [CathNews](#).

### **164TH ANNIVERSARY OF MELBOURNE MERCY FOUNDATION SEES CONVENT ENTRUSTED TO COLLEGE**

Earlier this week, the first Convent of Mercy on Australia's East coast – the Nicholson Street Fitzroy Convent – was entrusted by the Leadership Team of [ISM PNG](#) into the care of the Academy of Mary Immaculate, led by Principal Mary Moloney RSM, "for the furtherance of the Ministry of Education". Continue reading at the [Mercy World website](#).

### **SAINT LA SALLE'S 370<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

The 4 May 2021 marks the 370<sup>th</sup> birthday of Saint La Salle, celebrated by the worldwide family of students, teachers, alumni, parents, Brothers and Sisters that has been following the example of this priest turned educator from France. [Continue reading at the Lasallian website.](#)

A reminder, too, that the Lasallian Twilight Retreat (advertised in last week's eBulletin) takes place on 19 May in Zoom mode – details available here at [the Lasallian website.](#)

### **NATIONAL GROUPS WELCOME NEW CEO OF CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING BODY**

In a joint media release Catholic Religious Australia, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the Association of Ministerial PJP's have welcomed the appointment of Ursula Stephens as CEO of Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd. Read the media release at the [CRA website.](#)

### **FUNDRAISING PROGRAM LAUNCHED FOR MASS WITH YOU AT HOME**

As [Mass for You at Home](#) prepares to celebrate 50 years on free-to-air television, a new fundraising program will help enable its ongoing broadcast. The project is now a partnership between the Diocese of Wollongong and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. [Learn more about supporting this project.](#) It has been added as a resource on the [CRA website](#), where you can participate in an on-line Mass each week (*further details below, under Resources*).

### **A TASTE OF COUNTRY QLD IS A WELCOME RELIEF FOR REFUGEES**

The Southern Downs Refugee and Migrant Network has partnered with the Romero Centre in Brisbane to set up an innovative homestay project that offers refugees a place to escape for the weekend. The Romero Centre was established in response to the needs of people arriving in Australia seeking safety and human rights and came under the care of the Sisters of Mercy in 2003. Read [The Catholic Leader article.](#)

## **EVENTS/WEBINARS**

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### **CRA NATIONAL WEBINAR: THE RISEN LIFE - TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE OP**

Based on his latest book, 'Alive in God: a Christian Imagination,' this webinar focuses on 'The Risen Life,' a section of the book which explores what it means to be alive spiritually, physically, justly through liturgy and prayer. Visit the [CRA website for more information](#) about this online webinar. [Download the flyer.](#)

Title: The Risen Life  
Date & Time: 2 June 2021; 5.00to 6.30pm (AEST)  
Registration: [Register online – for free](#)

### **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: Now is the Time!  
 Date & Time: 26 May 2021; 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](#)

### 2021 MARIAN LECTURE ONLINE

The Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat invites you to join Christopher Lamb as he reflects on the Pope Francis' work of church reform and its relevance in the Australian context. Christopher is a religious affairs journalist and Vatican expert who has lived in Rome as correspondent for *The Tablet*. He is author of *The Outsider: Pope Francis and His Battle to Reform the Catholic Church* (Orbis Books, 2020). [Download the flyer here.](#)

Title: Crisis or Opportunity? The Post-COVID Church  
 Date & Time: 11 May 2021; 6.00pm – 7.30pm (AEST)  
 Registration: [Register online – free of charge](#)

### SOWERS OF HOPE – LAUDATO SI' ZOOM EVENT

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Office of Social Justice and Caritas Australia's Catholic Earthcare program are co-hosting a prayer and reflection Zoom event to celebrate the conclusion of the *Laudato Si' Year*. All are welcome to gather as a group, to receive nourishment through prayer and scripture and grow together through dialogue and reflection. Details available at the [ACBC Office of Social Justice website](#).

Title: Sowers of Hope  
 Date & Time: Friday 21 May 2021; 5.30pm – 6.30pm (AEST)  
 Registration: [Register online – free of charge](#)

### MISSION: ONE HEART MANY VOICES 2021 CONFERENCE - ONLINE

The conference will celebrate and identify the graces, the inspiration and the challenges of living the joy of the Gospel and leading mission in Australia and globally. Read the [invitation](#) and view the [programme](#).

Date: 1-3 September and a day of creativity and formation on 4 September 2021  
 Speakers: Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann AM; Cardinal Louis Antonio Gokim Tagle; Dr Ursula Stevens; Mr Hugh Mackay AO; Mr Craig Foster AM; Mr Robert Fitzgerald AM; and Sr Lyndall Brown RSJ; and many more.

### 2021 CRA EVENTS SUMMARY

Wednesday, 5 May	<a href="#">CRA National Stewardship Seminar</a> , 'How best to maximise yield in a low interest environment'	Zoom event
Wednesday 2 June	CRA National Webinar: The Risen Life – Timothy Radcliffe OP	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 soon)	Parramatta, NSW

## RESOURCES

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### ORDER YOUR LCWR OCCASIONAL PAPERS NOW

CRA is now taking orders for the (Northern Hemisphere) Summer 2021 issue of *Occasional Papers*, the journal of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR). To purchase a hard copy, please complete [this order form](#) and return no later than Monday 17 May 2021. Cost: \$AUD 20.00 each (P&H included). You can also subscribe to a [digital copy](#) direct from LCWR; cost: \$USD 10.00 each; select "Occasional Papers Subscription (International – digital)".

### MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

The [CRA website](#) now includes a link to *Mass for You at Home*, which is broadcast on free-to-air television at 6am on TEN and WIN TV. The [creation of a YouTube channel](#) allows for each weekend's Catholic Mass to be published to that platform at 7am AEST each Sunday. Upon request, the organisers are very happy to provide an MP4 file to organisations such as hospitals, aged care facilities, prisons and other facilities with their own "internal" channels, or permission to post the YouTube link to your platforms, reflecting the national profile of this ministry.

Promotional bulletin notices and prayers for the housebound can be found at this [google drive](#). Further information is available at the [Mass for You at Home](#) website.

### THE PURPOSE OF AN AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Professor Zlatko Skrbis, Vice-Chancellor and President, Australian Catholic University, has delivered The Vice Chancellor's Inaugural Lecture, "The Purpose of An Australian Catholic University". The text is available at the [ACU website](#).

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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### CRA SEEKING FINANCE OFFICER

CRA is looking to recruit a Finance Officer to undertake bookkeeping services for CRA, to commence working towards the end of June 2021. This would preferably be as an independent contractor but we would consider employment. The role requires an average of 8 hours per week but this is variable dependent on the needs. The position can be undertaken remotely. For more information about the role, please contact Anne Walker, National Executive Director by [email](#). We would appreciate you circulating this request to your networks so that we can find a person to join us who embraces our mission and understands religious institutes.


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LAUGHTER THERAPY



Early Facebook

**No Pun Intended:**

Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world today? I don't know and don't really care. 

Which country's capital has the fastest-growing population? Ireland. Every day it's Dublin.

What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind? A maybe.

Will glass coffins be a success? Remains to be seen.

