

NEWS

PRE-BUDGET ASSEMBLY – QLD COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

QLD Community Alliance is holding its pre-Budget Assembly with the Premier on 20 May, calling for a boost to community centre funding, support for workplace rights education of migrant workers, and a plan for creating jobs in regions affected by the transition to a clean energy future. Queenslanders can join the assembly in person or by zoom. Register at the [QLD Community Alliance website](#).

PROPOSED CHANGES COULD THREATEN CHARITIES' FREE SPEECH

A [media release by Catholic Social Services Australia](#) expresses its deep concern that new regulations could silence charities' advocacy on behalf of vulnerable groups for fear of having their charitable status revoked.

NEW WEBSITE SHOWCASES SACRED, LITURGICAL ART

The newly launched website, art.catholic.org.au, is a project of the National Liturgical Architecture and Art Council, an advisory body to the Bishops Commission for Liturgy, and was developed with financial support from Liturgy Brisbane. Read the [ACBC media release](#) here.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS CAN GIVE LIFE AND DIGNITY

JRS does not receive any Federal Government funding and struggles to meet the increased demand on its services. Secure online donations (100% tax deductible) can be made through the [JRS website](#) or by calling the JRS office on (02) 9356 3888.

VINNIES LAUNCHES 2021 WINTER APPEAL TO SUPPORT HOMELESSNESS

Historically low wages and cuts to income support, coupled with rising house prices and the decline in affordable rental accommodation, are pushing more families into homelessness, according to the [St Vincent De Paul media release](#). [Donate to Vinnies Winter Appeal here](#) or phone 13 18 12.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

CRA NATIONAL JUSTICE SEMINAR

Presenters include Cathy McGowan AO speaking on An Avenue for Advocacy, Aunty Geraldine Atkinson speaking on Advancing the Treaty Process, Brigid Arthur CSB speaking on Asylum Seekers and Refugees, and a Student panel convened by Anne Boyd CSB discussing 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](#)

PUBLIC LECTURE: SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE – REFLECTIONS ON THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Tim Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth, Chairman of the Bishop's Commission and President of the Plenary Council will present some reflections on the Plenary Council. Download the flyers for the [Sydney venue](#) and the [Melbourne venue](#).

Title: Joel 3: Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old people shall dream dreams, and your young people see visions
Dates & Times: Monday 28 June, 7.00pm, St Patrick's Cathedral, Marist Place, Parramatta NSW
Wednesday 30 June, 5.00pm, Newman College, 887 Swanston St, Parkville VIC
Registration: No cost, but bookings essential. RSVP by 28 June to mark.connor@marists.org.au (Melbourne session and mark.connor@parracatholic.org (Sydney session))

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.

RECONTEXTUALISING PEDAGOGY NATIONAL CONFERENCE

This conference sponsored by Catholic Theological College offers an opportunity to showcase new learning and ongoing research into recontextualising pedagogies. Full details at the [CTC website](#).

Title: Recontextualising Pedagogy
Date & Time: Monday 29 November 2021, 9.00am – 4.30pm (plus dinner option)
Tuesday 30 November 2021 9.00 – 3.30pm
Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre, Melbourne
Registration: [\\$250.00 per person for 2 days](#), \$65.00 extra for optional dinner booking

REFUGEE ADVOCACY ONLINE WEBINAR

[End Child Detention Coalition](#) presents a Zoom webinar, to look at the refugee advocacy movement and creating positive change for children and families in detention.

Title: Refugee Advocacy – Realising Positive Outcomes for Children in Detention
Date & Time: 25 May 2021; 6.00pm (AEST)
Registration: [More details to come](#)

POST-BUDGET WEBINAR

The Brotherhood of St Laurence, Anti-Poverty Week and Social Ventures Australia will present a panel discussion on what the 2021/22 Federal Budget will mean for Australian children and families living in poverty. Further details at the [Anti-Poverty Week website](#).

Title: Tackling child and family poverty – reflections on the 2021/22 Federal Budget
Date & Time: 20 May 2021; 1.00pm – 2.00pm (AEST)
Registration: [Register online – free of charge](#)

ICAN SNAPPY ONE-HOUR TRAINING

This 1-hour training session hosted by the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) is for anyone interested in engaging with their parliamentary representatives on the nuclear weapon ban treaty. It features practical tips, advice from former Minister Robert Tickner AO, time to practice and an example conversation between veteran activists and ICAN personnel. For details visit the [ICAN website](#).

Title: Persuading Your MP
Date & Time: Friday 27 May 2021; 6.00pm – 7.00pm (AEST)
Registration: [Register online – free of charge](#)

PALMS AUSTRALIA SOLIDARITY AWARDS

Guest speaker, Professor Paul Kelly, a former Palms participant who undertook a placement as a Medical Officer in Mzuzu, Malawi in the 1990s, will address some of the challenges and complexities of international development during the COVID -19 pandemic.

Title: Palms Australia 9th Annual Solidarity Awards
Date & Time: Sunday 11 July 2021; 12.00pm (including lunch)
Venue: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW
Registration: Early Bird Tickets \$60 by 14 May.
Visit palms.org.au or call Palms on 02 9560 5333

ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT – VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

A virtual conference on pastoral ministry and formation is being hosted by the Pastoral Ministry Network, Christian Initiation Australia Network, and the Mission Planners Network Oceania. [Download the flyer](#) and read more at the [Conference website](#).

Date: 8-10 July 2021
Speakers: Lana Turvey-Collins (Plenary Council), Richard Lennan (Boston College), Leisa Anslinger (Archdiocese of Cincinnati)
Registration: \$40 per individual - [Booking details here](#)

RESOURCES

COLUMBAN INTERFAITH RESOURCES

This week (Wednesday evening) the Muslim month of Ramadan closes with Eid Al-Fitr. The [Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations](#) is a resource for learning more about Islam, interfaith issues and Catholic teaching with respect to Catholic-Muslim relations..

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

16 to 22 May is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Resources can be found at [The National Council of Churches in Australia](#).

REVIEW FOR RELIGIOUS

Discover this [new \(re-launched\) journal](#) dedicated to exploring religious life in our contemporary world. Subscribe or learn more about this new print (and digital) journal at the [Review For Religious website](#).

JOAN CHITTISTER PRESENTATION VIDEO

On 2 May Joan Chittister OSB presented at an online event hosted by the Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR), "The Future of Catholicism in Australia". It can be [viewed at this link](#) for a limited time. Read the [ACCCR media release](#) reporting the event.

Future ACCCR online events will be held: Thursday August 26, 2021: 7.30 pm, AEST and Thursday November 4, 2021: 7.30 pm, AEDT.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

[Download the May reflection](#) for the Year of St Joseph series which includes the contribution of Bishop Vincent Long. A [video version](#) of the message is available here and at the [Year of St Joseph web page](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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.

LAUGHTER THERAPY

