

NEWS

JUST NOW | WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BURMA/MYANMAR?

The latest issue of *Just Now*, CRA's justice periodical, focuses on Myanmar/Burma and the worsening crisis since the military coup in February 2021. This volume has information about making secure donations through Religious Institutes with ministries in Myanmar/Burma. Download [Just Now](#) here or via the [CRA website](#). See, too, the media release, [Catholic Religious gather to pray for the people of Burma/Myanmar](#) on last week's event. The link to the recording of the prayer service will be sent to all registrants and be available on CRA members' website, using your email and password.

CRA COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR PLENARY COUNCIL MEMBERS RECORDING

A video recording of the online ceremony is now available on the CRA website, [Religious Leaders Commissioned ahead of Plenary Council Assembly](#) and on [CRA's YouTube channel](#).

LIKELY ESCALATION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN AFGHANISTAN

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) highlights three steps for taking urgent action to support those at risk amidst a potential escalation of trafficking and forced marriage in Afghanistan. Download the [ACRATH letter](#).

EL SALVADOR SETS BEATIFICATION DATE FOR RELIGIOUS AND LAY MARTYRS

The Salvadoran Bishops have announced the date of 22 January 2022 for the beatifications of Rutilio Grande SJ, Cosme Spessotto OFM, and two laymen, Manuel Solórzano, a senior sacristan, and Nelson Rutilio Lemus, a boy in his teens. All four were martyred during the country's civil conflict in the 1970s and 1980s, when countless Catholics began speaking up for the poor. Read more at [America magazine](#).

HOMELESSNESS REPORT IS A BLUEPRINT FOR ACTION

The National Council of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia welcomes the release of the Federal Parliament's final report into Housing and Homelessness in Australia, calling it 'a solid blueprint for reform that if implemented in full will go a long way to ensuring fuller economic and community participation for some of the most vulnerable people in our community.' Read the [St Vincent de Paul Society media release](#).

NEW STUDENT TRAVEL PRIZE FOR ACU NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ARTS

The Australian National Council of the Catenian Association and the Australian Catholic University have announced the establishment of a new Travel Prize to be awarded within the University's National School of Arts, including contingency plans that address the prospect of ongoing international travel restrictions. Read the press release at the [Catenian website](#).

EVENTS/WEBINARS

CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – NOW ONLINE

Most refunds for the face-to-face event have been completed. Should you have any queries, please contact events@catholicreligious.org.au. Very soon, CRA will re-issue registration details for the new online event which will be held during the same week, 22 – 25 November 2021.

CRA NATIONAL WEBINAR: THE GREATEST ECOLOGICAL THREAT TO OUR PLANET – NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Last January marked the entry into force of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Representatives from the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Australia will explain why it is important that Australia signs and ratifies the Treaty and how to support that outcome. Presenters are David Sweeney and Gem Romuld of ICAN Australia. [Download the flyer.](#)

Title: Why Australia Must Ratify the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
Date: Monday 13 September 2021
Time: 11.00 am (AEST) | 9.00 am (AWST) | 10.30 am (ACST)
Duration: One-hour online presentation with Q&A
Registration: Free registration at [Trybooking](#) and [CRA website](#). The link is included in the Trybooking confirmation when you register. It will also be sent the day prior to the email address on your registration.

CRA NATIONAL WEBINAR: ACNC GOVERNANCE AND EXTERNAL STANDARDS

This event is designed to provide an overview of your civil obligations and compliance requirements as a registered charitable organisation. It is presented by Ian Parry, Senior Manager Compliance – Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC). A Q&A session will be facilitated by Bernard Kenna, Director of Business Services, Marist Brothers Province of Australia. [Download the flyer.](#)

Title: ACNC Governance and External Standards
Date & Times: Wednesday, 6 October 2021, 1-hour duration
2.00 pm (AEDT) in ACT, NSW, TAS, VIC (Daylight Savings) 1.00 pm (AEST) in QLD | 1.30 pm (ACDT) in SA | 12.30 pm (ACST) in NT | 11.00 am (AWST) in WA
Registration: Cost: \$20. Register at [Trybooking](#). A Zoom link will be sent to registered participants prior to the event. Further information at the [CRA Website](#)

CRA NATIONAL WEBINAR: BUILDING BRIDGES: REACHING OUT TO OUR LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY

This webinar, with well-known spirituality author James Martin SJ, will explore how the Catholic Church in Australia can do more to welcome and respect the dignity of LGBTQIA+ Catholics and build bridges with the LGBTQIA+ community.

Title: Building Bridges: Reaching out to our LGBTQIA+ community
Date & Times: **Tuesday 26 October 2021** [*Please note corrected date*]
10.00 am AEDT in ACT, NSW, TAS, VIC during Daylight Savings | 9.00 am AEST in QLD | 9.30 am ACDT in SA | 8.30 am ACST in NT | 7.00 am AWST in WA

Registration: Free [online registration](#) at the [CRA website](#); The link is included in the Trybooking confirmation when you register. It will also be sent the day prior to the email address on your registration.

RETREAT: DEEP IN CHRIST | ST JOSEPH'S CENTRE BAULKHAM HILLS

During this retreat participants pray contemplatively with Pauline texts which use the phrase 'In Christ'. This phrase refers not just to humanity but to all of creation. Facilitated by Colleen O'Sullivan RSJ.

Title: Deep In Christ (visit the [Retreat webpage](#))
Dates: 28 November to 5 December 2021
Venue: St Joseph's Baulkham Hills, 33 Barina Downs Rd, Norwest NSW 2153
Registration: \$700. To register or for further information, contact the Centre:
FrontDesk@stjosephscentre.org.au or phone 02 9634 2317

SABBATICAL | ST JOSEPH'S CENTRE BAULKHAM HILLS

This Sabbatical focuses on transitions and is suitable for those who are at the crossroads of life and ministry. [Download the brochure](#).

Title: Invitation to Wisdom, Mission, Conversation, Transformation
Dates: 25 February to 8 April 2022
Venue: St Joseph's Baulkham Hills, 33 Barina Downs Rd, Norwest NSW 2153
Registration: \$8,550.00. For further information, contact Lil Girardi RSJ,
Sabbatical co-ordinator: lianella.girardi@sosj.org.au or 0418 554 463

LIVING MEMORY: LEARNING FROM THE LEGACY OF AUSTRALIAN RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

This one-day online Seminar, an ecumenical initiative of the Anglican Church, is a prelude to the three-day 2022 ecumenical conference of the same name and theme. Both will reflect on the distinctive role played by religious communities during the first two centuries of Christianity in Australia; and consider how God may be calling 21st century Australians to various forms of religious life.

Title: *Living Memory: Learning from the Legacy of Australian Religious Communities*
Date & Times: [Three-day Conference](#): Thursday 24 – Saturday 26 March 2022, dates TBC (Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall Street, Barton, ACT)
[One-day online Seminar](#): Saturday 6 November 2021. [View the programme here](#)
Registration: Cost of online Seminar: \$80 (or \$240 group ticket, up to 6 people)
[Register online](#). Registration closes 1 November 2021

EMPLOYMENT

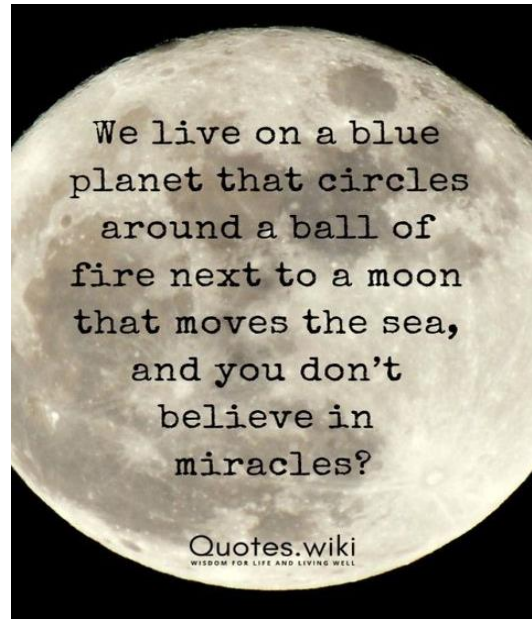
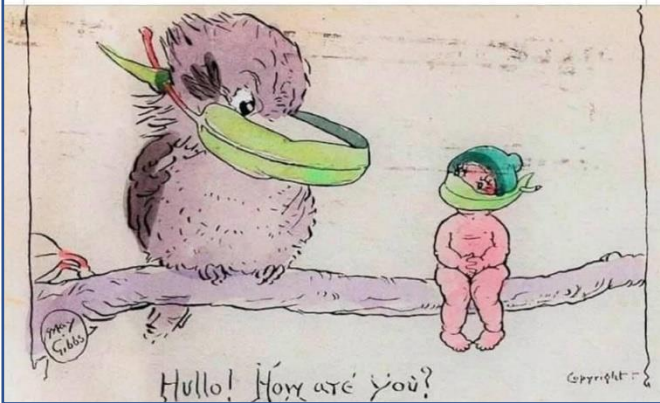
PROJECT SUPPORT & ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Mary Ward International Australia (MWIA) is seeking to employ a Project Support and Administration Officer, 4 days per week. For further information refer to the [advertisement](#) and [position description](#), or email mwiaexecutiveofficer@loreto.org.au. Applications close 9.00 am on 7 September 2021.

RESOURCES

LAUGHTER THERAPY 😂

Amazing to think this drawing was done by Australian artist May Gibbs a hundred years ago during the Spanish flu.



Just looking at the places I have been this year!

