

NEWS

VIDEO RECORDING OF CRA PRAYER SERVICE FOR BURMA/MYANMAR

A recording of the CRA prayer service for Burma/Myanmar is available to members on CRA members'-only website, using your email and password. Please note that only those with the link can watch the video. It will not appear on CRA's YouTube channel page, and it will not appear in YouTube search results unless someone adds it to a public playlist.

CRA MEMBER LEADERSHIP CHANGE

There is a leadership change for the Franciscan Sisters of St Anthony, effective 2 August 2021. Outgoing Leader: Quintilia Trotta FSSA. Incoming Leader: Dora Sepulveda Hincapie FSSA. We pray for Dora in her leadership ministry.

ONLINE MISSION CONFERENCE AN 'OVERWHELMINGLY POSITIVE' EXPERIENCE

The fifth edition of the *Mission: One Heart Many Voices* (MOHMOV) conference, has been presented online to a worldwide audience, with over 500 participants engaged in exploring the challenges of living the gospel in Australia and globally. Read the [MOHMOV media release](#).

CATHOLIC MISSION LAUNCHES WORLD MISSION MONTH APPEAL

Catholic Mission has launched its World Mission Month Appeal focusing on the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand, who support children from disadvantaged backgrounds through the Kindergarten Centre. [Read the media release](#). Donations can be made at the [Catholic Mission website](#).

FEARS OF EUTHANASIA BEING PUSHED INTO FAITH-BASED HEALTH CARE

Under proposed laws in Queensland, hospitals and other health care providers will be powerless to stop euthanasia taking place in their facilities regardless of whether their organisation and their staff have fundamental objections to the practice, reports *The Courier-Mail*. Read more at the [CathNews webpage](#).

NATIONAL WOMEN'S SAFETY SUMMIT

Speaking during the first day of the [National Women's Safety Summit](#), St Vincent de Paul Society National Council says long-term structural changes in housing and income support are essential to improve the safety of single women, including older women, and women and their children who experience family, domestic and/or sexual violence. Read the [St Vincent de Paul media release](#).

PALMS AUSTRALIA - 65 YEARS OF JUSTICE AND INCLUSION

10 October 2021 will mark 65 years of the Paulian Association/Palms Australia. Paulians has initiated many activities to foster justice and inclusion, including Project Compassion (1966) and the Palms program, responsible for recruiting, preparing and supporting Australians in global mission since 1961. Read more at the [Palms Australia website](#).

EVENTS/WEBINARS

2022 CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - SAVE THE DATE

Please note a change in date for the 2022 CRA National Assembly. It will be held from 29 August to 1 September 2022 in Melbourne.

2021 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 & Times: Monday 13 September 2021
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.

CSSV BREAKFAST BRIEFING - ONLINE

On the subject of violence against women and domestic violence, Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) will convene a breakfast briefing with a cross-sector panel of leaders, to take place immediately after the 2021 National Summit on Women's Safety.

Title: Breakfast Briefing – Reflections on the 2021 National Summit on Women's Safety
Date & Times: Thursday 9 September 2021
8.30 am – 9.30 am (AEST) | 6.30 am (AWST) | 8.00 am (ACST)
Registration: Free event via Zoom, [register at Trybooking](#)
To find out more about the speakers and the National Summit, visit the [CSSV website](#), or email your enquiry to Lucia: lucia.brick@css.org.au

ARRCC SEMINAR ON ETHICAL INVESTING - ONLINE

In this event sponsored by Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC), participants learn about aligning one's finances and faith to urge superannuation funds to stop funding the fossil fuel industry. The format is interactive, including an in-person talk by Rachel Deans from *Market Forces*, and a chance for participants (if they wish) to send an email to their superannuation fund.

Title: Aligning your finances with your faith
Date & Times: Thursday 9 September 2021
7.30 pm – 9.00 pm (AEST) | 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm (AWST) | 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm (ACST)
Registration: This is a free event. [Register at Trybooking](#) and find further information at the [ARRCC website](#). Share this event on [Facebook](#).

CREATION SPIRITUALITY: LIVE ZOOM PRESENTATION

Kathleen Duffy SSJ PhD, Physics and Teilhard scholar, will offer her expertise on one of the most influential mystics of the 20th century, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ. [Download the flyer](#).

Title: Creation Spirituality
Date: Tuesday 28 September 2021 (9.00 am – 10.30 am, Perth time)
Venue: St Joseph's Convent, 16 York St, South Perth
Registration: Cost: \$20 (including morning tea). [Register by 10 September at Trybooking](#)

RETREAT: WOMEN OF WISDOM | ST JOSEPH'S BAULKHAM HILLS

This retreat is an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate through input, prayer and ritual, the integration of the psycho-spiritual aspects of being fully human and fully woman as we journey into wholeness in religious life. Facilitated by Geraldine Kearney SGS. Visit the [Retreat webpage](#).

Title: Women of Wisdom, Fire and Love: A Journey into Wholeness
Dates: 28 November 2021 to 05 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

RESOURCES

RESOURCES FOR SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

The Catholic Church in Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday on 12 September (previously known as Child Protection Sunday). A series of resources has been developed and can be found [in this Google Drive folder](#) and at the [Bishops Conference website](#).

BEING THE BIRD – A NEW BOOK BY MARY WICKHAM RSM

The newly published poetry collection, *Being The Bird*, by Mary Wickham RSM is about encounter: with the Divine, the natural world, the Celtic landscape and spirit, and those whose lives the poet has shared


through journeys of birth and death, dementia and abuse. RRP AU\$24.75. Visit the [ISMAPNG website](#) for details for ordering the book.

COLUMBAN RESOURCE – 7 DAYS OF CREATION

This resource, *7 Days of Creation, Scriptural Prayers and Reflection*, is about how God wants us to act on the twin cry of the earth and the poor. The resource is based on the belief that God gives us the vision and the motivation to act. Access it at the [Columban website](#). See, too, the [Climate Change Lamentation](#).

LAUGHTER THERAPY

SERIOUS LOCK DOWN ADVICE

Everyone PLEASE be careful because people are going crazy from being locked down at home! I was just talking about this with the microwave and the toaster while drinking my Pepsi, and we all agreed that things are getting bad. I didn't mention any of this to the washing machine, because she puts a different spin on EVERYTHING!! Certainly couldn't share with the fridge, cause he's been acting cold and distant! In the end, the iron straightened me out! She said the situation isn't all that pressing and all the wrinkles will soon get ironed out! The vacuum, however, was very unsympathetic... told me to just suck it up! But the fan was VERY optimistic and gave me hope that it will all blow over soon! The toilet looked a bit flushed but didn't say anything when I asked its opinion, but the front door said I was becoming unhinged and the doorknob told me to get a grip!! You can just about guess what the curtains told me: they told me to "pull myself together!" We will survive!! Pass it on - gotta keep the humour!   



**BREAKING NEWS...
SWIMMING POOLS TO RE-OPEN, BUT
DUE TO CONTINUED SOCIAL
DISTANCING REGULATIONS
THERE WILL BE NO WATER IN
LANES 1, 3 AND 5.**

