

## NEWS

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### **CRA MEDIA RELEASE: A CONVERSATION ON SYNODALITY AND CO-RESPONSIBILITY**

On 1 November 2021, CRA will launch the second online 'conversation,' *Synodality and Co-Responsibility*, as part of its series of online discussions of *The Light from the Southern Cross Report*. Read the [CRA media release](#), see *Events* below, and [register for the event](#) here.

### **CRA SUPPORT FOR SALVATION ARMY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME (VICTORIA)**

CRA has lent its support to The Salvation Army Employment Plus Launch programme, funded by Jobs Victoria. This free service assists unemployed youth (aged 15-30) with or at risk of mental ill-health and offers an innovative employment service for people seeking asylum and refugees. [Corrine Chalmers](#), employee mentor in the Geelong region, Victoria, welcomes a partnership with members of CRA. Read about the programme at the [Salvation Army Employment Plus website](#).

### **DISABILITY ROYAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DELAY IN EASING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) highlights a report released by the Disability Royal Commission calling for the Federal Government to not allow state and territory governments to ease restrictions until people with disabilities have had the opportunity to be vaccinated. Read the [CSSA media release](#).

### **CATHOLIC MISSION LAUNCH GLOBAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AHEAD OF MISSION MONTH**

An Australian-led global awareness campaign featuring the faces and voices of missionaries from over 50 countries was launched internationally on September 27, 2021. Click here to read the [media release](#) and click here to [view the world premiere](#).

### **STATEMENT FROM CATHOLIC HEALTH AUSTRALIA CHAIR ON PASSING OF ASSISTED DYING LAWS IN QLD**

Following the passing of Queensland Voluntary Assisted Dying laws, Catholic health and aged care providers have expressed their deep disappointment "in a law that so clearly conflicts with their ethic of care." Read the [media release](#) from Catholic Health Australia Chair Hon John Watkins AM.

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

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

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 & Time:** Tuesday 26 October 2021  
10.00 am AEDT in ACT, NSW, TAS, VIC during Daylight Savings | 9.30 am ACDT in SA | 9.00 am AEST in QLD | 8.30 am ACST in NT | 7.00 am AWST in WA  
**Registration:** Free [online registration](#) at the [CRA website](#)  
**Audience:** This event is open to all who are interested.

### **CRA NATIONAL WEBINAR: SYNODALITY & CO-RESPONSIBILITY**

‘Synodality and Co-Responsibility’ is the second online conversation of a series of conversations about ‘The Light from the Southern Cross’ Report. Its purpose is to discover the richness of the Report and provide a source of formation. [Download the flyer.](#)

**Title:** Synodality & Co-Responsibility  
**Date & Time:** 1 November 2021, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm in NSW, VIC, QLD  
9.30 am in SA | 9.00 am in QLD | 7.00 am in WA  
**Registration:** [Free online registration](#). Further details at the [CRA website](#)  
**Audience:** This event is open to all who are interested.

### **CAPSA WEBINAR: PRAYER AND ACTION FOR AFGHANISTAN**

This webinar will be an opportunity for the CAPSA (Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum) community to take further action as a part of its [Action for Afghanistan](#) campaign. Speakers include community leaders from Afghanistan in Australia and Frank Brennan SJ AO.

**Title:** CAPSA Webinar: A Call to Prayer and Action for Afghanistan  
**Date & Time:** Tuesday, 28 September 2021, 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm AEST in NSW, VIC, QLD, TAS | 6.30 pm in SA | 5.00 pm in WA  
**Registration:** [Free registration](#) at this link

### **CTU CHICAGO – TOWARDS A BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF FRIENDSHIP**

This six-week course at Catholic Theological Union (CTU) Chicago, presented by Prof. Laurie Brink OP, engages a process that integrates personal experience with biblical study in order to trace the emerging theology of friendship in the Scriptures. View a [video introduction](#).

**Title:** Toward a Biblical Theology of Friendship  
**Dates:** 7 September to 12 October 2021. The lectures will be recorded and available for participants to view at a time convenient to their time zone.  
**Registration:** The course can be taken for credit or as an audit. Audit fee: \$300 USD. [Click here](#) for audit applications: Enquiries: Jay Nawrocki, [jnawrocki@ctu.edu](mailto:jnawrocki@ctu.edu)

### **SYNODALITY IN CARE FOR OCEANS AND FORESTS – ONLINE EVENT**

This virtual event listens to the voices of Synodality for Oceania and Asia, united in a common desire to care for the oceans and forests. It is organised by River Above Asia and Oceania Ecclesial Network ([RAOEN](#)) in collaboration with Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Caritas, and others. [Download the brochure](#) for a list of speakers and programme details.

Title: Ecclesial Synodality in the Shared Mission of Oceania and Asia  
Date & Time: Wednesday, 29 September 2021, 9.00 am in Rome  
5.00 pm in ACT, NSW, VIC | 4.30pm in SA 3.00 pm in WA  
Registration: [Free registration at this link.](#)

#### **FAITHS 4 CLIMATE JUSTICE GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION: 17-18 OCTOBER**

Join with people of faith all over the world in a global multi-religious Day of Action organised by Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC). This will be timed for maximum impact two weeks out from the COP26 Climate Summit in Glasgow.

Title: Faiths 4 Climate Justice Day of Action  
Dates: Sunday 17 October to Monday 18 October 2021. There will be actions held over these two days. Participate by organising an action with your community on either or both of these days.  
Information: Further details can be found at the [ARRCC webpage](#)

#### **PAX CHRISTI WEBINAR ON MYANMAR**

Solidarity is what many in Myanmar are seeking as they face renewed challenges and trauma. This webinar, organised by Pax Christi and friends, asks how the Christian community in Australia can support its neighbour in the Asia Pacific. [Download the flyer](#) for list of speakers and further information.

Title: Faith, Fellowship and the Future  
Date & Time: 17 October 2021, 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm in ACT, NSW, TAS, VIC Daylight Savings | 2.30 pm in SA | 2.00 pm in QLD | 1.30 pm in NT | 12.00 noon WA  
Registration: To register (free) and obtain a Zoom link, contact Harry Kerr [ahmkerr@hotmail.com](mailto:ahmkerr@hotmail.com) by 12 October

#### **LIVING MEMORY – ONLINE SEMINAR, 6 NOVEMBER**

This stand-alone one-day online seminar anticipates the [2022 Conference](#) *Ancient Futures: The Renewal of Religious Life in the Australian Church* at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Charles Sturt University in March 2022.

Title: Living Memory: Learning from the Legacy of Australian Religious Communities  
Date: Saturday, 6 November 2021, 9.30 am to 3.00 pm in ACT, NSW, TAS, VIC | 9.00 am in SA | 8.30 am in QLD | 8.00 am in NT | 6.30 am WA  
Registration: Cost: \$80 (individual) or \$240 (group, up to 6 people). RSVP 1 November 2021 [Programme and registration details](#) at Charles Sturt University website

## **RESOURCES**

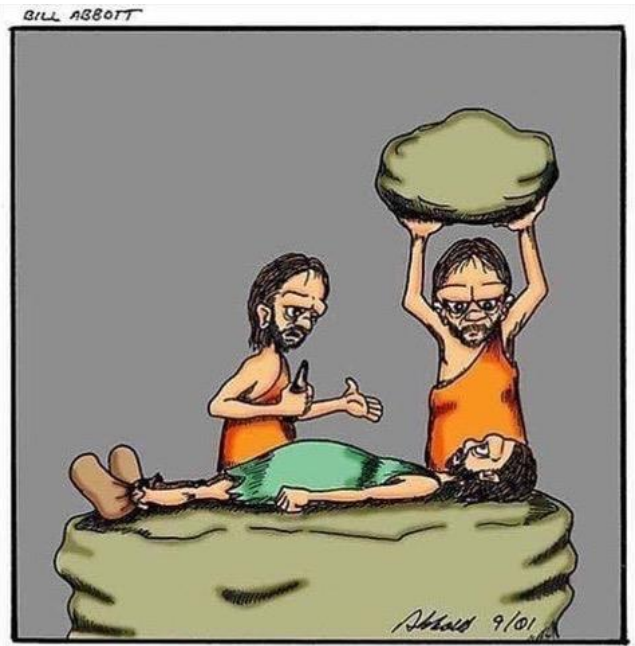
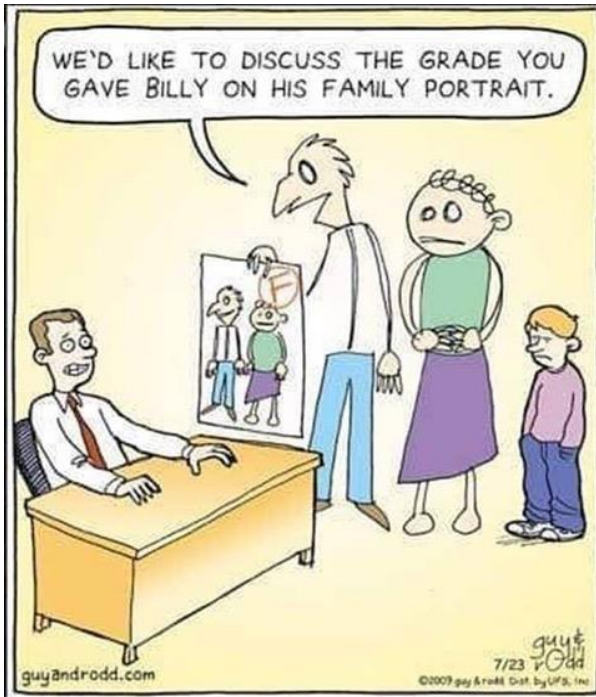
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#### **MARIST NEWSLETTER: REFLECTION ON 'VULNERABILITY'**

A thoughtful reflection on '[Vulnerability](#)' by Nathan Ahearne, Marist Association Councillor, can be found in the [September issue](#) of the Newsletter of the Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat.



**LAUGHTER THERAPY** 😂



“...and this is Ralph, your anesthesiologist.”

