

NEWS

CRA WEBINAR RECORDING – BUILDING BRIDGES

A [video recording](#) is now available of the CRA National Webinar: *Building Bridges: Reaching out to our LGBTQIA+ community with James Martin SJ* (26 October). The recording can also be found on [CRA's YouTube channel](#) page which can be accessed via the [CRA Resources webpage](#); please feel free to share.

PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLY – FEEDBACK

CRA President Peter Carroll FMS shares here a brief [reflection](#) on last month's Plenary Council Assembly. Also, CRA is collecting Plenary Members' feedback about the Plenary Assembly *process* (what worked well, what could be better next time), to be fed back to the Plenary Facilitation Team. If you would like to respond (eg. a few bullet points), email CRA nationalexec@catholicreligious.org.au ASAP.

VATICAN EXTENDS INITIAL LISTENING PHASE FOR SYNOD OF BISHOPS

The Vatican has extended the diocesan consultation phase for the [2023 Synod of Bishops](#) by more than three months to ensure all Catholics have an opportunity to take part in the Synod's initial process. CRA has devised a simple, flexible process to invite the involvement of Australian Religious in the synodal journey, see more on the [CRA Resources webpage](#).

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS - MARIST BROTHERS

We are invited to donate to a [GoFundMe](#) campaign organised by the Marist Brothers in support of five young students on Humanitarian Scholarships at the University of Newcastle and who need a year to finish their studies. View a [4-minute video](#) introducing the boys and their stories.

MERCY INTEGRAL ECOLOGY EMERGING LEADERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

The Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea, in collaboration with CRA and Catholic Earthcare, is offering a fully funded, 12-month (part-time) fellowship program for those passionate about animating efforts for Gospel justice to care for our common home. [Continue reading](#).

REMEMBERING KRISTALLNACHT – 9 NOVEMBER 1938

Commemorations of the anniversary of [Kristallnacht](#) ('Night of Broken Glass', 9 November 1938) take place at this time of year. This date marked a decisive step towards the Nazi systematic mass murder of Jews. The anniversary is also an opportunity to remember a remarkable Yorta Yorta Aboriginal man, William Cooper, who spoke out against the injustice of *Kristallnacht*. Read this little-known story [here](#).

ALL SAINTS, ALL SOULS

This bulletin coincides with [All Souls](#) Day, following the feast of [All Saints](#). We rejoice in the triumph of God's grace in all the saints; and we remember all who have died. In God's mercy may they rest in peace.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

CRA 2021 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ONLINE

The 2021 CRA National Assembly, *Embracing Mission – Interculturality and Prophetic Leadership*, will focus on religious life within a Church and society of diverse people, cultures, ages, beliefs, countries of origin, theologies, genders, ordained/lay. [Download the flyer](#).

Title: Embracing Mission – Interculturality and Prophetic Leadership
Dates: Monday 22 to Thursday 26 November 2021.
Refer to [programme](#) for session times on each day
Registration: \$200 for Leaders and Team Members – [register here](#)
\$100 for other Religious – [register here](#)
All information is available on the [CRA website](#), including a full programme
Enquiries: events@catholicreligious.org.au or phone 02 9557 2695

CRA NSW LEADERS' AND TEAMS DINNER

Leaders and Leadership Team Members in NSW are invited to a networking dinner, download the [flyer](#).

Title: CRA NSW Leaders' and Teams Dinner (view on [website](#))
Date & Time: Thursday 2 December 2021, 6.30 pm
Venue: DOOLEYS Waterview Club, 214 Silverwater Road, Silverwater NSW 2128
Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/BVBUJ>

QUEENSLAND - RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE

The Ritual of Remembrance is an annual Religious of Queensland network event held at Nudgee Cemetery, the burial place of many religious in southeast Queensland. Registrations for in-person attendance have closed but click on the [livestreaming link](#) and download the [liturgy booklet](#) if you would like to join in, virtually.

Date & Time: Wednesday 3 November 2021, 6.00 pm QLD

CTC VIRTUAL OPEN DAYS

Catholic Theological College (CTC) in Melbourne is offering a free online information session to explore courses and pathways for study in pastoral and spiritual practice. See details below and [download the brochure](#). To explore all other offerings of CTC Virtual Open Days, download [this second brochure](#).

Title: Pastoral & spiritual practice
Date & Time: Tuesday 23 November 2021, 7.00 pm in VIC, TAS, ACT, NSW | 6.00 pm in QLD | 6.30 pm in SA | 4.00 pm in WA
Registration: Register (free) at the [CTC webpage](#)

2022 HOLY WEEK EXPERIENCE IN TASMANIA

Tour Tasmania, explore the riches of Holy Week on retreat at Cradle Mountain, and celebrate the Easter liturgies at St Therese of Lisieux Parish, Hobart, in this offering from GPBS resources. [Download the flyer.](#)

Title: Strength for the Journey

Dates: Friday 8 April – Monday 18 April 2022

Registration: For details contact Paul Skippen (tour leader) 0412 850 883, info@gpbs.com.au

EMPLOYMENT

CRA SECRETARIAT – TWO EMPLOYMENT OPPORUNITIES

CRA is seeking a [Team Administrative Assistant](#) (4 days per week) and a [Committees and Projects Coordinator](#) (4 days per week) to join its professional, creative and dynamic team. Access the advertisements and position descriptions at the [CRA Employment](#) webpage. Enquiries and applications: Kaylie Beuchat, ea@catholicreligious.org.au. Applications close 5 and 15 November 2021 respectively.

ACCOMMODATION

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

Santa Casa Retreat Centre in Queenscliff VIC, operated by the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea (ISMAPNG), is offering places for holidays for Sisters of other congregations. There are three blocks: 27 December to 9 January, 11-25 January, and 27 January to 10 February 2022. Book all or part of the fortnight. Contact Lizzie Finnerty, Manager, santacasa@ismapng.org.au or 0418 194 261.

RESOURCES

LCWR OCCASIONAL PAPERS 2021: 'THE UNKNOWN: A PLACE OF POTENTIAL AND POSSIBILITY'

The latest LCWR *Occasional Papers* offers inspiration for living in a period where so much feels uncertain and unknown. [Subscribe](#) as an annual digital subscription (\$USD 15.00). Or purchase a hard copy (\$AUD 25.00) via CRA's [TryBooking](#) no later than 29 November 2021. CRA will place a bulk order with LCWR and once received, will post the *Occasional Papers* out to our members.

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER DEPRESSION

Click here for a [one-page reflection](#) on Pope Francis' November Intention for People who Suffer Depression. Courtesy of Andrew Hamilton SJ.

FROM LA SALLE ACADEMY (ACU)

La Salle Academy Publication #9, *A New Annunciation: Imagining our Church of the future*, can be ordered via the [LSA website](#). Drawing on the ancient wisdom of theology in icons, it imagines what a new Church might look like: a more Marian one, in the image of Mary, *Theotokos*, the one who bore God to the world.

NEW BOOK FROM ST PAULS PUBLICATIONS

A collection of messages from Australian Catholic Bishops during lockdown has been published by St Pauls Publications: *Streams of Light: Easter Messages from Australian Bishops During Lockdown 2020*, edited by Nigel Zimmermann. Read the [media release](#), peruse the [contents](#) and purchase at the [St Pauls website](#).

UNANIMA INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

The latest issue of the [UNANIMA International Newsletter](#) can be accessed here. UNANIMA International is an NGO advocating on behalf of women and children living in poverty, migrants, refugees, the homeless and displaced, and the environment. Four congregations in Australia are members of UNANIMA International: Brigidine Sisters, Sisters of Charity, Marist Sisters and Sisters of Our Lady of Sion.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH REFLECTION FOR NOVEMBER

The November reflection for Year of St Joseph series of articles is now available from the [ACBC webpage](#). It is titled 'St Joseph: A Powerful Intercessor', by Fr Paul Nulley (Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn).

GOOD NEWS!

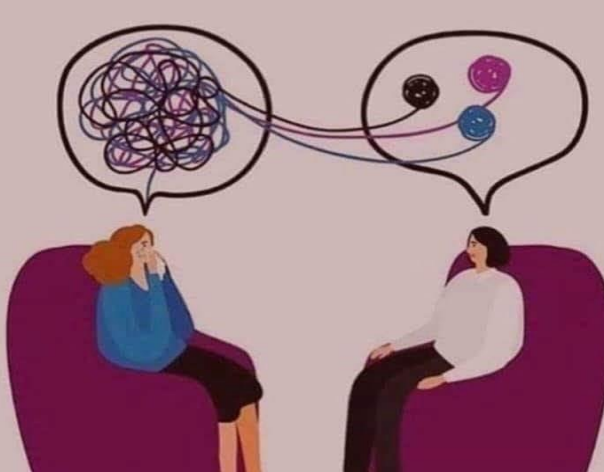


GOOD NEWS NETWORK

Headline:
France's First Public Official with Down Syndrome Helps Everyone See Disability Differently. [More](#).

Read this and more uplifting stories at:
goodnewsnetwork.org


Absolutely love this depiction of therapy. Please remember how powerful talking is ❤️




ON THE LIGHTER SIDE 😊

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A picture of a planet 5 billion kilometers away



Bank security cameras



**I may look fine
but deep down
I don't remember
any of my passwords.**