

NEWS

TIM NORTON SVD APPOINTED AUXILIARY BISHOP FOR BRISBANE

Tim Norton SVD has been appointed Auxiliary Bishop to the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Tim has served as head of the Australian Province of the Society of the Divine Word and has been CRA Vice President. Read statements by the Australian [Catholic Bishops](#), the [Archbishop of Brisbane](#), and SVD [Australian Provincial](#).

VALE BISHOP WILLIAM WRIGHT

CRA is mindful of the people of Maitland-Newcastle Diocese and the family of Bishop Bill Wright at this time of sadness with the news of his death following a battle with lung cancer, as reported by [MN News](#).

FIFTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Read the [reflection](#) of CRA President Peter Carroll FMS, drawing on Pope Francis' [message](#) for the Fifth World Day of the Poor, held last Sunday, 14 November 2021.

HOPE-FILLED FUTURES FOR ETHNIC MINORITIES IN THAILAND

Jesuit Mission (Australia) has hosted a [webinar](#) about their partnership with Xavier Learning Community (XLC), which is transforming young people from ethnic minorities in Thailand. Read the [media release](#).

COLUMBAN REFLECTION ON SYNODALITY

Trevor Trotter SSC comments that Pope Francis' 'talk about synodality is not just about how we do church "stuff". He is saying this is the way that all humans can live together and move forward together... notice the movement words. Life is about moving, like a missionary.' Continue reading in the [Columban eBulletin](#).

MARGINALISED STILL WAITING FOR VACCINATIONS

In a [media release](#), Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) has expressed concern that people living with disabilities and First Nation Australians' vaccination rates continue to lag behind the rest of Australia.

CATHOLIC CHURCH INVOLVEMENT IN THE UN TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The Vatican has been influential in the development of the Treaty. Download the [ICAN briefing paper](#).

The UN [Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons](#) will undergo its Tenth Review Conference on 4 – 28 January 2022. CRA has been actively engaged in the nuclear non-proliferation dialogue through seminars, media statements and petitions, and has recently signed an ICAN letter calling for civil society access to the UN, which has been restricted since the start of COVID-19, to ensure that ICAN's lived experience can inform the Review. Read about [civil society access to the UN](#).

VAD DEBATE UNDERWAY IN NSW PARLIAMENT

As the Greenwich bill for Voluntary Assisted Dying is debated in NSW, a [prolife framework](#) for writing to politicians is provided by Right To Life NSW.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

CRA RESOURCE CALENDAR 2022

The 2022 CRA Events Calendar can be accessed [here](#).

CRA 2021 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - ONLINE

The 2021 CRA National Assembly, *Embracing Mission – Interculturality and Prophetic Leadership*. [Download the flyer](#). Registrations close 9am Friday, 19 November 2021.

Title: Embracing Mission – Interculturality and Prophetic Leadership

Dates: Monday 22 to Thursday 26 November 2021.

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 2022 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – MELBOURNE: SAVE THE DATE

The 2021 CRA National Assembly will be held from Monday 29 August to Thursday 1 September 2022.

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/BVBU>

CRA VIC LEADERS' AND TEAMS' DINNER

Congregational Leaders and Leadership Team delegates in Victoria are invited to dinner, as follows:

Title: CRA Victorian Leaders' Dinner

Date & Time: Thursday 25 November 2021, 6.30 pm

Venue: Manningham Hotel, Thompson's Road, Bulleen (off the Eastern Freeway)

Registration: RSVP to Jill Harding FCS by email: jillburma@gmail.com

CRA VIC GENERAL MEETING - ONLINE

This online meeting of Congregational Leaders or Leadership Team delegates will be held as follows:

Title: CRA Victorian General Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday 18 November, 9.45 am – 12.00 pm via Zoom



Registration: Please register your attendance with Jill Harding FCS by email: jillburma@gmail.com to receive a Zoom link

ZOOM GATHERING OF TEMPORARY PROFESSED RELIGIOUS

Recently, a group of six representatives came together to establish the 'TP Voice' - the voice of those in Temporary Profession. Temporary Professed Religious are invited to a Zoom gathering to connect with one another, to reflect on the year that has been, and launch the TP Voice Facebook page.

Title: TP Voice

Date & Time: Saturday 11 December 2021, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm in Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart | 1.30 pm in Adelaide | 12.30 pm in Darwin | 11.00 am Perth | 10.00 am in Vietnam | 2.00 pm in Solomon Islands | 3.00 pm in Kiribati | 5.00 pm in South Africa

Registration: To register (free), contact Carmel Warnock at CRA no later than Monday 6 December 2021 by email: cpc@catholicreligious.org.au

CONVOCATION NO. 3 – THE FUTURE OF CATHOLICISM IN AUSTRALIA

The latest Convocation of the Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR) seeks to engage Catholics, at all levels of connection (including none) with the Church, in exploring concrete proposals for the future of Catholicism in light of the Plenary Council and the Pope's 2023 Synod on Synodality.

Title: *The Future of Catholicism in Australia* Convocation No. 3

Date & Time: Thursday 18 November 2021, 7.30 pm in Melbourne, Sydney, Hobart | 4.30 pm in Perth | 6.30 pm in Brisbane | 7.00 pm in Adelaide | 6.00 pm in Darwin

Registration: To register free, and for more information, visit the ACCCR website.

RED WEDNESDAY – 24 NOVEMBER 2021

On [Red Wednesday](#) (held 24 November 2021 in Australia) churches and public buildings around the world light up in red to show solidarity with people persecuted for their religious beliefs. Red Wednesday is an initiative of *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN). Download the [ACN 2021 Annual Report](#) on religious freedom.

ONLINE PRAYER SERVICE FOR MYANMAR

Pax Christi and friends are organizing an [online prayer service](#) during Advent to pray for the people of Myanmar. In addition to this service, they also offer these [worship resources](#) for church congregations.

Title: Online prayer service for Myanmar

Date & time: Monday 29 November 2021, 7.30 pm in VIC, NSW, TAS, ACT | 6.30 pm in QLD | 4.30 pm in WA | 7.00 pm in SA

Registration: To register for the prayer service and receive the link, and other information, please email Harry Kerr, ahmkerr@hotmail.com

ONLINE COMMEMORATION - THE JEWS OF AFGHANISTAN

We are invited to an online event commemorating the end of Jewish life in Afghanistan, where the last Jew departed in October 2021. Afghani Jews Mary Levi and Sarah Sinclair will share their family stories and memories of being Jewish in Afghanistan and reflect on the end of the Jewish community there.

Title: The Jews of Afghanistan
Date & Time: Tuesday 30 November 2021, 7.30 – 8.30 pm in NSW | 6.30 pm QLD | 4.30 pm WA
Registration: Download the [Invitation](#) and register (free) at [this link](#)

IGNATIAN ECOSPIRITUAL CONFERENCE 25-30 APRIL 2022 – SAVE THE DATE

This online Conference hosted by the Australian Jesuit Province will bring together people from all parts of the world to deepen a connection with Mother Earth through greater ecological conversion. View the introductory [video](#). Download the [flyer](#), the [Provincial's letter](#) and [sponsorship](#) Information.

Title: International Ignatian Ecospiritual Conference
Date: 25 - 30 April 2022
Enquiries: Dr Peter Saunders: admin@iiec.org.au or phone +61 421 643 705

RESOURCES

ETHICS FINDER

EthicsFinder is a new expertly curated search engine database launched by Australian Catholic University, making available Catholic and other ethics resources to assist understanding and dialogue on key issues. [Access EthicsFinder](#) and view an [introductory video](#).


BRIDGES – BUILDING CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM RELATIONS

Published quarterly by the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations (CCCMR), [Bridges](#) provides current news and feature articles on Christian-Muslim relations, and alerts to coming events.

ADVENT NOTES

With Advent fast approaching, Andrew Hamilton SJ shares these [reflections on the readings](#) for the First Sunday of Advent, 28 November 2021.

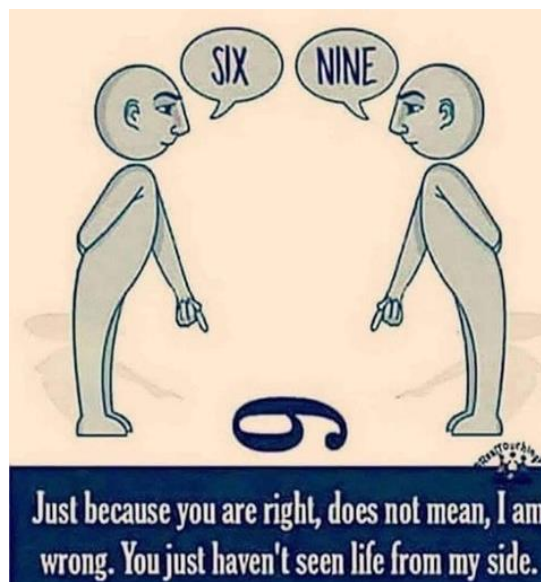
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If Chocolate, Licorice, Butterscotch and Vanilla Swirl Ice Cream Could Be a Puppy!!

