

NEWS

CRA ECOLOGY ALLIANCE COMMITTEE OFFERS SUPPORT FOR LSAP

The CRA Ecology Alliance Committee offers assistance to Congregations embarking on the Laudato Si' Action Plan (LSAP). Contact secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au to have an Ecology Alliance member reach out to you. CRA is always pleased to hear from Congregations about their LSAP efforts.

A SIGNIFICANT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

[The Catholic Leader](#) (9.8.23) features a story on Brisbane Mercy Sister, Mary Jeanne Shoecraft RSM, as she marks her 105th birthday.

JSA: STRENGTHEN SUPPORTED HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH MULTIPLE AND COMPLEX NEEDS

People at risk of homelessness who have multiple and complex needs must have better access to supported housing that is tailored to their needs to prevent them falling through service gaps and into homelessness, said Jesuit Social Services in a [media release](#) issued last week during Homelessness Week.

JOSEPHITES STAND WITH VINNIES IN SUPPORT OF THE VOICE

In a [media release](#) the Sisters of St Joseph express support for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament and praise the St Vincent de Paul Society's release of education kits on the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

DEAN OF ACU LA SALLE ACADEMY AWARDED EDUCATION MEDAL

Catholic educator, Prof David Hall FMS, has been awarded the prestigious Dr Paul Brock Memorial Medal by the NSW Australian Council for Educational Leaders (ACEL). Continue reading the [ACU media release](#).

CANA COMMUNITIES SEEK VOLUNTEERS

[Cana Communities](#) in Western Australia is seeking more volunteers for maintenance/household tasks and gardening. If you can assist or encourage people to volunteer, contact details can be found [here](#). Cana communities, in NSW and WA, provide places of belonging and shelter for marginalised people.

EVENTS/WEBINARS

CRA VIC LEADERS' NETWORK

CRA Victoria Leaders' Network has its next gathering coming up next week:

Date & Time: Wednesday 23 August 2023; 9.30am for 9.45 am start
Venue: Manningham Hotel
RSVP: jillburma@gmail.com

CRA EVENTS WITH JAMES ALISON – REGISTRATIONS OPEN

CRA is bringing James Alison to Australia in September–October 2023. James Alison is a Catholic theologian and author, known for his firm and patient persistence in promoting truthful conversation and dialogue in the Church with regard to matters LGBTQIA+ and for his pastoral outreach in the same sphere.

Here are the CRA-hosted events:

Title: **How did we get here, and where are we going? Opening up the discussion about the Catholic Church and matters LGBTQIA+**

Audience: Religious Institute Leaders and all Religious who want to meet, discuss and consider issues relating to their members and staff, and how to facilitate transparency and psychological well-being as part of coping with change in self-understanding in this area.

Date & Time: Tuesday 19 September, 2.00 – 5.30 pm

Venue: Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville VIC

Fee: \$40 p/p (includes afternoon tea)

Registration: [Register at Humanitix](#) and [download the flyer](#)

Title: **How did we get here, and where are we going? Opening up the discussion about the Catholic Church and matters LGBTQIA+**

Audience: As above

Date & Time: Tuesday, 26 September 2023, 2.00 – 5.30 pm

Venue: Mary MacKillop Place 11 Mount Street, North Sydney

Fee: \$40 p/p (includes afternoon tea)

Registration: [Register at Humanitix](#) and [download the flyer](#)

Title: **A mission-focused discussion about the Catholic Church and matters LGBTQIA+**

Audience: Religious & co-workers in ministry (e.g., schools, hospitals, aged care workers)

Date & Time: Thursday, September 28, 2023, 3.30 - 6.30 pm

Venue: Mary MacKillop Place 11 Mount Street, North Sydney

Format: Hybrid (in-person and Zoom)

Fee: \$40 p/p (in-person or Zoom)

Registration: [Register at Humanitix](#) and [download the flyer](#)

Title: **Developing a pastoral response to LGBTQIA+ members and their families**

Audience: Religious, their associates, staff and friends who wish to explore and discuss a pastoral approach to inclusivity and diversity in our Church and in our community

Date & Time: Monday, October 16, 2023, 12.00 – 4.00 pm

Venue: Redemptorist Monastery, 190 Vincent Street, North Perth WA

Fee: FOC for CRA Members \$10 for non-members (includes light lunch)

Registration: [Register at Humanitix](#) and [download the flyer](#)

ENQUIRIES: Please contact Gillian Lee: Ph: 02 9557 2695
Email: secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au

CRA HEALTH & WELLBEING SEMINAR

This in-person Seminar, held in Brisbane, features speakers from St Vincent's Brisbane Palliative Care team and from Southern Cross Pastoral Care team, to help with the difficult conversations and with understanding the best of care towards the end of life.

Title: Quality Care at the End of Life
Date & Time: Wednesday 27 September 2023, 9.30 am to 4.00 pm
Venue: Brisbane International Virginia, Sandgate & Zillmere Rds, Boondall QLD
Registration: Register [online using Humanitix](#) or at the [CRA Events](#) webpage
Further information: Gillian Lee | P: 02 9557 2695 | E: cpc@catholicreligious.org.au

CRA STEWARDSHIP SEMINAR ONLINE – REGISTER NOW

CRA Stewardship Committee have asked Ernie Zibert, Senior ICT Consultant at Pitcher Partners, to speak on Cyber Security at an online Seminar for Leaders, leadership teams and finance personnel.

Title: Cyber Safety: Myths vs Reality
Date & Time: Wednesday 4 October 2023; 2.00 to 4.30 pm AEST
Registration: See the [webpage](#), download the [flyer](#) and click here to [register](#)
Enquiries: Gillian Lee | P: 02 9557 2695 | E: cpc@catholicreligious.org.au

KITCHEN TABLE CONVERSATIONS – ONLINE

The Catholic Mission Formation Team invites us to a Kitchen Table Conversation - an online opportunity to join with others to listen, learn and reflect in preparation for the Voice to Parliament referendum.

Title: Kitchen Table Conversation
Dates: 17, 29 August, 11, 28 September, 3.30 – 4.45 pm AEST, via Zoom
Registration: Register free at [Humanitix](#)
Enquiries: Contact: adultformation@catholicmission.org.au

CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING EVENT - YARCK TO YEA WALK, RIDE OR RUN

A reminder that Highways and Byways, the charitable entity of the Missionary Sisters of Service, is hosting its annual [Yarck to Yea Ride-Walk-Run](#) along 5-27 km of the beautiful Great Victorian Rail Trail in Victoria.

Title: Yarck to Yea, Ride or Run
Date: Saturday 19 August 2023, from 7.15 am
Venue: Two locations in Yarck, Victoria – [see flyer for details](#)
Registration: Cost: Adults \$30, Concession \$15, Family \$50. Register at [Trybooking](#)

ONLINE SCREENING: 'ALL THAT BREATHES'

Caritas Australia, Catholic Earthcare, and Being With God In Nature invite us to their next online screening event. 'All that Breathes' is a story of two brothers in New Delhi and their efforts to save the Black Kite – a species of bird, dramatically impacted by Climate Change. [View the trailer](#) here.

Title: All That Breathes – Film screening
Date & Times: 31 August 2023, 6.00 pm AEST | 4.00 pm AWST | 5.30 pm ACST
Registration: Register free at [Trybooking](#)

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION

Catholic Theological College is running an Online Information Session for the [Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation](#) (GCTM). The attached [flyer](#) contains more information.

Title: CTC Information Session - Online

Date: Monday 4 September at 7.30 pm (AEST)

Registration: [Email the Registrar](#) indicating that you would like to enrol into the GCTM or would like more information. An application pack will be emailed in early November.

RESOURCES

ACBC SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2023-24

Social Justice Sunday is 27 August and the new ACBC Social Justice Statement, *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples* will be launched this week on 17 August. [Continue reading and download the Statement](#) here.

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY 2023

Looking ahead to World Day of Migrants and Refugees (24 September 2023), resources are now available from the [website](#) of the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office.

ACRATH RESOURCES

The website of Australian Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) provides a number of [resources](#) to raise awareness of issues relating to modern slavery, including a [teaching kit](#) for secondary school teachers and a [video](#) that features Good Samaritan Sister Taabeia Ibouri SGS from Kiribati as she explores the experiences of seasonal workers.

THE ASSUMPTION

Enjoy some [classical music](#) selections for this feast of the Assumption of Mary.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

