

NEWS

DATE-CLAIMER: CRA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY 2024

The CRA National Assembly for 2024 will be held in Brisbane (venue TBC) from Monday 26 August to Thursday 29 August 2024. Please mark your diaries.

DATE-CLAIMER: NATIONAL DAY OF SORROW AND PROMISE

CRA's annual National Day of Sorrow and Promise will be held this year on Sunday 22 October 2024. Please save the date. Resources for commemoration in your local communities will be available next month.

JESUIT MISSION ANNUAL RAFFLE

Jesuit Mission invites us to support its [annual raffle](#). Proceeds go directly towards supporting at-risk communities in over ten countries in Asia and Africa. Read the [media release](#) and [purchase tickets](#) here.

CAPSA WELCOMES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S HUMANITARIAN INTAKE INCREASE

The Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) welcomes the Federal Government's move to increase the humanitarian intake by 2,125 places per year, calling it a positive step towards a more compassionate and principled response to people seeking asylum. Read CAPSA's [media release](#).

COALITION FOR A ROYAL COMMISSION INTO IMMIGRATION DETENTION

The Justice & Peace Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has [launched a website](#) calling for a Royal Commission into Immigration Detention.

ACBC SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT LAUNCHED

The Australian Catholic Bishops' 2023-2024 Social Justice Statement *Listen, Learn, Love A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples* was launched last week. [Watch the launch](#). Access the [Statement](#). Read the [media release](#) and Bishop Long's [address](#). Find [further links](#) at the Sydney Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Office.

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 priest, 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-SUPPORTED WEBINAR - International Survey of Catholic Women

This webinar will feature Dr Tracy McEwan and Dr Kathleen McPhillips discussing the findings and recommendations from the global and Australian reports arising from the International Survey of Catholic Women (ISCW) which was undertaken in 2022 in response to the call for submissions to the 2021-2024 Synod of Bishops themed 'For a Synodal Church: communion, participation and mission'.

Title: The International Survey of Catholic women: Findings from Australia and Abroad
Date & Time: Thursday, 14 September 2023, 2.00 – 4.00 pm
Registration: [Register free](#) using Humanitix
Further information: [Download the flyer](#) at the [CRA website](#) or contact:
Taylor Coutinho, CRA Ph: 02 9557 2695, E: ea@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: secretariat@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: \$40 pp. See the [webpage](#), download the [flyer](#) and click here to [register](#)
Enquiries: Gillian Lee | P: 02 9557 2695 | E: secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au

ECUMENICAL EVENSONG – ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL MELBOURNE

Emeritus Professor Mary Coloe PBVM, Yarra Theological Union, University of Divinity, will be the guest preacher at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral in Melbourne for Ecumenical Evensong next month, celebrating women's ministry in the Church on St Phoebe's Day. [Download the flyer](#).

Title: Celebrating Women's Ministry in the Church – St Phoebe's Day
Date & Time: Sunday 3 September 2023, 4.00 pm
Venue: St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne

NOSTRA AETATE – INTERFAITH CONVERSATIONS WEBINAR

In the spirit of *Nostra Aetate*, Garratt Publishing – in conjunction with Yarra Theological Union – invites us to a new four-session webinar series exploring other religious traditions from a Catholic perspective. Visit the [Garratt Publishing website](#) for details of sessions and speakers.

Title: *Nostra Aetate* – Interfaith Conversations for Today
Dates & Times: Monday Evenings – 4, 11, 18 September, 9 October 2023
Registration: \$33.00 incl. GST (covers all four sessions, excludes Trybooking fee).
[Register at Trybooking](#)

WISDOM, MISSION, CONVERSION, TRANSFORMATION: A SABBATICAL FOR MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS

This sabbatical is offered at St Joseph's Centre which sits within beautiful, spacious grounds at Baulkham Hills, 40 minutes north-west of Sydney's CBD and Sydney Harbour.

Title: Wisdom, Mission, Conversion, Transformation – Sabbatical
Dates: 5 April - 17 May 2024
Cost: \$ 8,806.50. Closing date for applications is 25 March 2024
Venue: St Joseph's Centre Baulkham Hills NSW
Further information: [Refer to flyer](#) for further information and contact details.

CATHOLIC DIVESTMENT SEMINAR - ONLINE

This 90-minute webinar, organised by the divestment working group of ARRCC (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change), addresses fossil fuel divestment in the context of Catholic Dioceses.

Title: Catholic Divestment Seminar
Date: Thursday 31 August 2023, 3.30 pm NSW, VIC, TAS | 3.00 pm SA, NT | 1.30 pm WA
Registration: Register free at [Trybooking](#). Online event access details will be provided

RESOURCES

SEASON OF CREATION – AUDIO RESOURCE

During this Season of Creation, Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia offers six audio contemplations. [Register here](#) to receive your complimentary contemplation in your inbox each week during the Season of Creation – from 30 August to 4 October 2023.

EMMAUS PRODUCTIONS – ONE PEOPLE, ONE LAND

[Emmaus Productions](#) has generously shared with CRA two new songs in light of the upcoming Referendum on an Indigenous Voice to Parliament. Find the music and lyrics at the [CRA Resources](#) webpage for free.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

