

NEWS

CRA PROMOTES CONVERSATION IN CHURCH ON MATTERS CONCERNING LGBTQIA+

At the invitation of CRA, Dr James Alison, a prominent Catholic theologian, priest, author is speaking at events around the country from 18 September to 18 October 2023, to promote conversation and outreach in the Church on matters concerning LGBTQIA+ people. Continue reading the [CRA media release](#).

CRA PATHWAYS – LATEST ISSUE NOW AVAILABLE

CRA President, Peter Jones OSA speaks of the gift of wonder as the springboard of responsibility in caring for our common home in the [latest issue](#) of *CRA Pathways*.

Read about the [Stand-out moments at CRA National Assembly 2023](#) and view the photo slideshow.

CRA ONLINE PRAYER GATHERING AFTER THE REFERENDUM

And on Monday 16 October 2023 at 10.30 am (AEDT), the Monday following the Voice Referendum, CRA invites us all to join online for a half hour of prayer for healing, unity and hope. Whatever the outcome of the Referendum, prayer is important to moving forward together. [Download the flyer](#) and go to the [website to register](#).

140TH ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERING RELIGIOUS PIONEERS

140 years ago, the Brigidine Sisters brought the gift of education to the people of Coonamble – a great cause for celebration (see [ABC](#) coverage).

Elsewhere in NSW, four young Sisters of St Joseph travelled by train, boat and horse-drawn carriage in 1883, from Perthville near Bathurst to Lochinvar, to bring Catholic education to remote parts of Maitland Diocese. [See Pathways](#).

INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

[Read](#) about the *International Survey of Catholic Women: Analysis of Responses from Australia* and view the [webinar](#) which CRA hosted, and which was held on 14 September with Kathleen McPhillips and Tracy McEwan from the University of Newcastle.

ACU WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COURSE 2024

The *Women's Leadership for Mission* program offered by Australian Catholic University in 2024 is a contemporary expression of a commitment to the spiritual and intellectual formation of women through a holistic framework of academic and formative experiences. For details, [download the flyer](#).

EVENTS/WEBINARS

JAMES ALISON IN CONVERSATION ABOUT INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY IN AUSTRALIA

During this month there will be a number of events hosted by those with whom CRA has collaborated – click here to [see the list](#).

Here are the upcoming 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, 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 (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 – REGISTER NOW

This in-person seminar focuses on 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

ABRAHAM CONFERENCE 2023

The keynote speaker at the 2023 Abraham Conference in Sydney is Dr Omer Atilla Ergi (Charles Sturt University) joined by Rabbi George Mordecai (Emanuel Synagogue) and Bishop Philip Huggins (Anglican Church of Australia). [View flyer](#).

Title: The Abrahamic Religions in a Pluralist Society: Help or Hindrance to Peace?
Dates: Sunday 22 October 2023, 2.00 – 5.00 pm
Venue: Amity College, 27 Queen Street, Auburn NSW 2144
(Parking in Cumberland City Council Car Park, 1 Susan St, Auburn, or free street parking along Queen Street, Susan Street, and Kerr Parade)
Registration: No registration or payment required

SAVE THE DATE – PUBLIC EVENT IN MELBOURNE - WHAT HAPPENED AT THE SYNOD?

Ms Susan Pascoe AM and Bishop Shane Mackinlay will join in discussion with Fr Frank Brennan SJ and Prof. Peter Sheehan to provide unique insight into the events of the First Assembly, and the implications for Australia. [Download flyer](#).

Title: What happened at the First Assembly of the Synod on Synodality in Rome?
Date: Thursday, 23 November 2023, 5.00 – 8.00 pm
Venue: The Oratory, Newman College, University of Melbourne, 887 Swanston St, Parkville VIC
Registration: Please register (free) at [Trybooking](#)

2024 STUDY TOUR: JOURNEY WITH PAUL: TÜRKIYE – GREECE

Join Dr Rosemary Canavan, Senior Lecturer in Biblical Studies, Catholic Theological College, University of Divinity, on a [study tour](#) to Türkiye and Greece to discover Paul as we encounter him on his journeys in these countries and where they intersect with the biblical texts of the letters of Paul and the Book of Acts.

Title: Journey with Paul: Türkiye – Greece
Dates: 17 Days: 20 September - 6 October 2024
Enquiries: [Click here](#) for itinerary details or to register your interest in the tour

RESOURCES

THE VOICE – RESOURCES FOR DISCERNMENT

Regarding the upcoming Referendum, Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia offers these [discernment resources](#) to assist our approach to questions like: How can I be better informed about the choice facing me? How can I engage in respectful conversations with others as I discern how to vote?

THE FUTURE OF RELIGION AND A CHANGING CLIMATE

How is religion tied up with the ways communities actually respond to climate shocks and challenges? This is the topic addressed in a recent episode of the ABC [Soul Search](#) podcast.

SYNODALITY & INTERFAITH

In a synodal spirit, we acknowledge Jewish communities celebrating the Jewish [High Holy Days](#), climaxing on 25 September with Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), the most solemn day in the Jewish calendar.

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