

NEWS

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE MARONITE EPARCHY OF AUSTRALIA (1973-2023)

CRA acknowledges this important milestone for Maronite Catholics in Australia, including Maronite Religious, under the leadership of Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay OLM. [Learn more](#) about the Maronite Church and its celebrations of 50 years since the Maronite Eparchy of Australia was established in 1973 under the name of St Maroun.

CRA NATIONAL DAY OF SORROW AND PROMISE – 22 OCTOBER 2023

CRA's annual day of remembrance for all harmed by sexual abuse will be held Sunday 22 October 2023. We are invited to pray together in our local communities between 5.00 and 6.00 pm (or at a time that suits you). Prayer resources will be emailed to Leaders this week and are available on [CRA's website](#).

CRA PROMOTES CONVERSATION IN CHURCH ON MATTERS CONCERNING LGBTQIA+

At the invitation of CRA, [Dr James Alison](#), a prominent Catholic theologian and author is currently speaking at events around the country until 18 October 2023, to facilitate conversation and outreach in the Church on matters concerning LGBTQIA+ people. See *Events* below.

SHARING GOOD NEWS STORIES OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSIONS

CRA shares with you a suggestion raised by a Religious that Congregations actively promote stories about both temporary professed Religious and those who have made their final vows, with diocesan media and with CRA's *Pathways* publication, which showcases religious life in Australia across all congregations. Send stories to: comms@catholicreligious.org.au.

DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES

When Niran Veigas SVD joined the Divine Word Missionaries, he could not have foreseen himself ministering in Russia and now the Tiwi Islands, but the Indian-born priest is embracing the new challenge of getting to know and ministering among the Tiwi people. [Continue reading](#).

PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE VOICE REFERENDUM

The Sisters of Saint Joseph will host a [prayer vigil](#) at the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel from 6.00 pm Friday, 13 October until 6.00 am Saturday, 14 October. They invite us to join them for a night of prayer for a positive outcome to The Voice referendum. Register at event.bookings@mmp.org.au. Bookings are essential.

CRA will host a post-referendum online prayer gathering – see *Events* below.

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: **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 ONLINE PRAYER GATHERING – AFTER THE REFERENDUM

CRA invites you and your friends to join us to pray for Reconciliation – Healing, Unity and Hope – in the context of the Voice Referendum. Whatever the outcome of the Referendum, prayer is an important dimension of moving forward together. Download the [brochure](#) at the *CRA Events* page.

Title: Reconciliation prayer service
Date & Time: Monday, 16 October 2023, 10.30 am AEST
Registration: Free [registration](#) at Humanitix; Zoom link will sent out two days prior to gathering
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

RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE – CRA RELIGIOUS OF QUEENSLAND

The Ritual of Remembrance is an annual Religious of Queensland network event.

Title: Ritual of Remembrance (see [webpage](#) and download [flyer](#))
Date & Time: Thursday 2 November 2023, 10.30 am (Brisbane time)
Venue: St Vincent's Chapel, Sisters of Mercy, 131 Queens Road Nudgee QLD
Registration: <https://events.humanitix.com/ritual-of-remembrance/tickets>
Livestream link: The link will be provided closer to the date, through the CRA Bulletin

PAX CHRISTI WEBINAR – PEACE ON EARTH ... 60 YEARS AFTER PACEM IN TERRIS

Speakers for this Pax Christi webinar are Dr Susan Connelly, a Josephite Sister with many years' experience of working for justice, especially in Timor Leste; Rev Canon Associate Professor Uncle Glenn Loughrey, a Wiradjuri man, Anglican priest, artist, author; Dr David Tutty, social justice worker in Toowoomba Catholic Diocese.

Title: Peace on Earth in 2023 and beyond. Where are we now, and where are we going, 60 years after Pope John XXIII's Encyclical *Pacem in Terris*?
Date & Time: Thursday, 28 September 2023; 7.00 – 8.30 pm AEST
Registration: Free [registration](#) at Humanitix

LSAP WEBINAR – POPE FRANCIS' NEW APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION

On 4 October, coinciding with the conclusion of Season of Creation, Pope Francis will release an apostolic exhortation to expand on the messages of *Laudato Si'*. In honour of this, and despite the difficulty of time zone differences, we are invited by the Laudato Si Action Platform Team to attend a webinar:

Title: Laudato Si', Part 2: A Celebration of Pope Francis' New Apostolic Exhortation
Date & Time: 4 October 2023, 8.00pm CEST (3.00am AEST) – 60 mins duration
Registration: [Click here and select "Notify me"](#)

ENGAGING YOUR FAITH – CTC ONLINE SERIES

Engaging Your Faith is a series of short, online presentations offered by Catholic Theological College (CTC) that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. It is also an opportunity to explore the possibilities offered at CTC for personal, theological, and spiritual development. [Click here](#) for details of topics, presenters and schedule.

Title: Engaging your faith
Dates: Sessions commence Monday 16 October 2023, 7.00 – 8.30 pm
Registration: \$25 per session or \$40 if seeking teacher accreditation. Book and pay directly through the CTC [website](#).

ACU LITURGY LECTURES – 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF SACROSANCTUM CONCILIIUM

In the lead-up to the 60th anniversary of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (Vatican II: Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy), the ACU Centre for Liturgy invites us to two public lectures by international liturgical scholars.

Title: Liturgy's Imagined Futures: Beyond Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy
Public lecture by Professor Teresa Berger (Yale University Institute of Sacred Music and Yale Divinity School)

Date & Time: Monday 6 November 2023, 10.00 am AEDT
Mode: Via Zoom
Registration: \$10 (\$5 concession). Download [brochure](#) here. [Register](#) at the ACU website

Title: A Liturgical Reform in Peril? *Sacrosanctum Concilium* sixty years on
Public lecture by liturgical historian and theologian Rev Professor John F. Baldovin SJ (Boston College)

Date & Time: Sunday December 3, 2023, 5.00 - 6.30 pm AEDT

Mode & Venue: Live in person on ACU's Melbourne Campus, and livestreamed for those unable to attend in person

Registration: Free [registration](#) at the ACU website. Download the [brochure](#)

Enquiries: For enquiries about these two lectures, contact: CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au

ACU WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COURSE 2024

The *Women's Leadership for Mission* programme 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](#).

Title: Women's Leadership for Mission

Dates: Commencing February 2024

Enquiries: For more information, visit the website acu.edu.au/L4M

HOLY LAND EASTER PILGRIMAGE

The Mission Team of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion is offering an opportunity for leaders in Christian schools and ministries to experience the Scriptures in the land that gave birth to them amongst the Jews, Muslims and Christians who live there. [Details are here](#).

Title: Dialogue with the Book, the Land and the People: An Easter Pilgrimage

Dates: 16 March to 1 April 2024

Enquiries: Enquire and register your interest: sionpilgrimage@gmail.com
For further details, download the [brochure](#)

WISDOM, MISSION, CONVERSION, TRANSFORMATION: A SABBATICAL FOR RELIGIOUS

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](#) and [application form](#) for further details.

RESOURCES



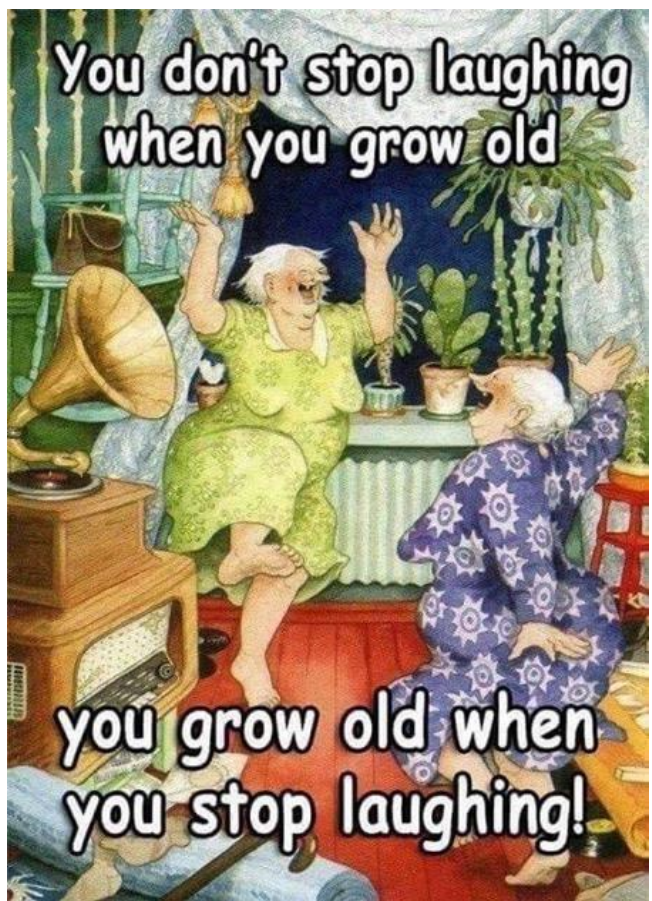
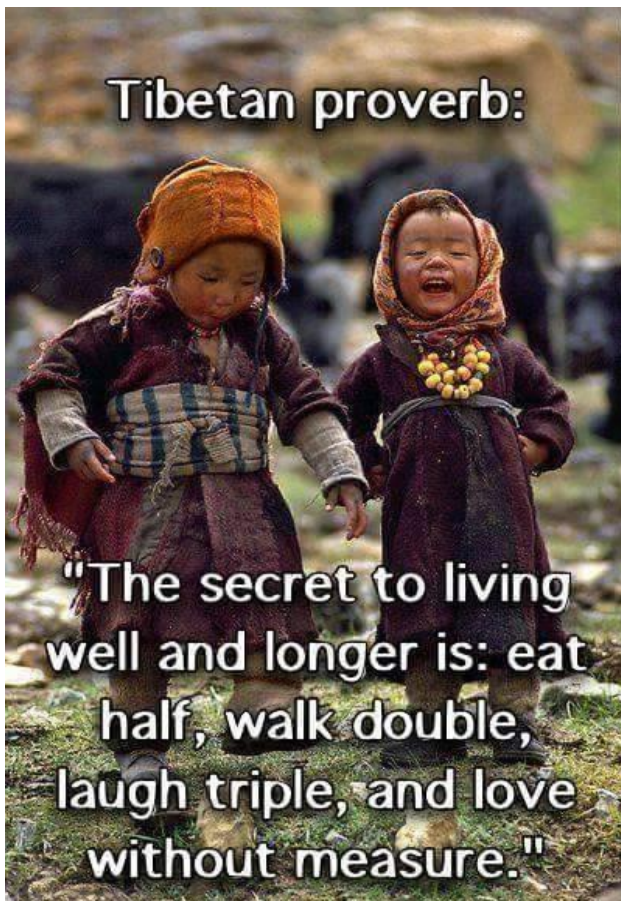
100TH ISSUE OF COLUMBAN PUBLICATION: *BRIDGES*

The Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations is celebrating the 100th issue of *Bridges*, representing 25 years of educating the public about Islam and Christian-Muslim relations. [Learn more](#) about this significant Religious contribution to interfaith relations. Download [Bridges No. 100](#). Obtain a [free subscription](#). Read a testimonial by [Cardinal Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot, MCCJ](#), President of the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY - RESOURCES

The Synod of Bishops committee of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference continues to collate content relevant to the upcoming first assembly on the Synod on Synodality. It can be accessed [here](#).

THE LIGHTER SIDE



A truck loaded with Vicks Vapor Rub overturned on the highway.

Amazingly, there was no congestion for eight hours. 😊