

## NEWS

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### RESPONSES TO THE 7 OCTOBER HAMAS ATTACKS

CRA has issued a [statement](#) condemning the attacks on Israeli civilians by Hamas last weekend and calling for the immediate release of hostages.

The Sisters of Our Lady of Sion draw our attention to this [statement](#) of the Australian Council of Christians and Jews (ACCJ), as well as a [ACCJ webinar](#) – see *Events* below.

And a MSC priest shares a link to this [Prayer for Peace](#).

### CRA CALLS OUT PRICE GOUGING PRACTICES AMIDST A COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS

CRA was invited to make a submission to the Australian Council of Trade Union's Inquiry into Price Gouging and Unfair Pricing Practices to consider the connection between dwindling living standards and increasing corporate profits. The [CRA submission](#) and [media release](#) can be found here.

### MARIST LEADERS SAY 'YES' TO INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION AND VOICE

The Leaders of both the Marist Brothers Province in Australia and the Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat have declared their unanimous support for altering the Constitution in the upcoming referendum on Indigenous Recognition. Continue reading their [media release](#).

### REQUEST FROM NATSICC

NATSICC are asking all organisations that submitted a statement to assist with one last push prior to the referendum. Please alert your networks that:

- Your statement is included on [www.indigenousvoice.church](http://www.indigenousvoice.church), along with statements from a number of other peak bodies from across the Australian Catholic Church;
- A new 'Voices from the Northern Territory' section shows the desire for communities to be heard;
- They can participate in the upcoming [NATSICC webinar](#) this Friday. The event will focus on prayer, healing and reflection on what has been a challenging journey.

### PRE AND POST REFERENDUM PRAYER GATHERINGS

Prayer gatherings relating to the Referendum are being held:

- Online, Friday 13 October 8.30-9.30 am AEDT, hosted by [Journey Together](#) – Register at [Trybooking](#)
- In person, Friday 13 October 6.00 pm to 14 October 6.00 am, at Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, hosted by Sisters of Saint Joseph; registrations: [event.bookings@mmp.org.au](mailto:event.bookings@mmp.org.au); download [flyer](#).
- Online, Monday 16 October, 9.30 – 10.00 am; *please note change of time* - hosted by CRA; [see flyer](#).

### PALMS AUSTRALIA SPRING APPEAL

Palms Australia invites us to contribute to their [Spring Appeal](#).

## THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

These items, shared by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, relate to the Synod of Bishops.

- Pope Francis' [opening homily](#).
- "The Vatican wants everyone to pray these 3 Synod on Synodality prayers" ([uCatholic.com](#)).
- A reflection by Mark O'Connor FMS as he reports on the Synod, available at [Catholic Outlook](#).
- [Prayer resources](#) from the ACBC Synod of Bishops Committee.

## EVENTS/WEBINARS

CRA National Day of Sorrow and Promise - Sunday 22 October 2023  
For prayer resources go to the CRA website

### 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 is the final CRA-hosted event:*

Title:	<b>Developing a pastoral response to LGBTQIA+ members and their families</b>
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:	<a href="#">Register at Humanitix</a> and <a href="#">download the flyer</a>
ENQUIRIES:	Please contact Gillian Lee: Ph: 02 9557 2695 Email: <a href="mailto:secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au">secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au</a>

### 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, 9.30 - 10.00 am AEDT – <i>please note change of time</i>
Registration:	Free <a href="#">registration</a> at Humanitix; Zoom link will sent out two days prior to gathering
Further information:	Gillian Lee   P: 02 9557 2695   E: <a href="mailto:secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au">secretariat@catholicreligious.org.au</a>

### RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE – CRA RELIGIOUS OF QUEENSLAND

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

Title:	Ritual of Remembrance (see <a href="#">webpage</a> and download <a href="#">flyer</a> )
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:	<a href="https://events.humanitix.com/ritual-of-remembrance/tickets">https://events.humanitix.com/ritual-of-remembrance/tickets</a>
Livestream link:	The link will be provided closer to the date, through the CRA Bulletin

### CRA ONLINE SEMINARS - ECO-SPIRITUAL PRAXIS TODAY

These CRA online seminars focus on ecological spirituality, with practical exercises and thoughtful exploration to foster confidence among participants, empowering them to return to their congregations, capable of cultivating, practicing, and celebrating ecological spirituality. [Download the flyer.](#)

Title: Eco-Spiritual Praxis Today  
Dates: Tuesday 21 and 28 November 2023, 9.30 am – 12.00 pm AEDT  
Speakers: Margie Abbott; Sally Neaves; Sue Martin  
Audience: Leaders, Leadership teams, Ecology Advocates, those in formation for mission  
Registration: Cost: \$80 Per Person for the two seminars (No option to register for one seminar)  
To register, [click here](#) and find further information at the CRA [Events](#) webpage.

### WEBINAR - WATAC IN DIALOGUE

Women and the Australian Church (WATAC) is hosting an opportunity to engage in a dialogue about Mary, the woman, the mother, the one who continues to walk with us today. [Download flyer](#) and [media release](#).

Title: WATAC in Dialogue: Women as Agents of Hope – Mary  
Date: Wednesday 11 October 2023, 8.00 pm AEDT  
Registration: This is a free 1-hour interactive online discussion. Registration essential at the WATAC website: [www.watac.net.au](http://www.watac.net.au)

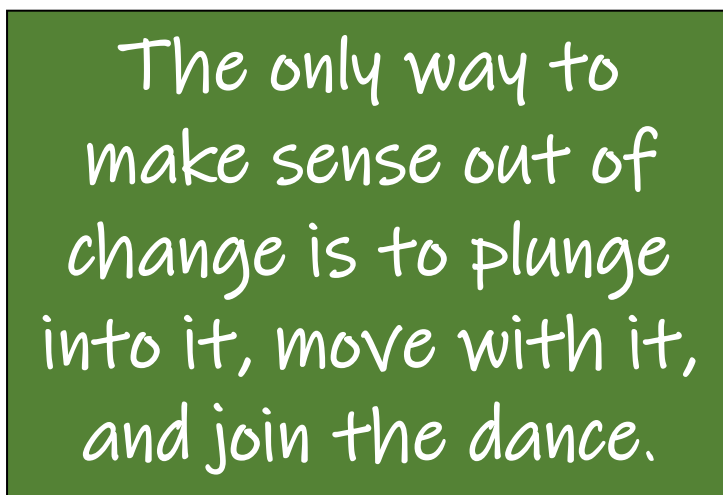
### WEBINAR – WHAT’S CURRENTLY HAPPENING IN ISRAEL?

Australian Council of Christians and Jews and Council of Christians and Jews Victoria invite us to a Zoom conversation with three experts on the current situation in Israel, from a Jewish-Christian perspective.

Title: What’s Currently Happening In Israel?  
Date & Time: Thursday 19 October 2023, 7.30 pm AEDT  
Registration: \$10. [Register](#) at Humanitix

## RESOURCES

### THE LIGHTER SIDE



The only way to  
make sense out of  
change is to plunge  
into it, move with it,  
and join the dance.

