



VOICE, Treaty, Truth

From the Director

The Director of JEDO (Justice, Ecology and Development Office) within the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, Western Australia (WA) feels privileged to be in Australia, with the oldest, continuous living culture in the world. We have much to acknowledge and celebrate as a nation with such rich and diverse Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) languages and cultures. With this in mind, in 2017, there were over 250 ATSI delegates who came together in **solidarity** - at the symbolic heart of our nation in central Australia. With much gratitude and pride for First Nations peoples who collectively came together from all over our Great Southern Land to provide us with a path forward through the [Uluru Statement from the Heart](http://www.ulurustatement.org) (2017), now is the time for collective action. The delegates at Uluru agreed to three priorities: **"A Voice to Parliament, Treaty and Truth-telling"**.

Later this year, we will have the opportunity and privilege to make amends for past wrongs through a **Referendum on an ATSI Voice to Parliament**. As outlined in the Statement: **"... In 1967 we were counted. In 2017 we seek to be heard..."**. It was with the Referendum in mind, that a gathering of ecumenical colleagues, ATSI friends and other people of good will came together in early February to hear from **Dean Parkin** and **Paul Murphy**, the Director & Co-Director of **'From the Heart'** - now known as the **'Yes Campaign'**. It was great to have **Donella Brown**, Director of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) and **Shirley Quaresimin** from NATSICC also at the information session. So, may we all respond with a resounding **'Yes'** to the generous ATSI invitation within the Uluru Statement from the Heart: **"We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future"**. The Referendum will be significant for our nation: **'History is Calling - Vote Yes'**.

www.ulurustatement.org

www.yes23.com.au

www.togetheryes.com.au

Wishing you **blessings of peace and hope**

Carol Mitchell (Director)



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We welcome your inclusion and participation in our 'call to action'.

With **Catholic Social Teaching** as our guide, let us walk together as one to make a difference in our communities – to **think globally, but act locally** – within our families, parishes, schools, work, civic and leisure communities, and beyond...We welcome you on our shared journey: www.jedo.perthcatholic.org.au

**'THIS IS MY COMFORT IN MY DISTRESS,
THAT YOUR PROMISE GIVES ME LIFE'**

PSALM 119: 50



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JUSTICE



ACRATH and MODERN SLAVERY

www.acrath.org.au

Link to (The TABLET) '[Irish bishops hail Patrick as a saint for modern times](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Slavery survivor who became a campaigner wins Freedom Award](#)'

Link to (Baptist World Aid) '[Ethical Fashion Report](#)'

Link to (The eRECORD) '[Applecross Parish commits to combat Modern Slavery](#)'

FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES

Link to (CathNews) '[Voice referendum question and constitutional amendment announced](#)'

NATSICC: <https://www.natsicc.org.au/first-nations-voices-on.html>

RECONCILIATION WEEK: Be a Voice for Generations - 27th May to 3rd June 2023

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/our-work/national-reconciliation-week/>

National SORRY Day - 26th May 2003

<https://www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/page/significant-dates>

<https://www.caritas.org.au/sorry-day-webinar/>

<https://www.sbs.com.au/nitv/article/10-things-you-should-know-about-the-national-apology/b9izrxj5>

VOICE to Parliament

Link to (PDF) '[ULURU Statement From The Heart](#)'

Uluru Statement from the Heart (from the attachment):

...*"We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution"*...

"In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. **We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future**".

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry: www.acm.perthcatholic.org.au

NATSICC: www.natsicc.org.au

MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

www.migrants-refugees.va

Link to (The RECORD) '[In prayer and service; Annual Walk for Refugees taking place this Sunday 2 April](#)'

Link to (The RECORD) '[Perth comes together in solidarity to walk for refugees on Palm Sunday](#)'

Refugee Week 2023: **Finding Freedom** - 18th June to 24th June 2023

<https://www.refugeeweek.org.au/refugee-week-2023-theme-finding-freedom/>

<https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/news/2023/publicacion-del-mensaje-de-la-jornada-mundial-del-migrante-y-ref.html>

<https://migrants-refugees.va/2023/01/24/the-right-not-to-have-to-emigrate/>

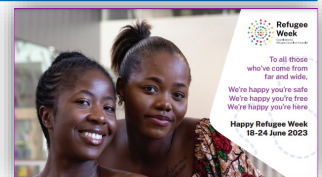
<https://www.unhcr.org/world-refugee-day>

<https://sdg.iisd.org/events/world-refugee-day-2023/>

Link to (PDF) '[Refugee Week 2023 POSTER](#)'

ACMRO: www.acmro.catholic.org.au

WACMRO: www.wacmro.perthcatholic.org.au



"DO NOT ALLOW THE SAD SPECTACLE OF HUMAN INJUSTICE
TO DISTURB YOUR SOUL"

ST PADRE PIO



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Anti-Poverty

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/put-the-vulnerable-first-bishops-tell-federal-politicians/>
<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/catholic-church-backs-7-2-per-cent-minimum-wage-increase/>
[Poverty in Australia 2023: Who is affected – Poverty and Inequality \(across.org.au\)](https://across.org.au/Poverty-in-Australia-2023-Who-is-affected-Poverty-and-Inequality)

Link to (PDF) '[ACBC-Cost of Living Submission](#)'

Link to (PDF) '[ACBC-Inquiry into the Extent of Poverty in Australia](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Catholic Leaders among Signatories of Jobseeker Letter to PM](#)'

Valuing Children Initiative:

<https://mailchi.mp/af935dae6a91/your-vci-november-update-15085147?e=6dcd49ae15>

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - Wednesday, 8th March

Fri. 3rd March '23: The JEDO Director (CM) attended the **UN Women Australia - International Women's Day** (IWD) event held at the Riverview Room at **Optus Stadium**, Burswood. The event was supportive of the current Social Justice Statement (SJS), **Respect – Confronting Violence & Abuse**; with a focus on the international 'Me Too' Movement (and much more).



Wed. 8th March '23: The JEDO Director was one of 4 guest speakers for **IWD at Iona Presentation College**, in Mosman Park. There were about **160 year 11 students** in attendance (x 2 home room classes/session; with 3 x sessions). CM spoke about the current SJS and the Safeguarding resource in relation to **gendered violence**. The students and staff in attendance then produced an inspirational video with key statements to the tune of Helen Reddy's, 'I am Woman'. This was then played at the Iona College assembly the next morning. Thanks to Ms Gemma Thompson for the invitation to be a part of such an inspirational day.

ECOLOGY



CLIMATE JUSTICE – Divestment from Fossil Fuels

"We know that technology based on the use of high polluting Fossil Fuels needs to be progressively replaced without delay" **Pope Francis (LS # 165)**

Link to (The RECORD) '[People of faith say 'no' to fossil fuels in global Week of Action](#)'

Link to (PDF) '[Statement of Solidarity](#)'



Laudato Si' Week 2023 Theme: *Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity*

www.laudatosiweek.org

<https://ipcc.ch/report/ar6/syr/>

<https://justiceandpeace.org.au/laudato-si-kit/>

LS Movement: www.laudatosimovement.org

[Laudato Si' Week 2023 Resources \(laudatosiweek.org\)](http://Laudato Si' Week 2023 Resources (laudatosiweek.org))

[How do social justice and care for creation intersect? - Laudato Si' Movement \(laudatosimovement.org\)](http://How do social justice and care for creation intersect? - Laudato Si' Movement (laudatosimovement.org))

2023 Season of Creation theme: *Let Justice & Peace Flow*

www.seasonofcreation.org

"LOVE TO BE REAL, IT MUST COST; IT MUST HURT;
IT MUST EMPTY US OF SELF "
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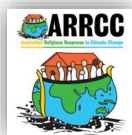


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ARRCC: Australian Religious Response to Climate Change

www.arrcc.org.au

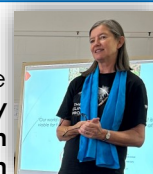
Link to (PDF) [ARRCC Newsletter](#)

https://www.arrcc.org.au/we_support_a_voice_to_parliament

https://www.arrcc.org.au/divest_invest_guide_for_fbos https://www.arrcc.org.au/go_fossil_free_further_resource

Eco-Spirituality Ministry *An Invitation*

On Saturday 25th March, a gathering of committed and interested people of Catholic/Christian faith met in the parish centre behind Holy Rosary Church, in Nedlands exploring the possibility of a WA-based **Eco-Spirituality Ministry**. Thanks to the invitation (and sponsorship) from Jenny Gardner, on behalf of the ISWA committee: **Ignatian Spirituality WA**, Ms **Sue Martin**, (formerly from Catholic Earthcare Australia), but representing **Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia**, facilitated an afternoon of brainstorming and fellowship that was enjoyed by all present. Sue Martin is currently the coordinator of **Being with God in Nature Ministry**:



[Being with God in Nature - Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia \(jisa.org.au\)](http://jisa.org.au)

Another session is organised for **Saturday 10th of June** (same venue; from 2 – 4 pm) with the core planning group but others interested are welcome to attend. For more details or to RSVP, **Jenny Gardner** can be contacted on: 0402 0708 85 or mjgard@inet.net.au

DEVELOPMENT



CARITAS Australia

www.caritas.org.au

<https://www.caritas.org.au/news/latest-news/caritas-australia-in-solidarity-with-people-of-sudan/>

Link to (PDF) [‘CARITAS Australia CEO Kirsty Robertson elected Vice President of Caritas Internationalis’](#)



<https://www.caritas.org.au/global-issues/>

<https://www.caritas.org.au/women-for-the-world/>

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/africa-food-crisis/>



Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

www.humandevlopment.va/en

"Surely there is a need to "re-animate" the economy! (...) We need to correct models of growth incapable of guaranteeing respect for the environment, openness to life, concern for the family, social equality, the dignity of workers and the rights of future generations (...) to set in place a new economic model, the fruit of a culture of communion based on fraternity and equality".

Pope Francis, "Economy of Francesco", Assisi, 2020

<https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/sviluppo-umano-integrale/economia.html>

<https://www.sei.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/our-common-home-sei-vatican-20221128.pdf>

"Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community... Solidarity, understood in its most profound meaning, is a way of making history..."

Pope Francis (Fratelli Tutti # 116)

"NO-ONE HAS A RIGHT TO SIT DOWN AND FEEL HOPELESS.
THERE'S TOO MUCH WORK TO DO"

DOROTHY DAY



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SYNODALITY

Link to (The RECORD) '[SYNOD 2023: Archbishop Costelloe named to Synod Preparatory Commission](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Oceania Bishops finalise response to Synod's Working Document](#)'

Link to (The RECORD) '[Synodality and the Future of the Catholic Church: A Journey towards Communion, Participation and Mission](#)'

Link to (Vatican News) '[SYNOD Continental Stage: Most innovative aspect of Synodal process](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Women to Vote in Synod for the first time](#)'

"We have to model ourselves on the pastoral methodology of Jesus. At its heart it is to meet a person where they are, and respond to them where they are with openness, and with warmth, and with generosity and with hospitality and then hopefully accompany the journey, I think that's Pope Francis's gift to us...he's asking us to make Jesus our model in the way we encounter with people".

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB



PEACE

At a Vatican event (Feb 2023) for the first anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Pope Francis invited those present to pray with him as he shared a spontaneous prayer for peace:

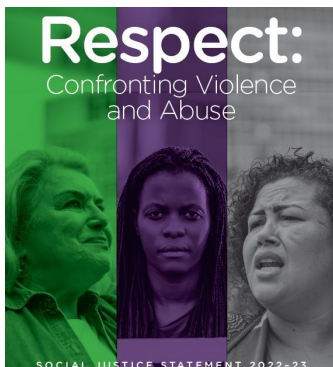
"Holy Father, who art in heaven, look at our miseries, look at our wounds, look (at) our pain. Look also at our selfishness, our petty interests, and the capacity we have to destroy ourselves. Heal us. Heal our hearts, heal our minds, heal our eyes that they may see the beauty that you have made and not destroy it in selfishness. Sow in us the seed of peace. Amen."

Link to (The Holy See) '[Pacem in Terris: Encyclical of Pope John Paul XXIII](#)'

NB: 60th Anniversary of **Pacem in Terris** (Peace on Earth) 1963

"Indeed, to sum up the action of the Church in one word, the specific term 'pastoral' is used"

Pope Francis (General Audience, 18th Jan. 2023 – re catechesis on the passion of evangelisation)



2022-23 'RESPECT - Confronting Violence and Abuse'

Download your copy of the [2022-23 SJS Resources](#) [HERE!!!](#)

([SJ Statement](#); [Action Card & Prayer Card](#) and [Liturgy Notes](#)).
These can be obtained from the ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace:
www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

We invite you to forward brief articles and photos of your parish or school Social Justice actions for upcoming JEDO Newsletters. Please send any submissions or queries to
admin.jedo@perthcatholic.org.au

*"I CANNOT LOSE ANYTHING IN THIS PLACE
OF ABUNDANCE I HAVE FOUND"*
ST CATHERINE OF SIENA



Social Justice ACTION

- **International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression** - Sun. 4th Jun. '23
- **World Environment Day** – Mon. 5th Jun. '23
- **World Oceans Day** - Sat. 8th Jun. '23
- **World Day Against Child Labour** - Mon. 12th Jun. '23
- **World Elder Abuse Day** - Thu. 15th Jun. '23
- **World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought** - Sat. 17th Jun. '23
- **Intl Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict** - Mon. 19th Jun. '23
- **World Refugee Day** - Tue. 20th Jun. '23
- **Day of the Seafarer** - Sun. 25th Jun. '23
- **International Day in Support of Victims of Torture** - Mon. 26th Jun. '23
- **International Day of the Tropics** - Thu. 29th Jun. '23
- **International Asteroid Day** - Fri. 30th Jun. '23
- **World Social Media Day**

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UPCOMING EVENTS



CST & Thought

Preferential Option for the Poor - & Vulnerable

"...I grow in my own humanity when I encounter the person of the poor"

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle (Pres. Caritas Internationalis)

We are called to humbly **encounter & accompany** people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice, for as stated in **Matthew 25: 40**: 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me'. Within the CRS link (below), **Fr James Martin SJ** explains: "Before we understand Jesus' Preferential Option for the Poor, we have to understand God's Preferential Option for the Poor. God incarnates himself as Jesus, among a poor family, in a poor village; and Jesus himself preaches among the poor and about the poor". However, as **St Mother Teresa** (of Calcutta) said: "Poverty is not made by God; it is created by you and me when we don't share what we have". That is, acts of **charity and service** need to be accompanied with acts of **justice** – exposing institutions and structures that lead to or perpetuate gross inequalities that deny our brothers and sisters of opportunities to exercise and enjoy their dignity, freedoms and rights. For as **Pope Francis** stated:

"In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ"

Link to (YouTube) ['CST 101: Option for the Poor & Vulnerable'](#)

Link to (YouTube) ['The Cry of the Poor'](#)

<https://www.caritas.org.au/learn/cst-toolkit/preferential-option-for-the-poor/>

*"In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face;
by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ"*

"THE PROPHETS ALWAYS BRING THE SUFFERERS TO THE CENTRE"

FR RICHARD ROHR



OJEP Social Justice Diary

(March 2023 to May 2023)

(Linked to the JEDO online **Calendar** for Social Justice Planning)

1 st March 2022	<u>Zero Discrimination Day</u> Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific Day
3 rd March 2022	World Wildlife Day
8 th March 2022	<u>International Women's Day</u>
16 th March 2022	<u>National Close the Gap Day</u>
17 th March 2022	St Patrick's Day
21 st March 2022	International Day of Forests International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
22 nd March 2022	World Water Day
23 rd March 2022	World Meteorological Day
24 th March 2022	International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims
25 th March 2022	International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members
4 th April 2023	International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
6 th April 2023	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace
7 th April 2023	World Health Day International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda
22 nd April 2022	International Mother Earth Day
24 th April 2023	International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace
25 th April 2023	<u>ANZAC Day</u>
28 th April 2023	World Day for Safety and Health at Work



1 st May 2023	<u>St Joseph the Worker</u> International Workers Day
8 th May 2023	World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day
14 th May 2023	<u>World Fair Trade Day</u>
1 st May 2023	International Day of Living Together in Peace
21 st May 2023	<u>World Communications Day</u> World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
22 nd May 2023	International Day for Biological Diversity
24 th May 2023	Mary Help of Christians, Patron Saint of Australia
25 th May 2023	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories (25 th May to 31 st May)
26 th May 2023	<u>National SORRY Day</u>
27 th May 2023	National Reconciliation Week (27 th May - 3 rd June)
29 th May 2023	International Day of UN Peacekeepers

'REMOVE THE SANDALS FROM YOUR FEET,
FOR THE PLACE WHERE YOU STAND IS HOLY'
JOSHUA 5:15



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*"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood.
Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less"*

Marie Curie



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"THE CONTEMPLATIVE RESPONDS TO THE DIVINE IN EVERYONE"

SR JOAN CHITTISTER