



REFERENDUM - History is Calling



From the Director

The Justice, Ecology and Development Office (JEDO) within the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, Western Australia (WA) facilitated the **Perth Launch of the 2023/24 Social Justice Statement** on Thursday 31st of August. Given the approaching **Referendum** on a *First Nations Voice to Parliament* in mid-October, the timely theme of **Listen, Learn, Love – A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples** was warmly welcomed by those present. A key feature of the Perth Launch was listening to **Aunty/Sr Veronica Willaway, Aunty Donella Brown, Aunty Cheryl Lennox-Bradley and Lyn Odegaard**, four Aboriginal women linked with Aboriginal Catholic Ministry who graciously shared some of their personal and professional stories. On behalf of JEDO and those present at the Perth Launch, heartfelt thanks go to each of you for enabling such a privileged and sacred space.

We were also blessed to have **Bishop Don Sproston** launch the Statement in Perth with **Deacon Paul Reid** gently reminding attendees of the Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Subsidiarity through the Caritas Australia *First Australian Subsidiarity Statement*. This year's Statement from the ACBC (Australian Catholic Bishops Conference) was appropriately shared with NATSICC (the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council), with some members speaking directly about the history of injustice faced by the First Peoples of this country and what needs to be done to right those wrongs (SJS, p 1). The 2023 Referendum provides us with the **opportunity and hope** outlined in the **Uluru Statement from the Heart – History is Calling**.

Link to (The RECORD) '[Perth Catholics encouraged to engage with First Nations people at local Social Justice Statement launch](#)'

Link to (YouTube) '[John Farnham Gives 'You're the Voice' to The Voice](#)'

Link to (pdf) '[ULURU Statement from the Heart](#)'

Link to (OJEP) '[2023-24 SJS Resources](#)'

www.ulurustatement.org

Wishing you **blessings of peace and hope**
Carol Mitchell (Director)



"You don't fear people
 whose story you know.
 Real listening always brings
 people closer together."
 (Margaret Wheatley)



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The JEDO mission is to service God for justice, peace & ecology



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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

"WHAT HAS BEEN DONE CANNOT BE UNDONE, BUT WHAT CAN NOW BE DONE TO
 REMEDY THE DEEDS OF YESTERDAY, MUST NOT BE PUT OFF 'TIL TOMORROW"

POPE ST JOHN PAUL II



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JUSTICE



"Truth never damages a cause that is just"

Mahatma Gandhi



ACRATH and MODERN SLAVERY

www.acrath.org.au

Link to (Walk Free) [‘The Global Slavery Index’](#)

Link to (pdf) [‘2024 ACRATH Calendar’](#)

Link to (ACRATH) [‘ACRATH celebrates milestone advocacy success’](#)

Link to (The RECORD) [‘ACRATH Staff and Members Make Annual Advocacy Visit to Parliament House’](#)

Link to (The RECORD) [‘Work should be for the common good, says St Vincent De Paul Society’](#)

FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES

Nothing About Us Without Us

Link to (NIT) [‘There is nothing about us, without us’ - National NAIDOC committee affirms support of Voice](#)

Link to (pdf) [‘2023 NAIDOC Week POSTER’](#)

Link to (CathNews) [‘NATSICC reiterates support for Yes vote as PM locks in October 14’](#)

Link to (pdf) [‘First Australian Subsidiarity Statement’](#)

Link to (pdf) [‘Dadirri - Handout’](#)

Link to (YouTube) [‘Dadirri - Inner Deep Listening’](#)



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

NATSICC: www.natsicc.org.au

"Our faith provides hope for transformation for both victim-survivors and perpetrators. It calls us to believe and support women and children experiencing violence and to ensure their safety and well-being. It calls us to challenge perpetrators to take responsibility for their behaviour and to assist them to change" (2023-24 SJS, p 10)

RESPECT: Confronting Violence & Abuse



Link to (pdf) [JEDO Workshop Flyer](#) (Thurs. 16th & 23rd February 2023)

Link to (pdf) [Safeguarding - A Pastoral Response to DV](#)

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23/>

MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

www.migrants-refugees.va

Link to (CathNews) [‘Review aims to expose ‘invisible’ barriers faced by migrants’](#)

Link to (pdf) [‘ACMRO August Newsletter’](#)

Link to (WACMRO Resource) [‘Creating Welcoming Parish Communities’](#)

Link to (pdf) [‘Migrant & Refugee Kit 2023’](#)

Link to (pdf) [‘Migrant & Refugee POSTER’](#)

ACMRO: www.acmro.catholic.org.au

WACMRO: www.wacmro.perthcatholic.org.au



"LOVE IS A FRUIT IN SEASON AT ALL TIMES AND WITHIN REACH OF EVERY HAND"

ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA (ST MOTHER TERESA)



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Anti-Poverty Week - 15th - 21st October 2023

Link to (YouTube) '[Valuing Children Initiative](#)'

Link to (YouTube - Pope Francis) '[For People Living on the Margins](#)'

<https://antipovertyweek.org.au/resources/fast-facts/>

<https://antipovertyweek.org.au/apw-2023/supportforvoice/>

<https://cool.org/unit/poverty-and-inequality-in-australia-years-3-6>

<https://cool.org/unit/poverty-and-inequality-in-australia-years-7-8-9-10>

HOMELESSNESS Week - 7th to 13th August 2023

Link to (pdf) '[Houses as Homes: Immediate Response to the Housing Crisis 2023](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Effective use of housing stock will help ease homelessness: CSSV](#)'

Link to (pdf) '[A Plan to End Homelessness](#)'

<https://everybodyshome.com.au/end-homelessness/>

Link to (CathNews) '[Charities cannot carry this burden on their own: Vinnies](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Time to End Homelessness: Vinnies](#)'

**HOMELESSNESS
WEEK 2023**
It's time to **end** homelessness

ECOLOGY



CLIMATE JUSTICE

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

www.seasonofcreation.org

Link to (Common Grace) '[Let Peace & Justice Flow](#)'

Link to (SoC) '[Season of Creation Resources](#)'

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2023/06/22/season-of-creation/>

Link to (pdf) '[2023 Season of Creation: A Catholic Liturgical Guide](#)'

Link to (Caritas) '[School Resources](#)'



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

www.laudatosiweek.org

Link to (laudatosiweek.org) '[Laudato Si' Week 2023 Resources](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[2nd Laudato Si' document be released in October](#)'

LS Movement: www.laudatosimovement.org

Link to (YouTube) '[Bishop Allwyn D'Silva Takes Part in Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Learning Session](#)'

"Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is".

Pope Francis (A Christian prayer in union with creation, Laudato Si')

"IN THE UNIVERSE, THERE ARE THINGS THAT ARE KNOWN, AND THINGS
THAT ARE UNKNOWN, AND IN BETWEEN THEM, THERE ARE DOORS"

WILLIAM BLAKE



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ARRCC: Australian Religious Response to Climate Change

www.arrcc.org.au

Link to (ARRCC) '[ARRCC Supports a VOICE to Parliament](#)'

"The destruction of the planet has begun through our over-exploitation of our lands and seas. These are not times for blame nor accusation. There is a task ahead of all of us to address the outcomes of our avarice and sloth"

Patrick Dodson (Yawuru man)

DEVELOPMENT



CARITAS Australia

www.caritas.org.au



Link to (CathNews) '[Caritas Australia launches appeal to support displaced people globally](#)'

Link to (pdf) '[First Australian Subsidiarity Statement](#)'

Link to (Caritas) '[Emergency Crisis Appeal](#)'

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

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

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



**DICASTERY FOR PROMOTING
INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

Link to (YouTube) '[Serving the Church in the world, for the development of each person](#)'

Link to (pdf) '[A Guide to Caring for Our Living Planet](#)'



"The human person grows more, matures more and is sanctified more to the extent that they enter into relationships, going out of themselves to live in communion with God, with others and with all creatures"

Pope Francis

**"LOVE IS THE OUTBOUND MOVEMENT THAT TRAINS PEOPLE
TO HEAL INJUSTICE AND KINDLY EMBRACE THE WORLD"**

NORMA WIRZBA (Way of Love: Recovering the Heart of Christianity')



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SYNODALITY

Link to (The RECORD) [‘Synod is ‘truly important’ for the church, says Pope Francis’](#)

The first (of two) global ‘Synod on Synodality’ assembly taking place at the Vatican will be held October 4-28. This will incorporate feedback from Catholics at diocesan, national and continental levels. Pope Francis said: “We have opened our doors, we have offered everyone the opportunity to participate, we have taken into account everyone’s needs and suggestions. We want to contribute together to build the Church where everyone feels at home, where no one is excluded. We are trying to learn a new way of living relationships, listening to one another to hear and follow the voice of the Spirit.”

“Mere counting and ledger-keeping are not the way of the Gospel. Our best self wants to restore relationships, and not blame or punish”

(Fr) Richard Rohr



PEACE

“Everyone must decide whether to walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness”

Dr Martin Luther King Jr

UN International Day of Peace - 21st September

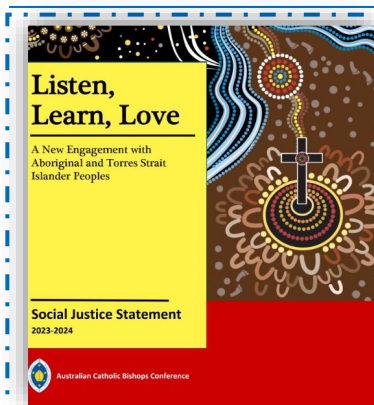
Link to (United Nations) [‘International Day of Peace’](#)

Link to (pdf) [‘56th World Day of Peace Message’](#) (Pope Francis)

Link to (VA) [“Artificial Intelligence and Peace” is the theme of the next Message of the World Day of Peace”](#)

“The difference between doing good for the oppressed and seeking justice for them is that those who seek justice seek to eliminate the causes of suffering as much as they seek to alleviate it”

Sr Joan Chittister OSB



2023-24 **‘LISTEN, LEARN, LOVE - A New Engagement With ATSI Peoples’**

*Download your copy of the **2023-24 SJS Resources** [HERE!!!](#)*

*(**SJ Statement: Prayer & Action 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

*“PILGRIMAGE MAY BE THOUGHT OF AS EXTROVERTED MYSTICISM,
JUST AS MYSTICISM IS INTROVERTED PILGRIMAGE”*

VICTOR & EDITH TURNER (‘Image & Pilgrimage in Christian Culture: Anthropological Perspectives’)



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**EVENTS in
this Season**

Social Justice ACTION

4 th Jun 2023	Intl Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	23 rd Jul 2023	World Day of Grandparents & the Elderly
5 th Jun 2023	World Environment Day	28 th Jul 2023	School Trees Day
8 th Jun 2023	World Oceans Day	30 th Jul 2023	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
12 th Jun 2023	World Day Against Child Labour	1 st Aug 2023	World Youth Day
15 th Jun 2023	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	4 th Aug 2023	National Aboriginal & Islander Children's Day
17 th Jun 2023	World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought	9 th Aug 2023	Intl Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
19 th Jun 2023	Intl Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	12 th Aug 2023	Intl Youth Day
20 th Jun 2023	World Refugee Day	19 th Aug 2023	World Humanitarian Day
25 th Jun 2023	Day of the Seafarer	22 nd Aug 2023	Intl Day for Commemorating the Victims of Violence Based on Religion or Belief
26 th Jun 2023	Intl Day in Support of Victims of Torture	27 th Aug 2023	Social Justice Sunday
29 th Jun 2023	Intl Day of the Tropics	29 th Aug 2023	Intl Day Against Nuclear Tests
30 th Jun 2023	World Social Media Day	30 th Aug 2023	Intl Day of the Victims of Forced Disappearances
2 nd Jul 2023	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday	31 st Aug 2023	Perth Launch of the 2023-24 Social Justice Statement



CST & Thought

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

"Creation is the order of love. God's love is the fundamental moving force in all created things"

Pope Francis (LS # 77)

"Now is not a time to continue looking the other way, indifferent to the signs that our planet is being plundered and violated by greed for profit"

Pope Francis Francis (World Environment Day, 2020)

A PASTORAL CALL TO MISSION

Link to (pdf) [Evangelisation: Encounter, Discipleship, Mission](#)

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/catholics-reminded-to-preach-the-gospel-always-everywhere/>

"It is important for the whole Church that the welcome of the poor and the promotion of justice are not entrusted to 'specialists', but that they are the focus of attention of all the pastoral work, of formation of future priests and other religious, of the normal commitment of all parishes, movements and ecclesial groups."

Pope Francis Francis (World Environment Day, 2020)

'FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO'

MATTHEW 6:21



OJEP Social Justice Diary

(Sep 2023 to Nov 2023)

(Link to the [JEDO online Calendar](#) for Social Justice Planning)

1 st Sep 2023	<u>World Day of Prayer for Creation</u> National Wattle Day
5 th Sep 2023	St Mother Teresa Feast Day
7 th Sep 2023	National Threatened Species Day
10 th Sep 2023	<u>World Suicide Prevention Day</u>
14 th Sep 2023	<u>R U OK? Day</u>
15 th Sep 2023	International Day of Democracy
16 th Sep 2023	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
21 st Sep 2023	<u>International Day of Peace</u>
24 th Sep 2023	<u>Migrant & Refugee Sunday</u>
26 th Sep 2023	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons
29 th Sep 2023	World Maritime Day
1 st Oct 2023	<u>International Day for Older Persons</u>
2 nd Oct 2023	International Day of Non-Violence World Habitat Day
4 th Oct 2023	St Francis of Assisi Feast Day
10 th Oct 2023	<u>World Mental Health Day</u>
11 th Oct 2023	International Day of the Girl-Child
13 th Oct 2023	International Day for Disaster Reduction
15 th Oct 2023	International Day for Rural Women
16 th Oct 2023	World Food Day
17 th Oct 2023	<u>International Day for the Eradication of Poverty</u>
22 nd Oct 2023	<u>World Mission Sunday</u>
24 th Oct 2023	United Nations Day
27 th Oct 2023	World Teachers Day (Australia)



27 th Nov 2023	World Tsunami Awareness Day
6 th Nov 2023	International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict
10 th Nov 2023	World Science Day for Peace and Development (9 th to 15 th Nov - International Week of Science and Peace)
11 th Nov 2023	Remembrance (Armistice) Day
14 th Nov 2023	<u>World Day of the Poor</u>
16 th Nov 2023	International Day of Tolerance
18 th Nov 2023	World Day for the Prevention and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence
20 th Nov 2023	Universal Children's Day
25 th Nov 2023	<u>International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women</u>
30 th Nov 2023	Day of Remembrance for All Victims of Chemical Warfare

"I HAVE FOUND HEAVEN ON EARTH, SINCE HEAVEN IS GOD AND GOD IS IN MY SOUL"

ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY



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"Let us live happily together as mates, let us not make it hard for each other"

Vincent Lingiari

(Generous response when ownership of traditional Gurindji land in the NT was restored to his people.
Noted in 2006 ACBC SJS)



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE



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"GOD WANTS US BY EVERY MEANS IN OUR POWER TO LEAD OTHERS TO LIFE"

SR JOAN CHITTISTER OSB