



JEDO NEWSLETTER

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LISTEN, LEARN, LOVE

From the Director

The Director of JEDO: the Justice, Ecology and Development Office within the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, Western Australia (WA) recognises that our agency is on the Country (land/boodja) of the Whadjuk Noongar peoples. We pay our respect to elders, past, present and emerging of all nations and clans of the First Peoples in Australia, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. We acknowledge the painful sharing of truths through representatives of NATSICC: the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council within the 2023/24 Social Justice Statement (SJS) and thank them for their resilience and courage. We also recognise the support from the national bishops, as well as other people of faith and good will. We encourage those we encounter to hear the gracious call within the **Uluru Statement from the Heart** to walk with or accompany our Indigenous sisters and brothers toward true **Reconciliation**. May we heed the call to action to **Close the Gap** in disadvantage indicators to enable our First Nations Peoples to flourish – for fullness of life. May we also LISTEN with the ears of our hearts; so we can LEARN of the injustices that have impacted multiple generations through dispossession of land/ country, language, culture and the breakdown of kin relationships through the forcible removal of children, through stolen wages and stolen generations, including massacres; for **'the truth will set us free'** (John 8: 32) on our shared journey of healing. May all of this be done in the spirit of faith, hope and LOVE – "for love can not only change individual lives, but it can change society for the better" (2023 SJS, p 19): **'Let all that you do be done in love'** (1 Corinthians 16: 14).

Link to (pdf) ['JEDO Workshop Flyer'](#)

Wishing you Easter **blessings of joy, hope, love and peace**

Carol Mitchell (JEDO Director)



Link to (jpg) ['JEDO EASTER Message'](#)

"The Church in Australia will not be fully the church that Jesus wants her to be until you, the Aboriginal people, have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others"
Pope St John Paul 11 (Alice Springs, 1986)

Link to (NATSICC) ['Cultural Competency in a Catholic Context'](#)



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The JEDO mission is to serve 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

"SELF-DETERMINATION, PRIDE AND RESPECT ARE THE BANKS OF THE RIVER THROUGH WHICH THE WATERS OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LIFE FLOWS"

NATSICC - 2016



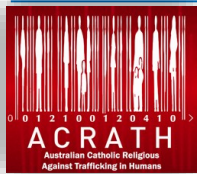
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JUSTICE



ACRATH and MODERN SLAVERY

Towards a Slavery Free Easter

www.acrath.org.au

<https://acrath.org.au/videos/towards-a-slavery-free-easter/>

Link to (CathNews) '[ACAN advocacy wins bipartisan support for slavery survivors](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Survivor voices' follow in the footsteps of St Josephine Bakhita](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Schools urged to be on lookout for signs of forced marriage](#)'

Link to (The RECORD) '[Pope Francis: Christians must rekindle hope in fighting today's forms of slavery](#)'

<https://acrath.org.au/take-action/world-day-of-prayer/>



End Homelessness

<https://www.endhomelessnesswa.com/>

Link to (CathNews) '[Vinnies calls for more government funding to ease homelessness crisis](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Rough sleepers dying at 'alarmingly' premature rates](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[AMA calls premature homelessness deaths 'national tragedy'](#)'

Link to (The RECORD) '[\\$7.5 million for St Pat's Fremantle to boost social housing](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Hundreds tell Senate committee they are struggling to afford the basics](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Labor announces \\$14.4m for emergency food relief programs](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Bishop Long urges solidarity in the face of growing individualism](#)'

FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES

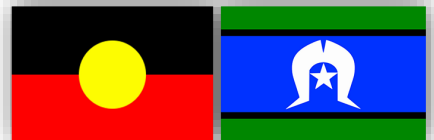
Link to (CathNews) '[New data shows Australia failing on key Closing the Gap targets](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Catholics encouraged to reflect on implications of damning report](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Albanese commits to treaty and truth telling but says it will take time](#)'

NATSICC: www.natsicc.org.au

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



MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

www.wacmro.perthcatholic.org.au

Link to (CathNews) '[Vatican announces theme for World Day of Migrants & Refugees](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Asylum Seekers taken to Nauru amid renewed political stoush](#)'

www.migrants-refugees.wa

ACMRO: www.acmro.catholic.org.au

"UNTIL WE 'TELL THE TRUTH', WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IN THIS COUNTRY, THE WORD 'RESPECT' WILL ALWAYS BE IN THE DISTANCE. WE NEED TO LISTEN TO OUR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE"

UNCLE NOEL NANNUP (2021)



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International Women's Day - Count her in: Invest in Women

<https://unwomen.org.au/get-involved/international-womens-day/#:~:text=When%20women%20are%20given%20equal,Her%20In%3A%20Invest%20in%20Women.>



<https://iwda.org.au/take-action/international-womens-day/>

Link to (CathNews) '[Highlighting the dignity of women on International Women's Day](#)'

Link to (pdf) '[International Women's Day 2024 Prayer](#)

Link to (CathNews) '[Voices of women raised at Holy See embassy conference](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Agencies want more Church involvement in fight against family violence](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Honouring the little-known work of a fearless woman of faith](#)'

ECOLOGY



NOONGAR Six Seasons guide by land

<https://www.ecu.edu.au/centres/kurongkurl-katitjin/cultural-leadership/nyoongar-six-seasons>

Unlike the European calendar, there are six Noongar seasons in Western Australia's South West region, which are indicated by changes in local plants and animals. Learn how to pick the change of seasons with this handy guide.

Traditionally, Noongar people hunted and gathered food according to the seasons, being guided by the signs in nature as to which animal and plant resources were plentiful at those times.

Find explanations of the traditions and environmental indicators in the South West region of Western Australia for each of the Noongar seasons below.

[Birak](#) (December - January)

[Bunuru](#) (February - March)

[Djeran](#) (April - May)

[Makuru](#) (June - July)

[Djilba](#) (August - September)

[Kambarang](#) (October - November)

For further information visit: www.acm.perthcatholic.org.au



"WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROTECTION AND CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT.
THIS RESPONSIBILITY KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES"
POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XV1 (WORLD DAY OF PEACE MESSAGE, 2010)



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ARRCC: Australian Religious Response to Climate Change

www.arrcc.org.au

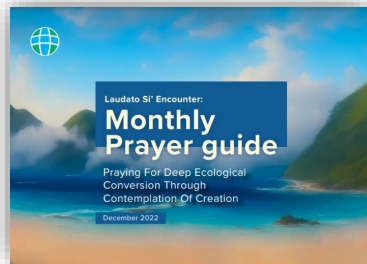
Link to (CathNews) '[Every bishop should decarbonise his diocese](#)'

<https://www.arrcc.org.au/weekofaction>

<https://www.arrcc.org.au/climate-action-kits>

<https://www.arrcc.org.au/about-climate-change-morality>

<https://www.arrcc.org.au/policy-positions>



<https://laudatosimovement.org/>

[Home 2024 - Laudato Si Lent](#)

LSM's Monthly Prayer Guide – February 2024
[Laudato Si' Movement \(laudatosimovement.org\)](http://laudatosimovement.org)

*"We shall awaken from our dullness and rise vigorously toward justice.
If we fall in love with creation deeper and deeper, we will respond to its endangerment with passion".*

St Hildegard of Bingen

DEVELOPMENT



Link to (Caritas) '[Project Compassion 2024](#)'

Link to (The RECORD) '[Caritas Australia launches Project Compassion 2024](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Supporting Project Compassion a way 'to proclaim the faith in our hearts'](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[How a water tank changed the lives of Leaia and her family](#)'



www.caritas.org.au

*"YOUR TRUE CHARACTER IS MOST ACCURATELY MEASURED
BY HOW YOU TREAT THOSE WHO CAN DO 'NOTHING' FOR YOU"*

ST MOTHER TERESA



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SYNODALITY

Link to (CathNews) '[Pope launches study groups to analyse Synod's key issues](#)'

Link to (Flyer) '[STMC Talk - Professor \(Fr\) Eamonn Conway](#)'

Link to (Flyer) '[Synodality - Dr Sandie Cornish](#)'



PEACE



Link to (CathNews) '[Pope marks five years since signing document on human fraternity](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Pope pleads for just and lasting peace in Ukraine](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[Pope makes emotional plea for ceasefire in Gaza](#)'

Link to (pdf) '[Pope's Message for LENT 2024](#)'

Link to (YouTube) '[Lenten Reflection 2024](#)'

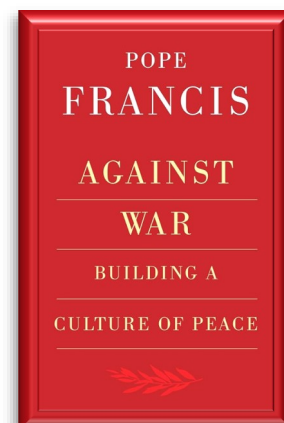
Link to (pdf) '[Marie Denis on Pope Francis Statements Against War](#)'

Link to (Orbis Books) '[Against War: Building a Culture of Peace](#)'



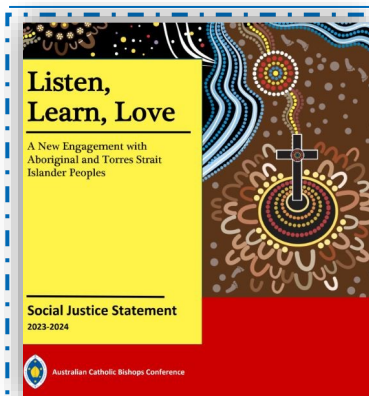
PEACE

1st March - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ECUMENICAL SERVICE



The World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service was held on **Friday 1 March**. The service was written by the Christian Palestinian World Day of Prayer Committee. The theme: **"I beg you...bear with one another in Love."**

For more information, please visit www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org



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

**"TO ME, NON-VIOLENCE IS THE ALL-IMPORTANT VIRTUE
TO BE NOURISHED AND STUDIED AND CULTIVATED"**

DOROTHY DAY



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EVENTS

Social Justice ACTION

2nd Dec 2023 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

3rd Dec 2023 [Intl Day of Persons with Disabilities](#)

5th Dec 2023 Intl Volunteer Day for Economic & Social Development

9th Dec 2023 Intl Day of Commemoration & Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide

10th Dec 2023 [Human Rights Day](#)

11th Dec 2023 Intl Day of Neutrality

18th Dec 2023 [Intl Migrants Day](#)

20th Dec 2023 Intl Human Solidarity Day

1st Jan 2024 [World Day of Peace](#)

26th Jan 2024 [Australia Day / Survival Day](#)

27th Jan 2024 Intl Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust

2nd Feb 2024 World Wetlands Day

4th Feb 2024 Intl Day of Human Fraternity

6th Feb 2024 Waitangi Day

Intl Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation

8th Feb 2024 [St Josephine Bakhita](#) - Intl Day of Prayer & Action Against Human Trafficking

11th Feb 2024 Safer Internet Day

[World Day of Prayer for the Sick](#)

Intl Day of Women and Girls in Science

12th Feb 2024 Intl Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism

20th Feb 2024 [World Day of Social Justice](#)

Link to (CathNews) '[World Day of Grandparents and Elderly to highlight loneliness](#)'

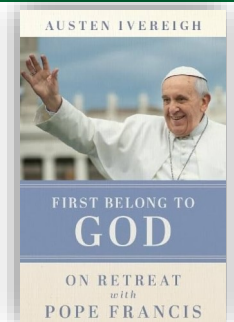
Link to (pdf) '[Pope's Message for 32nd World Day of the Sick](#)'

Link to (The RECORD) '[World Day of the Sick focuses on being alone](#)'

Link to (pdf) '[Pope's Message for LENT 2024](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[In a social media era, make private time for God: Pope](#)'

Link to (CathNews) '[New book helps people explore Pope's teaching on belonging](#)'



CST & Thought

Laudate Deum - Praise God

Pope Francis released the Apostolic Exhortation, **Laudate Deum – Praise God** on the **Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi**, the 4th of October 2023, which was also the end of the **Season of Creation** (From 1st September to 4th October annually). This was the urgent follow-up call to action for our global

community that came from the Encyclical (letter) by Pope Francis, **Laudato Si'** – On Care for Our Common Home (2015). This highlighted Catholic Social Teaching principles regarding stewardship, bringing **Integral Ecology** to the fore.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/news/blog/explainer-laudate-deum-and-the-call-for-urgent-climate-action/>

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-10/laudate-deum-pope-francis-climate-crisis-laudato-si.html>

"IF I WERE TO NAME THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION,
I WOULD PROBABLY CALL IT **THE WAY OF THE WOUND**"

FR RICHARD ROHR



OJEP Social Justice Diary

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

1 st May 2024	<u>St Joseph the Worker</u> / Intl Workers Day
3 rd May 2024	World Press Freedom Day
8 th May 2024	World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day
14 th May 2024	<u>World Fair Trade Day</u>
16 th May 2024	Intl Day of Living Together in Peace
21 st May 2024	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Peace
22 nd May 2024	Intl Day for Biological Diversity
24 th May 2024	Mary, Help of Christians (Patron Saint of Australia)
26 th May 2024	<u>National SORRY Day</u>
29 th May 2024	Intl Day of UN Peacekeepers



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- Deep Inner Listening - **Dadirri**
- JEDO **Advocacy, Networking** & more
- **Social Justice Action** / Upcoming **Events**
- **CST** & Thought

*"HAVING FAITH DOES NOT MEAN HAVING NO DIFFICULTIES,
BUT HAVING THE STRENGTH TO FACE THEM, KNOWING WE ARE NOT ALONE"*

POPE FRANCIS



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*"VALUE YOUR CROSSES AS THE MOST PRECIOUS PRESENTS
FROM A GOOD AND LOVING GOD"*
ST MARY MACKILLOP