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The Pastor's Pen....

Australian Catholic Social Justice Sunday 2023

This year's Social Justice Statement from our Catholic Church is titled; *Listen, Learn, Love. A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*. Below is a summary of what Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Chair of the Social Justice, Mission and Service Commission for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has to say to us about this year's Statement.



Bishops' statement calls for 'new engagement' with First Peoples.

Australia's Catholic bishops have called on the nation to seek "a new engagement" with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social Justice Statement.

Since the 1940s, the bishops have published annual statements that urge the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. The statements are published as a focal point for Social Justice Sunday, which is marked on August 27 this year.

This year's statement, *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*, was launched in Western Sydney on Thursday morning by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service.

"One of the objectives of this statement is that we want Catholics to understand that Catholic social teaching and Catholic social action are not simply theoretical and academic exercises," he said. "We hear what God is saying to us about justice by being with our sisters and brothers on the peripheries of society."

While the Social Justice Statement is a teaching document of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, a large part of this year's statement was written by members of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council. It is part of the message's exhortation to "listen".

"Listening is hard. Hearing about young people taking their lives, about so many people ending up in jail, of children still being taken away from their parents and grandparents and about the ongoing racism is tough," Bishop Long said.

"It must be so much more difficult for these people to tell us about their painful experiences. We are deeply grateful to those who shared their stories of pain with us."

The theme for this year's statement was chosen in May 2022, well before the Voice to Parliament referendum was mooted and before the timing of a vote was proposed. While the bishops don't suggest how people should vote, Bishop Long says "whatever the outcome of this year's referendum, we ask the Church in Australia to make efforts to lead the way for our fellow Australians" in pursuing reconciliation. "Our attitudes and actions towards First Nations Peoples need to be grounded in justice, love and humility," he said.

"We need to listen with deep respect and learn from them about what needs to be done to improve their situations. We need to walk with them, day by day, and work with them to bring about change for the better – for their people and for all of us. "Strengthening our relationship with our First Peoples is integral and indeed critical to the strengthening of the whole nation."

The Statement in full can be found at the following link: <https://bit.ly/SJS2023-24>



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Thank you for being the face of Christ for others

Your support of the Annual Catholic Campaign will support those in dire circumstances and give children living in hardship access to a caring Catholic school community. Through this gift, you live the Gospel by caring for our elderly priests and educating seminarians who will lead the future Church.

Thank you for all you do to support those in need in our local community



In 2012, in consultation with parish priests and staff, the decision was made to combine more than six annual in-parish appeals into a two week **Annual Catholic Campaign**. This new, simplified and focused campaign continues to serve vital ministries, while also relieving the administrative burden of multiple appeals for parishes.

Through the Annual Catholic Campaign, parishioners and the faithful have an opportunity to provide critical support for four vital ministries in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This campaign runs once per year, and with a focus on:

- **Centacare:** Providing Catholic social services and pastoral ministry to our most vulnerable neighbours. This includes hospital chaplaincy, psychiatric pastoral care, prison chaplaincy, and Murri Ministry. We also provide vital support to victims of domestic and family violence.
- **Priests Foundation:** Looking after the accommodation and healthcare needs of our elderly and unwell priests after retirement.
- **Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund:** Enabling greater access to Catholic education for children whose families are in crisis.
- **Holy Spirit Seminary:** Preparing seminarians in Queensland to become future leaders for our faith.
- **Grassroots programs:** Unallocated donations from supporters who do not need a tax deductible receipt are allocated to the Annual Grants Program. These funds support grassroots ministries and programs throughout the Archdiocese. Many of these grants are awarded to parishes each year.

Funds raised through the Annual Catholic Campaign are processed by the Catholic Foundation office and deposited into legally established Trusts, then designated to specific ministries.

Every gift is important, regardless of the amount. We know and acknowledge that equal sacrifice comes through each of us giving in proportion to what we have been blessed to receive. Don't forget that gifts over \$2 are tax deductible for the donor.

Campaign brochures and envelopes are available on the church pews. Please place your donation envelope into the normal collections at Mass or return them to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support of the Annual Catholic Campaign

Women's Retreat: How do women of faith remain in Jesus and bear fruit? By staying connected. In the midst of our fast-paced lives, it is crucial to carve out moments of stillness and create space to hear the whispers of God. This weekend retreat, facilitated by the team at Evangelisation Brisbane, will provide an opportunity to remain, abide and stay with God who created you and longs to spend time with you. When: 6pm Friday 8 September to 1pm Sunday 10 September. Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston. Cost: \$425 live in / \$230 live out. RSVP: Monday 4 September. Register today for a weekend of encounter, encouragement, and restoration at <https://tinyurl.com/abide23>

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which we gather, the Yuggera peoples and Turrbal peoples, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the continuing and deep connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country, its land, waters and culture.

Social Justice Sunday: calls all Catholics, in light of the Social Justice Statement and the current focus on a referendum, to use this opportunity to listen and learn from First Nations People. May love guide us as we listen deeply to our own hearts and those of others. Let the love of God fill our hearts as we walk together towards justice and peace. The challenge of the day is to read and discern the wisdom for you in the Social Justice Statement *Listen, Learn, Love*. Access the Social Justice Sunday Statement 2023-24 at <https://bit.ly/SJS2023-24>

Rite of Welcome: This weekend at the 5.30pm and 8am Masses we celebrate a Rite of Welcome for our three Catechumens and five Candidates who are journeying towards full initiation into Catholic Church. We pray for and support Jack, Eva, Jonathan, Alexander, Semhar, Draeton, Francis and Claudine. *Father of mercy, we thank you for these your servants. You have sought and summoned them in many ways, and they have turned to seek you. You have called them today and they have answered in our presence: We praise you, Almighty God and we bless you, through Christ our Lord. Amen*

Thank you to the Parish Choir: who lead our music ministry this Saturday evening at the 5.30pm Mass. The choir will be taking a break throughout September.

Children's Liturgy: will be held today Sunday 27th August at the at the at the 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's Church, then next weekend on Sunday 3rd September at the 9.30am Mass at Christ the King. All primary school aged children, and all children enrolled in the Sacramental Program are welcome to attend.

Morning Tea: will be served after the 8.00am Mass at St Joseph's today Sunday morning 27th August.

God's blessings: to Riley, Angus and Emilia who will be baptised at Christ the King Church this weekend. We warmly welcome you into our Parish Family and the Family of God.

Mass at St Vincent's: Mass and Anointing will be celebrated at St Vincent's Aged Care Corinda at 10am on Tuesday 29th August. All family, carers, and friends of the residents are invited to join their loved ones at this Mass of Anointing.

Pupil Free Day: for our students at St Joseph's and Christ the King Schools on Friday 1st September.

Youth Group: there will be NO Youth Group on Friday 1st September due to the BCE Pupil Free Day. The final two Youth Group nights for Term Three will be on 8th and 15th September, with the youth joining the ministries of the Mass on Saturday 16th September. Youth Group is held from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in St Joseph's School Hall. We play games, have a light dinner, make friends, and learn about our faith. Grades six and above are welcome. To find out more please contact Claire on 0490 202 194. This is a great space for faith to come alive.

Liturgy Team: will meet at 10am on Saturday 2nd September at the parish office.

The Fijian Choir: will lead the music at the Saturday evening Mass on 2nd September at St Joseph's.

Open Music Group: Our next Open Music Group will lead the singing at the 6.00pm Mass on Sunday 3 September. If you would like to be part of the music and singing group, please come to a practice at Christ the King Church at 5.00pm on the day. Contact Ian Larter 0414 811 782 for further details.

Sausage Sizzle: will be held after the Sunday 6.00pm Mass on 3rd September.

Parish Pastoral Council: will meet at 7pm on Thursday 7th September at the Parish Office.

St Vincent de Paul Meeting: Please note that the meeting time is now at 8.30am each fortnight. The next meeting will be at 8.30am on Friday 8th September at the Parish Office.

Rest in Peace: the Funeral Mass for Lucy Falzon will be celebrated at 11am on Friday 8th September at St Joseph's Church Corinda. *In Baptism Lucy received the Light of Christ. This Light guided her through her life. May Christ, the eternal light, welcome Lucy into His Kingdom of everlasting peace and love.*

Feast of Nations: The parish Feast of Nations will be celebrated on Sunday 17th September commencing at 11.30am at St Joseph's Hall. Please pop the date in your diary. Please bring a plate of to share - a traditional cultural dish or favourite dish. Kindly make a note of the ingredients for the safety of any dietary need. There will be cultural dancing from different countries to entertain us on the day. If you wish to help out in any way please contact Malia at the parish office.

We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Joan Armstrong, Ron Atkins, Margaret Bailey, Jack Cain, Barbara Carmody, Alan Carr, Bridie Carr, Beryl Clark, June Denham, Cath Dennis, Maureen Doherty, Margaret Fernandez, Erica Finnimore, Neil Flynn, Nash Giles, Laurie Gillespie, Gregory Gould, Margaret Hawser, Bob Healy, Myrna Healy, Una Hill, Ned Hiller, Mark Inmon, Maureen Inmon, Charles Keating, Shelly Kelly, Annie Little, Fr Frank Lourigan, Monique Maltet, Gordon McCormack, Neil McCormack, Brian Mealey, Damien Mollard, Julene Montgomery, Gabrielle Morgan, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Richard Niland, Val O'Brien, Patrick O'Dea, Jan O'Donoghue, Jimmy O'Keefe, Rita O'Keefe, Taavi Orupold, Emma Parer, Genevieve Parer, Jennifer Parer, Shelly Parer, Glenda Penna, Clive Punter, Dawn Punter, Sr Cyprian Thureson pbvm, Pauline Thureson, Thao Trinh, Sue Venderley, Rebecca Wallace, Ben Waters, Nick Willemsen. *We remember and pray for all our parishioners living in aged care.*

We pray for all who are suffering due to conflict, natural disaster and ill health.

May the recently deceased rest in peace: Paul Vickers, Glen Scott, Lucy Falzon

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Anna, Chau Nguyen, Phuong Nguyen, Tha Cao, Khiet Dao, George Cole, Ken Cuthbert, Dorrie Williams, Delle Conway, Sheila Williams, Lewis Thomas, Kirsty Powell, Ray Blumke, Norma Burns, Margaret Hanley, Owen O'Donoghue, Patricia Fogarty, Vic Mednis, Doreen Ross, Ed Fanton, Chris Carvalho, Peter Boileau, Susan Peterson



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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Wednesday 9.00 am St Joseph's – Mass
Thursday 9.00 am St Joseph's – Mass
Friday 9.30 am Christ the King – Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5.30 pm St Joseph's
Sunday 8.00 am St Joseph's
9.30 am Christ the King
6.00 pm Christ the King

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 4.30 pm – 5.00 pm St Joseph's

Other times by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism for Children is celebrated by appointment on the following Sundays of the month

2nd Sunday 11.00 am St Joseph's
4th Sunday 11.00 am Christ the King

All enquiries to the Parish Office

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Printed so that users may pray daily the Liturgical Prayer of the Church)

TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 27 AUG 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
(*Social Justice Sunday*)
MON, 28 AUG St Augustine of Hippo, bishop, doctor of the church,
patron saint of the Augustinians, theologians and
converts to Christianity - *Memorial*
1 Thess 1:1-5, 8-10; Mt 23:13-22
(Alt. 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 23:8-12)
TUE, 29 AUG The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr
- *Memorial* Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29
WED, 30 AUG 1 Thess 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
THU, 31 AUG 1 Thess 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
FRI, 1 SEP 1 Thess 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
(*World Day of Prayer for Creation*
- *Start of Season of Creation until 4 October*)
(*Spring Ember Day - Special Day of Prayer and Penance*)
SAT, 2 SEP 1 Thess 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN, 3 SEP 22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (8.00 am MASS):
"DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN"

We send you now to hear God's word; God's message just for you.
Walk with Jesus by your side in ev'ry-thing you do.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
"PSALM 138: LORD, YOUR LOVE IS ETERNAL"

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

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Season of Creation Mass and Discussion: Catholic Earthcare and the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, invites you to celebrate the Season of Creation with Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen, presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Parishes and community groups are encouraged to bring a jar of water (river, sea or rainwater) from their area to add to an Archdiocesan urn that will be blessed and used to bless the congregation. Mass will be followed by a free workshop in the Hanly Room (in the Francis Rush Centre next to the Cathedral) from 7pm to 8pm. Date: Saturday, 9th September 2023. Time: 6:00pm Mass. Location: Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SOCMass23>

The proposed Indigenous Voice to Parliament

Background to the Uluru Statement from the Heart and proposed Indigenous Voice to Parliament

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have lived in this land for many thousands of years, their cultural and spiritual connection to country expressed through their history, music, language, songs, art and dancing. Their custodianship is not recognised in the Australian Constitution, and a constitutionally enshrined Indigenous Voice to Parliament is proposed as a way to achieve this. This proposal was requested by those who gathered at Uluru and presented the Uluru Statement from the Heart in 2021. The Uluru Statement has been endorsed by all levels of Catholic leadership, including the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

We reaffirm our endorsement of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and its call for recognition of First Nations Australians in the Constitution and a First Nations "Voice" to the Australian Parliament.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Election Statement 2022

Archbishop Mark supports the proposed Indigenous Voice to Parliament

Catholic Church leadership agree that it's important to acknowledge the past collective wrongs against First Nations people, including dispossession of land, frontier wars, and the impact of past assimilation policies. Many of the Church's actions, though well-intentioned, were counter-productive, based on an unconscious racism and a serious failure to listen to Indigenous people. They believe that the injustice suffered by First Nations people continues to impact the wellbeing of First Nations people to this day.

The Archbishop feels that it is important to acknowledge the inter-generational trauma caused by these actions and commit to seeking reconciliation with open hearts. As such, he shares the view that the Indigenous Voice to Parliament is an opportunity for new hope and engagement with First Nations people, especially in the Brisbane Archdiocese where the Indigenous presence is strong.

What can you do?

Please prayerfully consider your own position.

Archbishop Mark certainly acknowledges that every Catholic should and will come to their own conclusions about their response to social issues such as this one. His statements on matters such as this are made in order to encourage the Catholic community to reflect on the Church's views on specific issues, not to mandate their response. The Archbishop fully respects that you will form your own conscience and make your own decision regarding this referendum. All Catholics are urged to engage in the debate productively, respecting each other and accepting that people may, in good faith, have differing concerns and perspectives.

Another important step you can take is to read the information available for both sides of the debate so that you can make your own informed decision on how you might vote in the referendum. You can find resources for both the Yes campaign and the No campaign here:

<https://www.aec.gov.au/referendums/pamphlet.htm>

The conversations about reconciliation are sometimes difficult and there are many considerations in this complex situation.

Please also remember our Indigenous brothers and sisters in prayer during this time.

