

Social Justice Report Wednesday 21st July 2021

YRAR Refugee Week Launch

Many thanks to all the parishioners of St Augustine's Parish who supported the Refugee Week launch hosted by YRAR. In particular Fr Peter, deserves special acknowledgement not only for his moving story of his experience as a refugee but also for organising the Vietnamese choir to perform at the event. A huge thanks also to parishioner Kate Walker for her joyous presentation on the gift of unity that was the legacy of the Vietnamese families supported by Yass. I know she spent many, many hours well into the small hours of the morning preparing her presentation, as did Sue DeMoore from the Uniting Church. A report on the event written by Judith Davidson from the Yass Historical Society is available at the following link. [A Gift of Unity | Yass Valley Times](#)

Social Justice Sunday 29th August 2021

Social Justice Statement 2021-22: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor. This is the only statement where all the Bishops of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) release a joint reflection on a particular topic annually. This year it focuses on why it is so important that we as a community respond to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.

Everybody is invited to sign up for the Zoom launch of the statement at 5:30pm on the 5th August. You can do that here:

[Launch of Social Justice Statement 2021-22: Cry of the Earth and Cry of the Poor - Office for Social Justice \(catholic.org.au\)](#)

The Social Justice Statement sounds very exciting and would create the focus for some very interesting parish discussions and/or Kitchen Table Conversations around the Laudato Si Action Platform to be launched on the 4th October- the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

Questions for PPC: Is it ok if I canvas for interest in some groups to meet to discuss the SJ Statement and order some copies?

- Any suggestions re: how we can celebrate Social Justice Sunday on the 28th/29th August?