

## Social Justice Report - 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022

### **National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council Australia Day Report:**

#### **Reflect. Respect. Celebrate...Do**

In the lead up to Australia Day this year, NATSICC released their Australia Day Report. Based on the Australia Day theme of *Reflect. Respect. Celebrate...* NATSICC has added an opportunity to “Do” NATSICC asks that we “ make 2022 the year of “Do”.

“Some things anyone can do in 2022 to strengthen Australia’s foundations by supporting Australia’s First Peoples include:

- Support and sign up to support the Uluru Statement of the Heart (<https://ulurustatement.org/the-statement>), which endorses truth-telling and enshrining a Voice to Parliament in the Constitution;
- Seek out your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community to share their stories at your organisation, school or parish;
- Attend Mass at an Aboriginal and Islander Catholic Ministry. A list of these ministries can be found at <https://www.natsicc.org.au/your-state--territory.html>
- Install an acknowledgement plaque in a prominent place in your organisation, school or parish
- Acknowledge First Australians before Masses in your parish
- Deepen your understanding of January 26 and what it means to be Australian through the upcoming NITV and SBS programming slate, *Always Was, Always Will Be*.  
<https://www.sbs.com.au/nitv/article/2022/01/12/nitv-and-sbs-invite-australia-join-them-deepening-their-understanding-january-26>
- Undertake Cross Cultural Competency training to learn more about Australia’s First Peoples.
- Watch the ‘Australia Day Views by First Nation Catholics’ interview produced by Evangelisation Brisbane and featuring NATSICC’s Sabrina Stevens alongside Cynthia Rowan, Dean Parkin and Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

[The Painful Truth here](#)

[Australian Identity here.](#)

[An Opportunity to Listen: Exploring 26th January “](#)

( NATSICC <https://mailchi.mp/natsicc/australia-day-2022>)

The full text is available in the news section of the St Augustine’s Parish website.

#### **Project Compassion: 26-27 FEBRUARY 2022**

Project Compassion Sunday is the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. The theme this year is: *For All Future Generations.*