



Jubilee Year of Mercy (8th Dec 2015 – 20th Nov 2016)

Corporal Works of Mercy - Considerations

Faith in Action: The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10); The Good Samaritan

Mercy Day (Feast Day of the Sisters of Mercy): 24th of September

Sisters of Mercy role-models: Catherine McAuley; Ursula Frayne

NOTE: Catherine McAuley Memorial Day – Fri. 11th Nov (Remembrance Day)

Some thoughts and prompts to reflect/pray/act on regarding the

Corporal Works of Mercy:

1. To feed the hungry:

- **Caritas Aust. Project Compassion (Theme: *Learning More – Creating Change*):** From Ash Wed – during Lent
- **Fair Trade Fortnight:** begins Sat. 7th May (JEDO & ACRATH)
- **World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day:** Sun. 8th May
- **Homeless Persons Week:** from Mon. 1st Aug (agency support -SVDP; *The Shopfront*)
- **International Day of Charity:** Mon. 5th Sept.
- **World Food Day:** Sun. 16th Oct.
- **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty:** Mon. 17th Oct.
- **Anti-Poverty Week:** 16th – 22nd Oct.
- **World Mission Sunday:** 23rd Oct

2. To give drink to the thirsty:

- **Caritas Aust. Project Compassion:** From Ash Wed – during Lent
- **International Day of Charity:** Mon. 5th Sept.
- **World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day:** Sun. 8th May
- **Homeless Persons Week:** from Mon. 1st Aug
- **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty:** Mon. 17th Oct.
- **Anti-Poverty Week:** 16th – 22nd Oct.
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3. To clothe the naked:

- **Caritas Aust. Project Compassion:** From Ash Wed – during Lent
- **International Day of Charity:** Mon. 5th Sept.
- **World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day:** Sun. 8th May
- **Homeless Persons Week:** from Mon. 1st Aug
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4. To give welcome to strangers:

- **World Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees:** Sun. 17th Jan.
- **World Inter-faith Harmony Week:** begins Mon. 1st Feb
- **World Day of Social Justice:** Sat. 20th Feb.
- **Palm Sunday – Walk for Justice for Refugees (and Asylum-seekers):**
Sun. 20th March (agency support - *JEDO; RAS Catholic working group & Ecumenical Social Justice Roundtable*)
- **National Refugee Week:** begins Sun. 19th June
- **World Humanitarian Day:** Fri 19th Aug.

5. To visit the sick:

NOTE: Role models: St John of God; St Vincent de Paul; St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop); Mother Teresa

- **World Day of Prayer for the Sick:** Thurs 11th Feb.
- **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty:** Mon. 17th Oct.
- **Homeless Persons Week:** from Mon 1st Aug.

6. To visit the imprisoned:

- **World Day of Prayer, Reflection & Action Against Human Trafficking (St Josephine Bakhita Feast Day):** Mon. 8th Feb
- **International Death Penalty Abolition Day:** Tues. 1st March
- **Palm Sunday – Walk for Justice for Refugees (and Asylum-seekers):**
Sun. 20th March

7. To bury the dead:

- **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty:** Mon. 17th Oct.
- **All Saints Day:** Tuesday 1st Nov.
- **All Souls Day:** Wed. 2nd Nov.

Feast Days:

St John of God: 8th of March

St Vincent de Paul: 27th September

St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop): 8th August

NOTE: Good Shepherd Sunday – (World Day of Prayer for Vocations), Sunday 17th April

NOTE: 2015/16 Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference Social Justice Statement:

“For those who’ve come across the seas – Justice for refugees and asylum-seekers”