



## Parish Social Justice Action & Catholic Social Teaching (CST)

*“Christian love of neighbour and justice cannot be separated. For love implies an absolute demand for justice, namely a recognition of the dignity and rights of one’s neighbour.” (The 1971 Synod of Catholic Bishops)*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches ‘Social justice can be obtained only in respecting the transcendent dignity of man (1929).’ (What is at stake is the dignity of the human person, whose defense and promotion have been entrusted to us by the Creator, and to whom the men and women at every moment of history are strictly and responsibly in debt.35)

[Catechism of the Catholic Church, # 1928-1948](#)

**What is Catholic Social Teaching?** Catholic Social Teaching (also known as Catholic Social Doctrine) sums up the teachings of the Church on social justice issues.

[Brief Intro to Catholic Social Teaching](#)

**1990: Social Justice in Every Day Life** *An Australian Catholic Social Justice Council Series Paper.*

**Introduction:** A commitment to social justice is an essential characteristic of a life lived according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is not possible, in the Catholic tradition, to live out a full life of faith in the absence of this commitment. The work for justice is an essential and urgent task for Christians since too many people are suffering and urgent reforms and bold transformations are required.

[1990. Social Justice in Every Day Life](#)

**A Basic Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching** *by John Ferguson, Helen Kearins RSM and David Brennan.*

It is hoped that this resource will make some basic aspects of Catholic social teaching accessible to ordinary Catholics.

[70. Reading The Signs of the Times](#)

**Integrity in the Service of the Church:** The service of Church Workers has its origins in the Gospel and in particular in Jesus’ statement that he had come that all might have life, ‘life in all its fullness.’ (John 10:10).

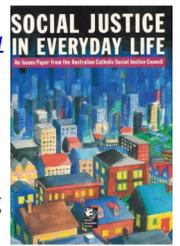
[Integrity in the Service of the Church](#)

**Charity & Justice:** Working for Peace & Social Justice Means Working to Remove Big Boulders

[Charity & Justice](#)

The following link provides access to articles on the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council (ACSJC) website relating to **Social Justice Issues**.

[ACSJC on Social Justice](#)



*“We who have a voice must speak for the voiceless.” St Óscar Romero*

# SOCIAL JUSTICE

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*“[Solidarity] then is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the **common good**; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.”*

St. John Paul II

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*“He said to them in reply, ‘Whoever has two tunics should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.’” (John the Baptist, Luke 3:11)*  
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### **Key Contact Links:**

### **Prayer for Justice**

[www.w2.vatican.va/content/francesco](http://www.w2.vatican.va/content/francesco)

[www.catholic.org.au/](http://www.catholic.org.au/)

[www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/series](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/series)

[www.un.org/en/events/socialjusticeday/](http://www.un.org/en/events/socialjusticeday/)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=qg9PcZ11EaU&list=PL58g24NgWPLY4HUWplqHmXz0GCEcFy5Vw&index=71](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qg9PcZ11EaU&list=PL58g24NgWPLY4HUWplqHmXz0GCEcFy5Vw&index=71)

### **Key Dates:**

20<sup>th</sup> February World Day of Social Justice

1<sup>st</sup> March Zero Discrimination Day

3<sup>rd</sup> March Project Compassion Sunday

6<sup>th</sup> March Beginning of Project Compassion

11<sup>th</sup> May World Fair Trade Day

19<sup>th</sup> August World Humanitarian Day

25<sup>th</sup> August Refugee & Migrant Sunday

5<sup>th</sup> September Intl Day of Charity

29<sup>th</sup> September Social Justice Sunday (for 2019)

13<sup>th</sup> October Beginning of Anti-Poverty Week

17<sup>th</sup> October Intl Day for the Eradication of Poverty

20<sup>th</sup> October World Mission Sunday

16<sup>th</sup> November Intl Day of Tolerance

17<sup>th</sup> November World Day of the Poor (for 2019 - First celebrated on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017)

*‘Let us love, not with words but with deeds.’ (John 3:18)*

10<sup>th</sup> December Human Rights Day

18<sup>th</sup> December Intl Migrants Day

20<sup>th</sup> December Intl Human Solidarity Day



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