



## Email Notice Board of the Social Action Office

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### Celebrate Holy Week – Events at *Four Winds*

- **Good Friday – Way of the Cross, Friday 21 March** 10.00am. Begin with a morning tea remembrance of the Last Supper followed by the Way of the Cross.
- **Easter Sunday – Easter Sunrise Ritual, 23 March** 5.45am. Celebrate the transition from darkness to light, followed by a BBQ breakfast. RSVP immediately for catering to [earthlink@mercy.org.au](mailto:earthlink@mercy.org.au) or phone (07) 3425 3138. A donation to cover costs would be appreciated.



**Four Winds address:** 104 Robinson Road South, Ocean View (north of Brisbane) – go to [earth-link.org.au/about.html](http://earth-link.org.au/about.html) for directions.

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### National Harmony Day Australia – Friday 21 March

There are two events in Brisbane to celebrate [Harmony Day](#):

- **Believing Women for a Culture of Peace** celebration is on **Saturday 29**



**March**, 2.00-4.00pm at Justice Place, 5 Abingdon Street, Woolloongabba.  
• **The Multi-Faith Centre**'s celebration at the Multi-Faith Centre, Griffith University, Nathan Campus is on **Wednesday 26 March**, 7.15-9.15pm. A variety of groups will be making presentations. RSVP by 19 March to Kathy/Yaseen on (07) 3735 7052 or [mfc@griffith.edu.au](mailto:mfc@griffith.edu.au).

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### Abolition of Death Penalty Campaign

The **Catholic Justice & Peace Commission** of Brisbane is campaigning to urge the Federal Government to take strong and swift action to convince our neighbours in the Asia/Pacific region to **abolish the death penalty**. The more of us who raise our voices against the death penalty, the more likely it is that **our Government will listen and act!** [Attached](#) is a **petition to the Australian Senate** asking it to take action to promote the abolition of the death penalty in all cases everywhere and to save the lives of Australians and people of other nationalities facing execution in countries such as Indonesia.



**Print as many copies as you need** and ask people in your parish, school, workplace, organisation and community to **sign the petition**. Please return the petition to the Brisbane Catholic Justice & Peace Commission, GPO Box 282, Brisbane Qld 4001 (ph 07 3336 9351) by 30 April 2008.

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### Good Friday – Prayer Vigil for those on death row

The **Catholic Justice & Peace Commission** of Brisbane will hold a **prayer vigil in support of all those on death row** in Indonesia and in other parts of the world on **Good Friday, 21 March** at 12 noon at Christ the King Catholic Church, Randolph Street, Graceville. During the vigil, **Lee and Chris Rush, parents of Scott Rush** who is still on death row in Indonesia, and **Tanya Richards, Christian World Service Worker** for Queensland Churches Together, who visited members of the Bali Nine on death row in Indonesia, will share their reflections on the plight of those who face the executioner. All are welcome.



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### National Conference – United Nations Association of Australia

The UN Association of Australia is holding its **National Conference** this year at Parliament House **Brisbane from 21 to 23 August**. The theme is ***The Future is in our Hands – making a difference***. Keynote speakers will present aspects of the following topics – Climate Change, Global Compact, Governance, Human Rights, Life-long Education, Peace-Conflict-Resolution, Sustainability. For information and bookings contact Secretary UNAA at [unaabalmain@optusnet.com.au](mailto:unaabalmain@optusnet.com.au) or phone/fax (07) 3254 1096.



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### Stop Fuelling Climate Change - Give Renewable Energy a Fair Go!

**Climate change is the most serious challenge facing the planet.** However, governments in Australia continue to spend twenty-eight (28!) times more taxpayer's money on fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas than they put into **renewable energy like solar and wind**. It's time to **give renewables a fair go!**



[Sign the petition](#) asking new Treasurer Wayne Swan to take decisive first steps in this **May's Federal Budget**, replacing handouts to antiquated fossil fuels with **clean energy investment!** **This is urgent**, as there is less than 10 weeks to the budget in May.

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### Make *Indigenous Poverty History*

**Graeme Mundine**, Executive Secretary of the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Commission, will speak at a number of **ecumenical gatherings in SE Qld** in April about what we can do as part of the **Make Indigenous Poverty History campaign**:



**3 April** – Bayside Uniting Church, 420 Wondall Road, Manly West, 7.00pm; **4 April** – St Andrew's Anglican Church, 89 Fairley Street, Indooroopilly, 7.00pm; **5 April** – Robina Anglican Mission Centre, Robina Town Centre Drive, Robina, 9.00am; **5 April** – St Andrew's Anglican Church, 160 Vulture Street, South Brisbane, 6.00pm.

[Click here](#) for **Make Indigenous Poverty History resources**.

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### Don't Trade Lives

**World Vision** is hosting a gathering in **Brisbane on Wednesday 9 April**, 6.00-7.30pm at Clairvaux McKillop College, Cnr Klumpp and Logan Roads, Mt Gravatt, to present **How we can be part of combating global trafficking of men, women and children**.



Speakers are **Rev Tim Costello**, CEO World Vision Australia, and **Prof David Batsone**, anti-slavery activist and Professor of Ethics. Gold coin donation. RSVP your name and contact details by 7 April to [qld@vgen.org](mailto:qld@vgen.org) or phone Anna Ockert on 0423 315 708. [Click here](#) for more information on **Don't Trade Lives**.

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### 30 Years of Inspiring Action – Greenpeace Australia Pacific Photographic Retrospective

Thirty years ago a group of activists shut down Australia's last whaling station – and **Greenpeace Australia Pacific was born**. To celebrate the 30th anniversary an original collection of photographic images that capture the inspirational and vibrant history of **environmental campaigning in the Australia Pacific region** is being exhibited at Metro Arts Galleries, Level 2, 109 Edward Street, **Brisbane** from **Wednesday 26 March to Saturday 5 April**, 10.00am-4.30pm (Monday-Friday), 2.00-5.00pm (Saturday)(closed Sunday). No charge. [Click here](#) for more information.



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### A Christian Muslim Conversation in Brisbane

The **Multi-Faith Centre, Griffith University**, Nathan Campus is hosting a **Christian-Muslim conversation** on **Tuesday 1 April** at the Multi-Faith Centre from 4.30 to 6.00pm. The speakers are **Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali**, the Anglican Bishop of Rochester (UK), and **Dr Mohamad Abdalla**, the Director of the Griffith



University Islamic Research Unit. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP by 27 March to Multi-Faith Centre [mfc@griffith.edu.au](mailto:mfc@griffith.edu.au) or phone (07) 3735 7052.

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**That's it for this **SAO Bytes!****  
**Please post your news on this Notice Board.**  
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