Homelessness &

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"I want to be very clear: THERE IS NO POSSIBLE SOCIAL OR MORAL JUSTIFICATION, NO JUSTIFICATION WHATSOEVER, FOR LACK OF HOUSING." (**Pope Francis - 2015** video)

Catholic Social Teaching principles show the way to a more just and truly human housing system. The Church's teachings remind us that housing is not a valueless system but a core part of what it means to live a dignified human life. Having adequate shelter is a basic human right; a right that the Church affirms as a key part of respecting and recognising our personhood. Ensuring everyone is able to access a safe, stable and adequate home is one part of working for the common good. (www.justiceandpeace.org.au)

Catholic Social Teaching Principles (Part 1)

2018-19: A Place to Call Home - *Making a Home for Everyone in Our Land:* *Social Justice Statement 2018-2019*.
In his introductory message, Bishop Long writes:
"*We are reminded that we have the same experience as the Samaritan: we see people in the street who are in need of help, wounded by violence, misfortune or poverty. We face the same choice: do we walk past or do we stop and help*?"

Reflect on the parable of the Good Samaritan

2018-19 Social Justice Statement
Ten Steps (WA)

The Human Face of Homelessness: *An Australian Catholic Social Justice Council Series Paper* by Liz de Chastel and Frank Brennan SJ AO. Liz de Chastel and Fr Frank Brennan are respectively Director of Social Policy and the former CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia.
This **paper** asks why so many people are homeless in our rich nation. It looks at some of the many ways in which the Catholic Church is working to help Australians who need suitable housing. It also asks what more the Church and secular organisations can do to respond to the call of Jesus regarding those most in need.

80. The Human face of Homelessness

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

"You pray for the hungry, and then you feed them. That's how prayer works." **Pope Francis**

Poverty, Homelessness & Migrants in WA (UNDA - Fremantle **Report)**

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"At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by 'I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in." **St. Mother Teresa**

Prayer for People Who Are Homeless

Key Contact Links:

www.w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/

www.catholic.org.au/

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/series-papers

www.shopfront.perthcatholic.org.au/

www.stbarts.org.au/

www.endhomelessnesswa.com/

www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au/ Homelessness in Australia (video)

www.missionaustralia.com.au/homelessness-social-housing/

www.passages.org.au/

www.shelterwa.org.au/

www.un.org/en/events/

Pope Francis to the Homeless (video)

Key Dates:

20th February	World Day of Social Justice
1st March	Zero Discrimination Day
21st March	National Close the Gap Day
30th July	World Day Against Trafficking in Humans
5th-11th August	Homelessness Week
5th September	Intl Day of Charity
17th October	Intl Day for the Eradication of Poverty
17th November	World Day of the Poor
10th December	Human Rights Day

"Like Saint Joseph, you may ask: Why are we homeless, without a place to live? …Why do these, our brothers and sisters, have no place to live? Why are these brothers and sisters of ours homeless? These are questions which all of us might well ask." (**Pope Francis**)