15 September 2024

Catholic Social Services Victoria

...building a more just and compassionate society

Social Services Sunday

And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God - Micah 6:8

What is Social Services Sunday?

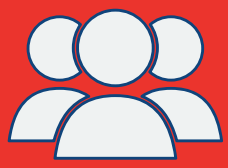
Sunday 15 September 2024 is observed as Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day, we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised, and to reflect on how we might be more involved in Gospel-inspired works of charity and justice in our own communities.

What have we achieved together?

Catholic Social Service Victoria's (CSSV) **40** member organisations provide critical services ranging from early intervention and prevention work to crisis response — across every age.

Findings from a report released earlier this year show that **7,510** staff and **15,800** volunteers in Catholic social services are building a more just and compassionate society by supporting at least **300,000** people in need.

These organisations serve communities from over **150 sites** in Victoria, plus more nation-wide and overseas.



How can you contribute to the work of mercy and justice?

- Find out more about the Catholic social service organisations working in your area and how you can provide support. Information available at: css.org.au/service-providers/;
- Pray for the staff and volunteers of social services who work in so many ways to care for our communities;
- Join with others in your parish to reflect on the local needs and what Gospel-inspired actions, both big and small, might look like to 'act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God'.

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