



Project Compassion First Week of Lent



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I invite you to join us as we prepare for Project Compassion 2018.

This year we celebrate Project Compassion's theme, **'A Just Future'** for all in line with the **'Year of Youth.'** Each year, schools, communities and parishes across Australia join together to raise awareness and funds during Project Compassion.

Each time I see a school community or a parish youth group that has taken the time to participate in our Caritas events, I'm reminded that it's the young, through their goodness and courage, who can help us to build a world of peace.

The stories we are sharing during the six weeks of Lent demonstrate how Caritas Australia empowers young people to become channels of love and positive change for their communities.

Caritas is working with young people to become the leaders of tomorrow, pursuing a just and fair world, free of poverty and where communities are the architects of their own development.



Week 1

Janaki is a young entrepreneur from Nepal, who has turned her life around. Growing up in a world of poverty and disadvantage, coupled with a forced marriage at the age of twelve, she was in a very vulnerable position. Even more so when her husband died just two years into their marriage. With the help of a Caritas Australia supported program she is now running her own successful sewing business and has become an inspirational community leader.

The Resources you will find on the following website. A fantastic resource for Lent.

<http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/schools>