



Presentation Justice



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A reflection for February

This year, our celebration of 250 years since the founding of the Presentation Congregation, draws us back to the life and ministry of Nano Nagle and the attentiveness she gave to the most deprived, neglected and silenced people she encountered in the laneways and garrets of Cork. By the light of her lantern, she extended to them her compassion and charity, and revealed anew to the world, Jesus' vision of the Kingdom of God.

Today, our broken world beckons us still to be people of heart in our time and place:

For those struggling to make ends meet
For those without a place to call home
For those battling illness and addiction
For those grieving the loss of loved ones
For those who endure racism
For children in prisons
For asylum seekers held in detention
For migrant families being torn apart
For women harmed by gender-based violence
For the human beings trafficked
For the citizens silenced by their governments
For the casualties of war in Sudan, Ukraine and Yemen
For the victims of genocide in Gaza and the West Bank
For creation that strains under the burdens of human greed

Where there is pain, Presentation People are called to continue Nano's lantern work by speaking and acting for justice wherever they are. May we be blessed with Nano's courage to do so.

"Go out! For need calls loudly in the winding lanes
and you must seek Christ there.
Your pilgrim heart
shall urge you one pace beyond
and love shall be your lantern flame."

(From "To Nano Nagle" by Raphael Consedine pbvm)

Over the coming year, our monthly justice reflections will explore the issues identified in Australia's Universal Periodic Review considered by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 26 January 2026. We look forward to sharing these with you.