



## Entries are now open for The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award for emerging and published writers

The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award is an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. The award aims to support and encourage the development of emerging and published writers.

*The Good Oil's* editorial vision is to nourish the spirit, stimulate thinking, promote social justice, and encourage reflection and dialogue about issues of the day from a Christian, Catholic, Good Samaritan perspective.

The theme for the award is **Inclusivity**, which is embodied in the *Parable of the Good Samaritan* (Lk 10:25-37).

The wisdom of the parable lies in recognising the needs of the 'other' and reaching out with compassion and love to whoever they may be, and in whatever circumstance prevails. Our compassion and love cannot be limited to those we know and like. True compassion extends the warmth of love to the 'other' – the one whose circumstances, race, religion, beliefs and values are so different from our own. ([www.goodsams.org.au](http://www.goodsams.org.au))

Entry to The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award is free and open to residents of Australia, Kiribati, the Philippines and Japan – countries where the Sisters of the Good Samaritan live and minister.

A panel of judges will award first, second and third place. The prize for the winning entry will be \$600; second prize \$400; third prize \$200.

Entrants may submit more than one piece of writing, to a maximum of three (3) pieces, in the following writing styles:

- Reflection – creative writing or first person reflective writing
- Opinion – first person personal opinion
- Profile – profile of a person based on an interview and research
- News feature – issues-based article written in journalistic style

In their chosen writing style, entrants are asked to explore the theme **Inclusivity**.

For further information about the award, to download the guidelines and entry form, visit:  
<https://www.goodsams.org.au/the-good-oil/the-good-oil-2021-writers-award/>

**Entries close at midnight AEDT on Sunday August 22, 2021.**