

Media Release

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Jesuit Mission Maytime Fair Saturday 4 May

Save the date! The Jesuit Mission Maytime Fair is on Saturday 4 May at Xavier College, Kew in Melbourne.

The Maytime Fair is a grassroots community event attracting over 5,000 participants acting in solidarity to create a more inclusive and just world.

The Maytime Fair has been held at Xavier College on the first Saturday in May every year since 1952 (except for the 'lockdown years'), raising funds to support Jesuit Mission's life-giving development programs overseas.

All proceeds from the day will support the work of Jesuit Mission to empower vulnerable communities in over 10 countries in Asia and Africa, including Cambodia, Timor-Leste, India, Myanmar, Thailand, Malawi and more.

"I look forward to this celebration of hope and resilience. We stand together at the Maytime Fair, united in our mission to create positive change for our vulnerable sisters and brothers around the world," said Helen Forde, CEO of Jesuit Mission.

Since the year 2000, the Melbourne community has raised over \$3 million from the Maytime Fair. This is a substantial amount of funds that has empowered thousands of women, men and children to develop the skills and capacity to lift themselves out of poverty and injustice.

The Fair will include entertainment for parents and children with a huge array of food, music, rides, arts and crafts, games, plant stalls, book stalls, a wine auction, sports, face painting, raffles, showbags and lots more.

"I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the incredible team of generous volunteers, the Maytime Fair Committee, local parishes and to all schools involved, without you this wonderful day would not be possible," said Ms Forde.

You are invited to join the Xavier College community in supporting Jesuit Mission at the Maytime Fair on Saturday 4 May.

When: 9:00am – 5:00pm Saturday 4 May 2024

Where: Xavier College Senior Campus, 135 Barkers Road, Kew

For more information on the Maytime Fair, including purchasing rides passes, donating wine for our popular wine auction and more, please visit:

<https://jesuitmission.org.au/maytimefair>

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Caption: With your generous support, Jesuit Mission is providing education to rural communities in Myanmar.





Caption: Volunteers at the Maytime Fair in 2023.



Caption: Jesuit Mission staff, volunteers and Xavier College staff at the Maytime Fair in 2023.



Supporting Links:

Jesuit Mission Maytime Fair information:

<https://jesuitmission.org.au/maytimefair/>

All Day Rides Passes pre-order link

<https://jesuitmission.org.au/rides/>

About Jesuit Mission Australia

Jesuit Mission Australia works in over 10 countries across Asia and Africa to uphold the innate dignity of people living with the effects of poverty, especially the most marginalised and vulnerable. Funds from our supporters:

- Break cycles of poverty through teaching and education
- Protect the health of communities by providing medical care and programs that improve access to clean water and toilets
- Develop independent, sustainable communities through livelihood training and income-generating projects
- Provide vulnerable individuals with pastoral care, social inclusion and advocacy
- Support refugees in crisis
- Enable effective disaster response and relief.