Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY
RESOURCES
FOR PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES

JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

REACH OUT BEYOND YOUR WALLS

Connect with a local Catholic Migrant Chaplaincy or Community and celebrate Mass and or a meal together. See the Diocesan Directory under resources for Catholic Migrant and Cultural Communities on the Multicultural Office website:

https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-works-and-community/multicultural-communities

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COLLECT THE STORIES OF YOUR COMMUNITY

Ask individuals and families both recent arrivals and longtime residents, to share their stories.

- Stories could be collected in written form, as a poster, powerpoint slides or as a video.
- Choose a time and place when these stories could be shared (e.g. a reflection after communion at Mass; at a gathering after Mass; hang posters in the Church foyer or other appropriate spaces.)
- Host a storytelling event, maybe after Mass on a weekend. Invite parishioners to prepare a short story (no more than 5 minutes), which describes their experience of migration.

BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

Host an international banquet and invite members of your community to bring a dish that represents their home country or culture.

FRATELLI TUTTI

Gather a group of interested people from the parish and neighbouring communities to study Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. Several group study guides are available online at Garrett Publishing.

Online PDF:
https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html

Listen to the Podcast from the South Australian Roman Catholic-Uniting Church Dialogue group which unpacks *Fratelli Tutti*:
https://soundcloud.com/parishesofadelaide/sets/fratelli-tutti-south

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NATIONAL RESOURCES: ACBC MIGRANT AND REFUGEE KIT

https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/

CELEBRATE LANGUAGE

Incorporate the native languages of the members of your parish community in the celebration of Mass. This can be done at the Prayers of the Faithful, or invite people to pray the Lord's Prayer in their first language. It can be messy, but so was the first Pentecost!

MAP IT OUT

Hang a world map on a corkboard in a visible spot and invite parishioners to place a pin in their home country or city.

You could even connect a piece of string to the pin and on the other end of the string fix a photo or a Post-It note with your name written on it.

PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV

At Mass, pray together Pope Leo's prayer for Migrant and Refugee Sunday. This can be found at the end of his message for the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees: **https://migrants-refugees.va/**

SHARE THE MESSAGE

Make copies of Pope Leo's message for the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees available. Maybe set up a study group opportunity for people to come together to read the letter and discuss its meaning and impact for their parishes and communities.

BE ECO-FRIENDLY AND LIMIT TRAVELLING BY CAR!

We are very aware that there is a connection between the climate crisis and human displacement in many countries. By choosing alternative modes of transport to Mass, we help to reduce our carbon footprint and honour our brothers and sister struggling with the effects of climate change.

DRESS UP!

Be proud and brave and wear your cultural attire to Mass. You may wear cultural attire from where you've migrated from, or you might wear attire that has been gifted to you or may have acquired during your travels.

It is a day of celebrating the many cultures that make up this country in which we live in.

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