

# Migrant and Refugee Sunday Resources for Parishes and Communities

The following list are suggestions that may be adapted for use in parishes and communities to highlight the celebration of the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

## **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:

[www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-works-and-community/catholic-multicultural-office](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-works-and-community/catholic-multicultural-office)

## **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!

## **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.)

## **Break Bread Together**

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

## **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 their name.

## **Pray with Pope Francis**

At Mass, pray together Pope Francis' prayer for Migrant and Refugee Sunday. This can be found at the end of his message for the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (<https://migrants-refugees.va/>)

## **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 and Garratt Publishing.

## **Share the Message**

Make copies of Pope Francis' message for the 108th 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 the parish community.

**See the National Resources - Migrant and Refugee Kit** is available from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference at <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/>

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