

REFUGEE & MIGRANT

EDUCATION KIT 2007



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HOW TO USE THIS KIT

The resources in this kit are designed to be informative and inspiring. They provide information for parishes and the wider community about refugees and displaced peoples. This year's kit looks at what responsibilities states like Australia have to protect people from ethnic cleansing, genocide and other atrocities in countries like Sudan and Burma. While the kit is prepared for Refugee and Migrant Sunday, it can be used at any time by schools, churches and the wider community.

You can use this kit to:

- **Hold a worship service**
- **Learn about refugee issues**
- **Raise awareness in your parish**
- **Find more information or take action**

Contents:

1. How to use this kit provides instructions, general information and statistics.

2. Peace and Protection: The Responsibility to Protect: This sheet looks at the new responsibility the international community has to protect civilians in countries like Sudan and Burma from ethnic cleansing, genocide and other crimes against humanity. It looks at what churches and governments can do to advance this ground-breaking agreement and stop the ongoing atrocities being committed in these countries. It explains what the responsibility is and what responsibilities states have to prevent, react and rebuild after atrocities.

3. Genocide in Darfur: This sheet looks at the ongoing genocide in Sudan's remote Darfur provinces and UN efforts to put an end to the bloodshed being committed by the Sudanese Government and the Janjaweed militia, which it supports.

4. Burma's Dirty War: This sheet focuses on what the international community should be doing to stop the conflict in Burma and return the country to civilian rule. It can be used in conjunction with the 2006 RMS Education Kit on Burmese refugees warehoused in Thai refugee camps and their resettlement in Australia.

4. Occupying Palestine: This sheet focuses on the conflict in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, including Israel's responsibility as an occupying power to protect civilians.

5. The 2007 Refugee and Migrant Sunday Liturgy: Contains prayers, lectionary readings, worship notes and suggested hymns.

What is Refugee and Migrant Sunday?

Refugee and Migrant Sunday (26 August, 2007) is an ecumenical program designed to encourage the celebration of the contribution refugees and migrants make to Australia and promote understanding, compassion and recognition of the needs and challenges facing refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. It is held every year in thousands of churches around Australia to raise awareness and stimulate active support.

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