



Auxiliary Bishop of Perth

25 June 2018

Dear Fathers and Deacons

In anticipation of World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday 26 August 2018, some suggestions are attached that may assist with this celebration in your parish.

Resources and suggestions for celebrating World Migrant and Refugee Sunday in your parish

Please find attached:

- A copy of an Acknowledgement to Country that could be read by a parishioner before each Mass begins.
- A selection of suggested music.
- Prayers of the Faithful. You may wish to choose one or two of the attached Prayers to be included in your parish prayers for World Migrants and Refugee Sunday. Members of your parish could translate the prayers of the Faithful into different languages and put the English version on the power point screen.
- Bulletin bit to advertise World Migrant Sunday in your parish. The bulletin bit suggests that parishioners attend the Masses on this weekend either in national dress or colours and clothing of their country of origin or culture.
- Homily Reflections notes are from the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office website: <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/>

We live in a very diverse cultural country and it is important that as a community of faith we open the door to understanding and acceptance of what that might look like in our worshipping communities. While the above suggestions are being proposed for one particular Sunday it is important to recognise the gifts we all bring to the altar each time we celebrate Eucharist.

Yours sincerely in Christ

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