



Let's Fully Welcome Refugees: **PARISH PACK**

*Resources for supporting and advocating for
asylum seekers and refugees*

<http://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/ServingCommunity/ParishPartnershipsMinistry/Pages/default.aspx>

Dear Anglican Parish,

This resource for parishes has been developed in response to an increasing desire of many of us to be involved in creating difference for those who are refugees and asylum seekers. It has also come into being to acknowledge that there are many worthwhile, parish-based and parish-community connected things happening in offering support and advocacy in this area. We need to share this information, and ideas, and give each other encouragement in what can be an overwhelming issue.

We acknowledge with deep gratitude the generous sharing of resources from the Catholic Social Services "Welcome the Asylum Seeker: Parish Support Program". We acknowledge also the continuing collaboration with the Brotherhood of St Laurence and Anglicare Victoria.

The Contents of the Pack

1. The Charter and Vision
2. The Archbishop's letter of support
3. Bible Study and Prayer
4. Discerning Parish Capacity
5. Volunteering
6. Providing Hospitality
7. Providing Financial and Material Aid

All these resources are available on the Parish Partnerships site weblink and we encourage each parish to become involved, and to share their own initiatives. We also encourage you to pray regularly for those without place in this world, who are seeking refuge and asylum.

Register your parish ministry/work with refugees and asylum seekers with jcrombie@melbourneanglican.org.au The working group around this project will continue to develop these resources – feedback and ideas are very welcome.

With blessings on your endeavours,

The Ven. Jan Crombie

Archdeacon, Parish Partnerships

on behalf of the Working Group June 2016

