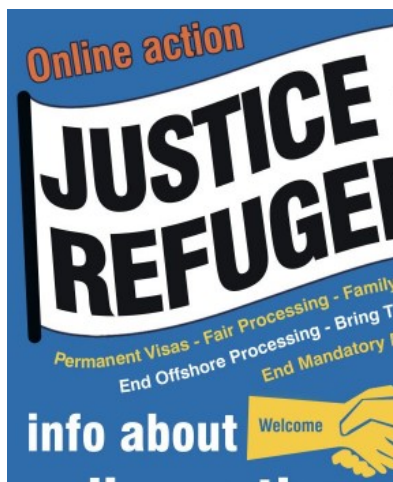


Online Actions and Social Media for Palm Sunday – 5 April 2020



SPEAK UP for JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES #justice4refugees

Palm Sunday is a time to call for justice and peace. This year the Palm Sunday rallies and actions across Australia are cancelled due to COVID-19, but we must not forget that refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia, and those held offshore, are still struggling with the injustices, insecurity and cruelty of the current policies. This is a time for us to speak up for justice, and for a safer future for all - especially those who are most vulnerable in our communities.



Sign & share online petitions: [Justice for Refugees petition](#) and [Safer at Home Petition](#)

Make signs to display in your window or street
[Justice-for-Refugees-sign](#)
[Refugees are Welcome Here sign](#)

View and Share the [Virtual event](#) from 11am on Palm Sunday.

Speakers include

Moz from Manus (Mostafa Azimitabar) musician now detained in a Melbourne hotel,

Shamindan Kanapathi, Sri Lankan Tamil refugee detained

in PNG,

Roqaya from the refugee-led group Justice for Refugees

Hassan Jabber speaks about being separated from family members indefinitely

Tom Ballard, comedian and advocate for refugees,

Faith leaders: Bishop Philip Huggins, President of National Council of Churches in Australia; The Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt, Dean of St Johns Anglican Cathedral, Brisbane; Dr Mohamed Mohideen, President of Islamic Council of Victoria; Rabbi Ralph Genende; Sr Brigid Arthur, founder and Co-ordinator Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project; Rev Ian Smith, Executive Officer, Victorian Council of Churches

Lucy Honan, founder of Teachers for Refugees.

Add a Justice for Refugees FB frame to your profile – find options [Here](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIONS from 11am on Palm Sunday – make a post on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter and use the use hashtag **#justice4refugees** to get this trending. Some suggestions for your post: (1) take a selfie holding a sign calling for justice for refugees, or (2) make a 1 minute video describing the changes you wish to see. Find a [selfie sign template](#) here - or make your own sign or placard!

Key themes:

- Give Refugees Permanent Protection Visas – #justice4refugees
- Medicare and Centrelink for All – #justice4refugees

- End the detention of refugees #Free the Refugees #justice4refugees
- Refugees are Welcome – #justice4refugees #WelcomeRefugees

Check [our facebook page](#) regularly this week for additional information and suggestions.

Not using social media ? see how to get involved [Here](#)

Find out how **FAITH GROUPS** can get involved [Here](#)

Go to [Speak Up for Justice for Refugees](#) for Justice for Refugees Facebook frames, templates, ideas and [background information](#) on the issues.

Organised by the Palm Sunday Planning Group (Victoria)

SUGGESTIONS FOR FAITH GROUPS – on or around Palm Sunday 5th April

[Speak Up for Justice for Refugees](#) – online actions



Given the current public health concerns the Palm Sunday Walk will not go ahead. Palm Sunday is traditionally a time to call for justice and peace – this is a call for Justice for Refugees and people seeking our protection. As our community grapples with the health, safety and economic crisis of the coronavirus pandemic we must not forget that refugees and people seeking asylum here in Australia, and those held offshore, are

still struggling with the injustices, insecurity and cruelty of the current polices. This is a time for us to speak up for justice, and for a safer future for all – especially those who are most vulnerable in our communities.

We are collating recorded presentations by our speakers including speakers from faith communities for the [Speak Up for Justice for Refugees Virtual event](#). The video clips will be [available here](#) from 9am on Friday 3rd April. There is also poster that you can use to promote the online campaign – you can [download the poster here](#)

On or around Palm Sunday we are suggesting that faith communities support the [Speak Up for Justice for Refugees online campaign](#) by:

- PROMOTING JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES** - in your services feel free to use the virtual event which will be [available here](#) from Friday 3 April.
- ENCOURAGE PEOPLE IN YOUR NETWORKS TO PARTICIPATE** by:
 - SIGNING & SHARING THE ONLINE PETITIONS: <https://www.change.org/Justice-for-Refugees-and-People-Seeking-Asylum> and <https://www.change.org/saferathome>
 - DIRECTLY EMAILING MESSAGES to [Prime Minister](#), [Minister Alan Tudge](#), and [Minister Jason Wood](#) and your local MP ([search here to find your local MP](#))
 - WATCHING THE VIDEO CLIPS, which will be [available here](#).
 - PARTICIPATING in the **Speak Up for Justice for Refugees SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN** – see details and ideas [HERE](#). Use hashtag **#justice4refugees**

3. RINGING THE BELLS for Justice for Refugees *taking into account social distancing requirements*

- We suggest you place prominent signage in the week leading up to Palm Sunday to alert the public that the bells will be ringing for Justice for Refugees on or around Palm Sunday. *You can make up your own notice, or download a proforma notice here and add relevant details.*

[Blue-flyer-re-bell-ringing-Download](#)

- Photograph your notice about the bells ringing and email to palsundayrefugeemessages@gmail.com and we will add this to the online message board for Palm Sunday. If you have any banners or other displays you can also photograph outside your place of worship, please do so and send also! Post to your own Facebook page as well using the hashtag **#justice4refugees**.

We are looking forward to seeing your photographs and hearing about your **Speak Up for Justice for Refugees** activities. Post to social media with hashtag #justice4refugees, or send to palsundayrefugeemessages@gmail.com
If you have any queries please email Marie at info@refugeedvocacynetwork.org.au or call on 0409 252 673

PALM SUNDAY - MUMS FOR REFUGEES – online actions



To mark this year's Palm Sunday, Mums for Refugees are building an online large-scale expression of solidarity for all refugees who continue to experience the brutal effects of indefinite, mandatory detention.

On Sunday, the 5th of April take the following steps:

- Add our Facebook frame to your profile picture
- Take a picture of yourself holding up a sign (can be as simple as an A4 piece of paper) with one of the following statements
 - * Coronavirus crisis got you feeling isolated?
Imagine [#7yearsIsolated](#) [#FreeTheRefugees](#)
 - * Lack of freedom from coronavirus crisis?
Imagine [#7yearsNoFreedom](#) [#FreeTheRefugees](#)
 - * Medical care not detention - not in hotels, not anywhere [#FreeTheRefugees](#)
 - * Detention is an infection risk [#FreeTheRefugees](#)
- Post to your Facebook, making sure to use the hashtags listed above.

- Tell your friends and family to get involved, we want this to be BIG!
- For further information: mums4refugees@gmail.com

CROSSING BORDERS - VIRTUAL PALM SUNDAY EVENT
Australian Medical Students' Association (AMSA)



- Post a photo of yourself holding a sign that says
 - * Today at home I'm marching for refugees around the world
or
 - * Today at home I'm **standing** for refugees around the world
 - * Send the photo to AMSA so we can post it for you.
 - * Hashtag: [#DetentionHarmsHealth](https://twitter.com/hashtag/DetentionHarmsHealth)
- Australian Medical Students' Association (AMSA), is sponsoring (at \$5 a photo) the Asylum Seekers Centre in Newtown.

Facebook

OTHER Palm Sunday ONLINE ACTIONS – see [ARAN website](#)