



Helping our Refugee Families and Friends
Parish Forum
Saturday 23 March 2019, 9.30am – 1.00pm
Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Program

The Forum will contribute to increased parish support of people seeking asylum by:

- Reviewing the changing circumstances and needs of asylum seekers
- Discussing how to bring about change/increase support for asylum seekers in parishes
- Establishing a network of support for parishes

Target audience

- Parishioners and priests who wish to increase support in their parishes
- Parishioners and priests who have successfully implemented ongoing support

Expected Outcomes

- Parish representatives enthused and empowered to contribute more
- A stronger network to sustain support initiatives and advocacy

9.00 – 9.30	Registration and Light Refreshments	
9.30 – 9.40	Liturgical Reflection	Members, St Therese’s Parish, Essendon
9.40 – 9.45	Welcome and Introduction	Jan Hayes, CSSV
9.45 – 10.35	Asylum Seekers: The changing scene and its implications for Parishes	Josh Laurensz, CAPSA and Sr Brigid Arthur csb, BASP
10.35 – 11.50	Achieving lasting support in your Parish Interactive workshops led by experienced Parish leaders examine how parishes commence and sustain support. Plenary discussion.	Workshop leaders: TBC
11.50 -12.20	Break, light refreshments	
12.20 – 12.50	A Support Network for Parishes What support do parishes need to commence and sustain support? What help is already available? Setting up the network.	
12.50 -12.55	Wrap up session Key points arising, agree on follow up, evaluation	Jan Hayes, CSSV
12.55 – 1.00	Concluding Prayer	Members, St Therese’s Parish, Essendon