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[Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office](#)

In this site under the Policy tab you will find a two page brochure which presents [What the Catholic Church Teaches on Asylum and Migration](#) in an attractive and accessible way.

[Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project \(BASP\) | Sites We Read](#)

This is an extensive list of the sites which personnel at BASP read for up to date information, resources for schools etc.

[Asylum Seeker Resource Centre \(ASRC\)](#)

While for practical purposes this centre is for the support of asylum seekers in Melbourne area only, it has resources such as fact sheets, statistics etc that could be very helpful.

[Refugee Council of Australia](#)

A vast array of fact sheets, resources, stories and recent news items.

[Australian Social Justice Council](#)

This page has discussion papers, media releases and updates from time to time.

Actions such as petitions, letter writing etc

[Asylum Seeker Resource Centre \(ASRC\)](#)

The Campaign tab provides ongoing actions.

[Amnesty International – Refugee Rights](#)

There are frequent updates on this page which promotes various campaigns from time to time and also updates on what has or has not been achieved.

[A Just Australia](#)

The AJA campaign is managed by the Refugee Council of Australia. As well as ideas for topics on which to campaign it has some very helpful advice on letter writing.

Suitable ways to support with money or materials

[National Directory of Asylum Seeker and Refugee Service Providers](#)

This directory was developed by the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and gives access to organisations in many areas around Australia, by state and territory.

[Asylum Seeker Centre in Sydney](#)

This page provides information on ways to support, via donations in particular

[Asylum Seeker Resource Centre \(ASRC\)](#)

The Get Involved tab on this site provides a whole range of ways to provide support

Prayers

[Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office](#)

Under the Resources / Prayers tab is a prayer in several different languages. Also under Resources in the Migrant and Refugee Kit, p21 has prayers of the faithful. In the same document you may find passages (e.g. the first couple of paragraphs of Bishop Long's article) which are suitable for a reading in a prayer service.

[Australian Social Justice Council](#)

This site has prayer a number of prayer cards which make reference to asylum seekers and refugees – to be found under Issues or Prayers.

[Ignatian Solidarity](#)

Four prayers

[Catholic Social Services – Welcome the Asylum Seeker Support Program](#)

A single prayer at the end of the newsletter.

[Brisbane Catholic Justice and Peace Commission](#)

While this was originally designed for Brisbane for a particular time in 2015, it may well be useful or adaptable for others.

[Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum](#)

You can find some prayers on our website – including some from Pope Francis and prayers of solidarity.

Speakers

[Jesuit Social Services Speakers Program](#)

Johanna Burns johanna.burns@jss.org.au or Paul Stewart paul.stewart@jss.org.au

This program is operating in the Melbourne area.

[Refugee Council of Australia](#)

RCOA has a speaker program for schools in Sydney, Wollongong and Melbourne

[Asylum Seeker Resource Centre \(ASRC\)](#)

The ASRC offers a Schools program in Melbourne.

Curriculum

[Edmund Rice Centre \(ERC\) -- Resources for Schools](#)

This explanation of their extensive resource is from the website.

ERC's publication *Asylum Seekers and Refugees Education Resource* provides activities for students which are practical, engaging and focused on increasing awareness about human rights and advocacy.

This 52 page resource is available for download at no cost, and offers 35 cross-curricular activities, adaptable to all year levels in secondary school. Some activities can also be used with primary classes, with students with special needs, and with community groups.

Books

Quite an extensive list can be found in the ERC resource mentioned above but these are just a few other places to find lists of books which include some explanation of their contents.

http://www.refugeeweek.org.au/resources/2012_RW_ResourceKit_Ch5.pdf

<http://humaneeducation.org/blog/2015/09/21/14-childrens-books-refugees/>

<http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/resources/books-and-novels/>

The latter includes many for adults but also many picture books, at least some written by children or adults who have been asylum seekers.

Stories

[Refugee Council of Australia](#)

This includes a list of stories (a page or so long) compiled by RCOA from Australians who were formerly refugees. In addition it has access to video stories and documentaries compiled by other organisations.

[Behind the Wire](#)

An oral history project documenting the stories of men, women and children who have experienced Australian mandatory detention over the past 22 years. It seeks to bring a new perspective to the public understandings of mandatory detention by sharing the reality of the people who have lived it.

[Road to Refuge](#)

The Road to Refuge web program is an educational and interactive website that allows you to make choices for a fictional asylum seeker along their journey from country of origin to Australia. It features an opinion panel, allowing you to juxtapose your experience with the opinions of respected figures in the asylum seeker debate.

Films

[Refugee Council of Australia](#)

A great list of films and documentaries – some are freely available, others need to be purchased.