

Catholics across Australia are being invited to participate in a special Refugee Week prayer service that will be streamed online on the evening of Monday, June 20. The prayer service is being jointly hosted by the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) and the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace (OJEP) - both agencies of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

The theme for Refugee Week 2022 is HEALING. As the Refugee Council of Australia explains, "healing can occur through storytelling, through community and also through realisation of our intrinsic interconnectedness as individuals". Bishop Vincent Long, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service, will lead the online prayer service. The service will be recorded and the video made available for further use. Register for the online prayer service here <https://bit.ly/RefugeeWeek2022Prayers>

A number of resources have been created to mark Refugee Week in a Catholic context, including prayers, an explanation of Church teaching on refugees and asylum-seekers and details about the Church's advocacy in this area [Refugee Week Resources - Office for Social Justice \(catholic.org.au\)](https://www.catholic.org.au/refugee-week-resources)

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*Quote of the week: Life offers so many doors, it's up to you which ones you open and which ones you close.
Have a great week, stay warm, be kind to yourselves and each other.*