



REFUGEE RESPONSE

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EDITORIAL

Refugee Week (18-24 June) is an opportunity to reflect on the plight of refugees world-wide and an opportunity to live in solidarity and take action. Caritas is concerned about the situation of refugees and asylum seekers worldwide and here in our Diocese. Worldwide there are 65 million displaced people and over 80% of the world's refugees are hosted in developing countries who struggle to provide for their own citizens. By contrast, many of the wealthiest countries in the world are here in Europe and are amongst the most unwelcoming places where refugee numbers are restricted to a few thousand and the asylum systems are dysfunctional causing unnecessary suffering to many people who have already suffered enough. Pope Francis has outlined four principles to help all of us to stand in solidarity with refugees: Welcome; Protect; Promote and Integrate. Refugee week is an opportunity for us all to listen afresh to the cry of the poor and follow Pope Francis's example when he says, 'I welcome refugees!'

SEAN RYAN AWARDED MBE FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT



In the New Year's honours list, Sean Ryan received an MBE for his pioneering work on refugee resettlement. Drawing on all his resources and with support from Caritas, Sean mobilised his parish of St Monica's in Flixton and became the first Home Office-approved Community Sponsor in the UK. Sean is now the full-time National Refugee Resettlement Officer employed through Caritas Salford Diocese. As the National Coordinator for the Catholic Church in England & Wales, Sean gets to visit Dioceses

and parishes all over the country. He says. "My job is to encourage, help equip and support Catholic communities (and indeed many others of all faiths and none) as they answer the call of Pope Francis to take in a refugee family within their own community." Sean said, "What an amazing Pope we have! Ever since he made that call in autumn 2015, we've been opening door after door of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to do exactly as he asked".

POPE FRANCIS LEADING THE WAY FOR CARITAS & THE DIOCESE OF SALFORD



We have a duty toward our brothers and sisters who ... have been forced to leave their homeland: a duty of justice, of civility and of solidarity. -Pope Francis

Back in September 2015, Pope Francis launched his global appeal to every religious community, diocese and parish to respond to refugees and the largest humanitarian crisis that forced migration in has created in modern times. Caritas Diocese of Salford responded immediately with a Refugee Response plan that we shared with every parish and school in the diocese. Since then we have:

- Become the first UK charity to host a refugee family under the new Community Sponsorship scheme
- Supported 10 parishes in Salford Diocese to host a refugee family each
- Supported over 50 parishes nationally to host a refugee family
- Opened up two refugee drop-in centres in Wythenshawe (with Caritas Shrewsbury) and in Rossendale (with Haslingden Community Link)
- Opened 5 houses for refugees
- Established an Education Service in Manchester to teach English to 150 refugees and recruit 60 volunteers to teach
- Piloted a learn to teach English programme for volunteers
- Supported our partners Revive to host 'Refugee Dine with Me' and 'Refugee Days Out' programmes
- Hosted a European Conference on refugee resettlement

CARITAS WELCOMES OUR EUROPEAN DELEGATES



European partners meeting in the Cathedral Centre to promote refugee resettlement

The Diocese of Salford welcomed international working group on Community Sponsorship of refugees. Caritas Diocese of Salford hosted an important gathering of the International Catholic Migration Commission SHARE project partners to explore the potential of Community Sponsorship as a new, safe and legal pathway to resettle refugees to European countries and help their welcome and integration through local community support. Between the 16 and 17 May 2018, at the Cathedral Centre, Salford, Caritas received delegates from several European countries (Belgium, France, Italy and the UK) in order to share their experiences with community sponsorship programmes and explore how to inspire local communities who aim to set up similar programmes across Europe.



WHAT IS COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP?

Sean Ryan explains the Community Sponsorship of refugee's scheme:

"Under Community Sponsorship, unlike anything else that's ever been tried, responsibility for the entire journey that a refugee family goes on, from landing at an airport, to being resettled, integrated, happy, speaking English, working, children in school, and best of all loved and feeling they belong in the community in which they live. That responsibility will now rest with ordinary people like you and me, making up a sponsorship group some people with relevant professional skills and experience".

MUSLIMS & CATHOLICS UNITED FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Earlier this year, Caritas Diocese of Salford and Greater Manchester Citizens were pleased to welcome 40 people to an exciting joint meeting between Muslims and Catholics from across Greater Manchester, held in the evening at the Cathedral Centre, Salford Monday 19th March.



The meeting was a catalyst for stronger bonds of friendship, trust and mutual understanding between two faith communities as they addressed the need to work together to support refugees and asylum seekers especially through the Community Sponsorship scheme pioneered by Caritas Diocese of Salford for the resettling of refugees, on which the Catholic church is now leading the way nationally. Director of the Syrian community group Rethink, Rebuild Society, Dr Haytham Alhamwi summarized the message from the evening when he said, "Be the extended family that refugees need. Human, spiritual support is more important than money".

CALL TO ACTION

Pope Francis recently reminded the world that our mission is to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate. This is what Caritas is doing today through parishes, communities, groups, services, volunteers and employees in the encounter with migrants and refugees. Here are some of our recent stories...

Refugee Dine with Me, inspired by our parishes and partners Revive. One refugee who dined out said:

"It was a pleasure to spend the day with Jane and her family, who were very kind and welcoming. We went on a beautiful walk and explored the village and surrounding countryside. We enjoyed a delicious traditional English roast and great conversation, sharing our experiences with each other."

Refugee Days Out



"This is the first time I have been out in over a year" said one refugee on the refugee day out to Clitheroe which is now in its third year thanks to the Clay family of Our Lady of the Valley



St Monica's parish welcomes Irish Minister and Cornerstone hosts Mike Kane MP

Volunteers at St. Monica's RC Parish, Flixton welcomed David Stanton, the Irish Minister of State for Immigration who visited to find out first-hand how communities can welcome refugees. Minister David Stanton said he was 'very impressed and enthused' by the leadership the parish has shown his visit had been a 'revelation'.

Departing the meeting to visit the home of the sponsored Syrian family, he promised to invite Caritas to Ireland to share our experience with the voluntary sector and local authorities there.

Below Mike Kane MP for Wythenshawe visits our English classes at Cornerstone, Manchester and the caritas Refugee Response team meet to plan the next steps.



FACTS

- Worldwide, 3 out of 100 persons are migrants
- South-south migration is bigger than south-north migration
- 84% of refugees worldwide are hosted by non-European countries, primarily Turkey, Pakistan, Lebanon, Iran, Uganda and Ethiopia²¹.
- 19% of care workers and 35% of nurses employed in long-term care work in the UK are migrants.



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE 2018-2019

1. Our Education programme is thriving and growing (150 refugee students) and we are looking for volunteers who are willing to travel to Manchester to teach English in the early evenings at Cornerstone Day Centre.
2. We hope to develop this September a specialist legal advice service for destitute asylum seekers in partnership with legal services in Manchester.
3. We hope to invest in the national coordination of the Community Sponsorship scheme through securing the post of the national Coordinator for some years to come
4. Caritas is working with Caritas Social Action network to develop the community sponsorship scheme to bring refugee families into the heart of our communities through parishes sponsoring a family. So far in the Diocese of Salford we have many parishes that have committed to the scheme. They include:

St Mary's, Burnley - Arrival expected early June 2018

St Bernadette's, Whitefield - Arrival expected late June/early July 2018

St Catherine of Siena, Didsbury - Currently planning for arrival by end of 2018

Stonyhurst College - Currently planning for arrival in early 2019

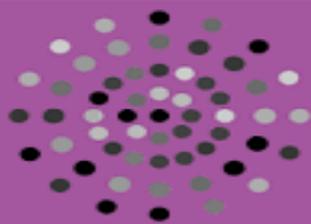
St Ann's, Stretford - Currently planning for arrival in autumn 2018
St Mary's, Oswaldtwistle - Currently planning for arrival in Autumn 2018
Our Lady & English Martyrs, Urmston - Currently planning for arrival in autumn 2018

Dates vary and can change according to the coordination between all the partners that include the Home Office, the International Office of Migration, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, the Local Authority and the host community itself.

5. We hope to increase our awareness of refugee needs with our schools in the Diocese of Salford.
6. We will continue to work with our European and Global partners through the International Catholic migration Commission and Caritas Europe to promote safe and legal pathways for refugees seeking sanctuary in host countries.
7. Finally, we are very concerned about the plight of destitute asylum seekers and see every day the suffering that a dysfunctional asylum system brings to the lives of decent people. We will campaign for change and add our voice to the voice of refugees asking for a fairer immigration and asylum system that treats every refugee with respect and dignity and creates a single system for all.



Teachers and refugees working together at Cornerstone to teach and learn English



Refugee Week

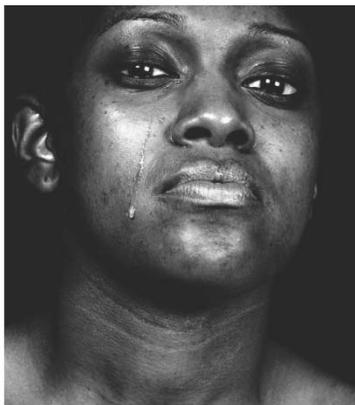
Caritas will be supporting Refugee Week 18th -24th June with a variety of events, gathering and celebrations. For example:

Sunday 17 th June	All Catholic Parishes	Day for Life This year's theme is Human Trafficking. Card alerting people how to recognise and react to signs of human trafficking will be circulated in all Parishes. More info https://t.co/yrZt2nVnGZ or contact Anthony Brown, Caritas Anti-trafficking Volunteer on a.brown@caritassalford.org.uk (see poster)
Thursday 21 st June 4.45 – 5.45pm	Outside the entrance of HOME Tony Wilson Place, Manchester M15 4FN	Hostile Detainment A semi-enacted political protest 'action' before the Human Flow film, highlighting the injustice of immigration detention and a tribute to the 120 women on hunger strike during March this year. www.homemcr.org/event/hostile-detainment
Thursday 21 st June 17:50	HOME, Manchester	Human Flow Film Shot in 23 countries over the course of one eventful year, this epic film journey by internationally renowned artist Ai Weiwei gives a powerful visual expression to human migration, and documents the courage, endurance, and unassailable spirit of the displaced. www.homemcr.org/film/human-flow/
Thursday 21 st June 8.30 – 10.30pm	At the café-bar at HOME Tony Wilson Place, Manchester M15 4FN	Migrant Frontiers The panel will reflect on the Human Flow film, the injustice of immigration detention, the history of migrant justice and the work of Virtual Migrants who are marking 20 years of art and activism. Live poetry from Sai Murray with musical backing will punctuate the discussion. www.homemcr.org/event/migrant-frontiers
Saturday 23 rd June 10:30am & 1pm	St Michael & St John's School Field & Stonyhurst College	Clitheroe Refugee Welcome Day 2018 Our third such event, bringing the local community together to welcome over one hundred refugees and asylum seekers from Greater Manchester and East Lancashire. (see poster)
Saturday 23 rd June 1:30- 4:30pm	Burnage M19 2LT	Manchester City of Sanctuary, Summer Garden Party. Tickets available via www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/refugee-week-garden-party-tickets-42628089764
Saturday 23rd June	Albert Park, Grecian Street, M7 1JF	Refugee World Cup, Family Fun Day and Refugee Cultural celebration
Sunday 24 th June from 1pm	St James the Less, Rossendale	Share the Journey walk , as an act of solidarity with refugees. Three walking options 7.5 mile, 4.5 mile and 1.5 mile. Refreshments in the parish centre from 4pm. (see poster)
Sunday 24 th June 3pm- 5pm	St Michael's Church Hall, Whitefield,	JO COX GREAT GET TOGETHER St Michael & St Bernadette's Community Sponsorship Group would like to invite you to a celebration of their refugee project. For more info please contact Nicol on 07842119869

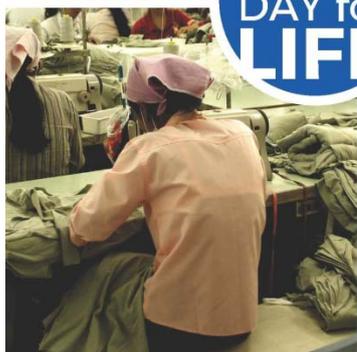
Anti Trafficking Day for Life – 17th June 2018

The trade in human beings violates the God given dignity of so many of our brothers and sisters, and constitutes a true crime against humanity

POPE FRANCIS
NOVEMBER 2016



2018
DAY for
LIFE



We pray for the victims of human trafficking that they may be helped to rebuild their lives after the traumatic experiences they have gone through.

AMEN



TESTIMONY

"My name is Daia*. I'm from a small town in Edo State, Nigeria. My family were very poor and from a young age I was always chasing a 'better life'.

At 18 I met and fell in love with Victor*, from Lagos. I was so impressed by his fine clothes and his confidence. Victor suggested going together to London – he said he had friends there and a job for me, cleaning in a hair salon. I was so excited. Victor travelled ahead and I was to follow him.

After a long journey I arrived in Dublin. I had never heard of this place but thought it was just another stop-over on my way to London. Victor had arranged for someone to meet me. This man took me in his car. But we did not go to Victor, or to the hair salon, or to London. He took me to a brothel. I have been here ever since."

* This is a true story. Names have been changed to protect identities.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MODERN SLAVERY

Jesus tells us, "I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10 NJB).

But many people do not have life to the full. They have fallen victim to the scourge of human trafficking and modern slavery which are an assault on a person's innate human dignity. People are not commodities to be traded ruthlessly for criminal profit.

Indeed, this is something that is happening in communities across our country, not just in our big cities. It's not only happening in brothels and nail bars, but on farms, building sites and factories as well. Nor is this a problem confined to immigrant communities, it is affecting our own citizens too.

Trafficking is a growing problem and the UN estimates that over 40 million people worldwide are in slavery. In the UK alone, it is estimated that every year there are over 13,000 victims of trafficking from all countries.

Criminals exploit some of the most vulnerable and desperate people. We can act together to stop this. It is a crime hidden in plain sight, it's difficult to investigate, and the police need our help to identify and stop the traffickers and rescue and support the victims.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

The Catholic community can make a real difference to help solve this problem - to help them find freedom and live life to the full. There are many organisations working to put a stop to human trafficking and modern slavery. One of these, the Santa Marta Group, works internationally to bring the Catholic Church and law enforcement agencies together to eradicate slavery. To read more visit www.santamartagroup.com

Locally, dioceses, Caritas and other church communities can effect real change for trafficked people living in these areas.

DONATE

Day for Life is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The proceeds of the Day for Life collection to be held in parishes is used for the promotion of the dignity of the human person. Money collected for Day for Life will be used to fund projects that support work in this area by organisations which further this objective. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

For more information, and to donate online, please visit www.dayforlife.org/donate

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PRAYER CARDS

IDENTIFYING A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Show signs of physical or psychological abuse, or look malnourished
- Appear withdrawn, lack self confidence or seem anxious or fearful
- Avoid eye contact or hesitant to talk to strangers
- Little understanding of English.
- Act as if instructed or coached by someone else, or allows others to speak for them when spoken to directly
- Always wears the same clothes day in day out, or wears clothes that may not be suitable for their work
- Living in dirty, cramped or overcrowded accommodation or live and work at the same address
- Control over their movement, or moving as a group or individuals of people at unusual hours.

If you see anything that looks suspicious call the Modern Slavery Helpline on **08000 121 700**

Santa Marta Group
CHURCH AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMBATTING MODERN SLAVERY

WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE SEEN A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

If you see anything that looks suspicious call the Modern Slavery Helpline on **08000 121 700**

Calls to the modern slavery helpline are free and confidential except where there is a threat to life or a minor is involved and at risk of harm.

Callers to the helpline will be able to speak to a member of the helpline team in a non-judgemental, professional and supportive manner. Reports of suspected human trafficking instances will be transferred immediately to the nearest Police department that deals with human trafficking.

If possible be prepared to answer questions on:

- Age
- Sex
- Nationality
- Language skills
- Clothing
- Location/surroundings

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Refugee Day 2018



"This is the highlight of our year"

"The best day of my life"

To be attended by Clitheroe Town Mayor

Saturday 23rd June, 2018

St Michael & St John's School Field from
10.30am

BBQ at Clitheroe Mosque

Stonyhurst College from 1pm

Come along and make our guests welcome!

THE
GREAT
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22-24 JUNE

JOIN US AT OUR GET TOGETHER

*Celebrating the work being done by
St. Michael's and St. Bernadette's
Sponsor a family group to help a
Syrian Family settle in our area.
We will be celebrating with Syrian food and
music and there will be guest speakers.*

Sunday 24th June
from 3pm until 5pm.

At St Michael's Parish Hall,
Ribble Drive, Whitefield

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Taking inspiration from Jo Cox's quote,

"We have more in common than that which divides us."



REFUGEE WEEK 2018; CELEBRATING 20 YEARS



REFUGEE WORLD CUP, FAMILY FUN DAY AND REFUGEE CULTURAL CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 23RD JUNE 2018 10AM - 5PM



**Bouncy castle, ultimate frisbee,
cultural music, football cage, cricket sessions
face painting, henna, free picnic, drinks and more
Come along and join the fun.**

#REFUGEE WEEK

**Venue:
Albert Park,
Grecian St,
M7 1JF**



**For more information contact Belay
on 01618680777 or belay@mrsn.org.uk**

Summer Garden Party

Saturday 23rd June
1.30pm - 4.30pm

Burnage M19 2LT

There are many ways to get involved and help raise funds for Manchester City of Sanctuary

"building a culture of welcome for asylum seekers and refugees"

If you'd like to be part of the planning team or help on the day please contact -

Jane Graystone: 07939320899

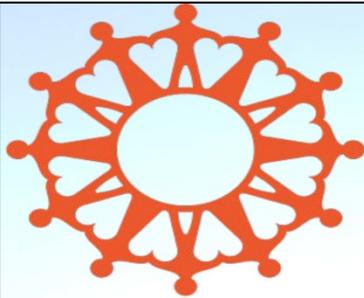
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Tickets available from:
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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/refugee-week-garden-party-tickets-4262808976>

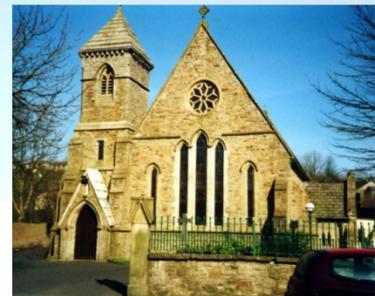


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Share the Journey

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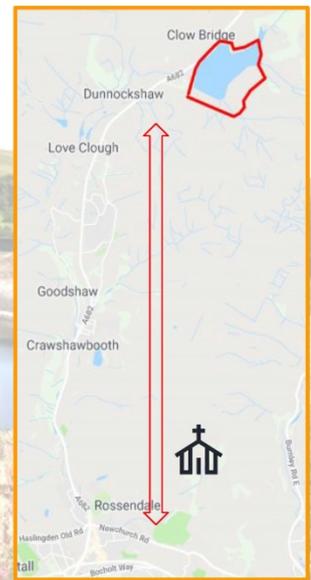


Pope Francis has launched *Share the Journey*, a global campaign for the rights of refugees. As an act of solidarity with refugees, the Catholic community has been challenged to walk 24,900 miles - the distance around the globe. On Sunday 24th June, St James the Less parish are going to take on the challenge! We hope that as many parishioners along with their families and friends will join us. The walk is open to everyone whatever your age or level of fitness. We want to try to get the most miles from a single parish. This is not a fundraising event but any sponsorship or donations on the day will be greatly appreciated and donated to CAFOD refugee projects.

- 7.5 mile option - walk from church to and around Clowbridge Reservoir and back - meet at church at 1pm
- 4.5 mile option - walk around Clowbridge Reservoir and back to church - meet at the sailing club car park at 2:30pm
- 1.5 mile option - walk around Clowbridge Reservoir - meet at the sailing club car park at 3:30pm
- Refreshments will be available in the parish centre from 4pm onwards... hopefully we will be celebrating a successful event and an England win!

So that we have a rough idea of numbers of participants for the day, please send an email to andrewmarkoliver@yahoo.co.uk

If you feel unable to join in with the walk but wish to join in with the event as a marshall or preparing refreshments, please contact elysia.bulger1@ntlworld.com



SUPPORT US – Thank you for your support that is making the difference and welcoming refugees and supporting destitute asylum seekers

Partnerships

Caritas Diocese of Salford is working closely with our partners nationally through CSAN (Caritas Social Action Network) and members of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales. Locally we are collaborating with partner organisations such as Revive (Refugee and Asylum Seekers) and the BOAZ Trust.

Caritas Diocese of Salford is a member of CSAN (Caritas Social Action Network) the domestic social action arm of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. CSAN comprises over 40 Catholic Charities which work across England and Wales supporting children living in poverty, homeless people, disabled people, Travellers, migrants, refugees, prisoners and other marginalised groups. More information can be found at www.csan.org.uk

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You can donate to our Refugee Response [here](#)

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