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**Archdiocesan Multicultural Mass 2018**

## Diverse Cultures Gather into One Culture of God



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Multicultural Mass, (Immigration Sunday or Migrant & Refugee Sunday in the past), has been celebrated in the Archdiocese of Brisbane in the last 45 years. Each occasion of thanksgiving reflected the joys, challenges and aspirations unique to each particular year.

On Sunday, 26 August, Archbishop Mark Coleridge celebrated his seventh archdiocesan Multicultural Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen and once again delivered a message that encourages contemplation, dialogue and forward action.

"We gather, not just to have a festival, but to celebrate the Eucharist in which the sacrifice of Jesus Christ is made present here and now," the Archbishop said, marking the significance of Multicultural Mass as a gathering of diverse cultures through which Jesus Christ "can lead us deep in the culture of God which is the true home of every human being".

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## Let Us Put Words into Actions

I had the good fortune of hosting a dear friend of mine, Bishop Enrique Figaredo SJ, Bishop of Battambang, Cambodia, at the National Proclaim Conference, which was held in Brisbane from 12 -14 July 2018.

*Kike*, as he is affectionately known around the world, spoke at the facilitated sessions during these three days on ways to renew parishes and communities, particularly from his experience in a Cambodian context.

It should be told that Kike has worked with Cambodians with disabilities for more than 33 years. His work has taken him from the refugee camps in Thailand in the mid-1980s to Khmer Rouge run areas in the mid-1990s, to repatriated areas of the

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"Who else but Jesus can lead us beyond the tendency to turn within, to close ourselves off, the tendency to division, to become imprisoned in the culture that has given us birth?"

"Who will lead us out of the culture that has given us birth and into the culture of God for which every human being is created? The *big* love, not the little love of the tribe, or the clan, or the family, or the nation, or the culture, but the *big* love of one human family with one God who is father of all – and mother of all as well.

"Only Jesus can lead us deep in the culture of God which is the true home of every human being."

Archbishop Mark also noted the awkwardness presented by the widely used term 'ethnic community' which encourages the presumption that some communities are not ethnic. The Archbishop said the dominant ethnic group and influence in the Church in Australia in the past is the Anglo-Celtic ethnic community. In more recent years, he said, much of the real spiritual energy in the Church in Australia is now found in communities from non-Anglo-Celtic background.

Expressing dislike for past treatment of communities in the Church as

'exotic satellites', Archbishop Mark called on all the cultures in the archdiocese to come centre stage in the life of the Church, "not sitting out in the margin, looking the other way, but bringing yourself and your gifts to the very centre and heart of the Church of this time, so that you can be mightily involved in shaping the future in the way Jesus Christ wants".

"And therefore I say to you, we need you in this time of profound change when the future must be shaped, a future that will look very different from us. We need the unique gifts that you bring, some of which we see and hear at this Mass this afternoon" he said.

## Youth and Action

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Choir was specially formed this year to sing the Year of Youth song titled *Called* by singer-songwriter Stephanie Unger.

## We Are One Body

The second edition of *We Are One Body*, guidelines for multicultural pastoral care in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, was launched by Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care Director Clyde Cosentino. The guidelines will be particularly helpful to those who are formally involved or have special interest in the pastoral care of migrants, refugees and multicultural communities. The original *We Are One Body* was published in 1998 and required significant update to reflect the current local Church and Australian society. The updated *We Are One Body* is available on the resources page of the Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care website [www.multiculturalcare.org.au](http://www.multiculturalcare.org.au).

## Cooperation and Generosity

Multicultural Mass is the result of the cooperation and generosity of various communities in the archdiocese. Approximately 25 communities led by their Chaplains, Cross Cultural Pastoral Ministers, leaders and members (NB: The Latin American Catholic community consists of many countries) were directly involved in the

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planning and organisation of the Mass and the celebrations that followed. The 13 community choirs, including the Multicultural Mass Youth Choir, were just excellent.

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The staff of the Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care acknowledges the contributions made by these communities who also generously provided refreshments as well as volunteers for collection, traffic control and food distribution – a combined effort simplified in the list below:

Uncle David Miller – *Acknowledgement of Country* | Indonesian Catholic Family – *Entrance Hymn* | Various communities – *Entrance Procession* | Vietnamese Savio Youth Choir – *Kyrie* | Chinese Sacred Heart Choir – *Gloria*  
 Burundi Catholic Community - *First Reading* | Korean Gloria Choir – *Responsorial Psalm* | Sri Lankan Catholic Community – *Second Reading* | Tongan Catholic Community – *Gospel Procession and Hymn* | Lebanese Melkite Community – *Gospel sung* | Brazilian, Timor Leste, Maltese, Iraqi Syriac Catholic, Italian and Croatian – *Prayer of the Faithful* | Fijian Catholic Community – *Offertory Procession and Hymn* | Latin American Catholic Community – *Holy, Holy, Holy* | South Sudanese St Bakhita Choir – *Mystery of Faith, Lamb of God* | Filipino Youth for Christ Choir, Lebanese Maronite Choir and Indian Syro Malabar Choir – *Communion Hymns* | Multicultural Mass 2018 Youth Choir – *Post Communion Hymn* | Samoan Catholic Community Choir – *Recessional Hymn*. **After Mass: Refreshments** - Various Communities | **Dance performances** - Filipino, Colombian, Mexican, Indonesian, Tongan, Iraqi Syriac groups | **Sounds and Entertainment MC** - Zach Woodward

The presence of concelebrants is warmly acknowledged: Fr Albert Chan MSC (Chinese), Fr Stephen Kumyangi (South Sudanese), Fr Ignacio Gutierrez CS (Latin American), Fr Fadi Salame and Deacon Michael Khoury (Lebanese Maronite), Fr Elie Francis (Lebanese Melkite), Fr Abraham Kazhunadiyil (Indian Syro Malabar), Fr Stefan Sapun (Ukrainian), Fr Ilija Alandzak (Croatian), Fr Martinus Situmorang OFM Cap (Indonesian), Fr

Joseph Vu SVD (Vietnamese), Fr Damien Everitt (Banyo Nundah), Fr Thomas Zaranski (Birkdale) and Fr Thomas Ismoyo (Brisbane).

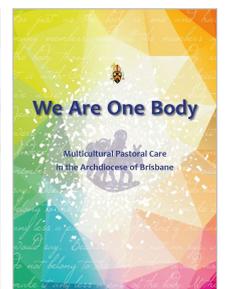
The assistance extended by the Cathedral Dean and staff and Cathedral precinct agencies is much appreciated.

It is most encouraging that several parishes in the archdiocese also held their own Multicultural Mass on

Sunday the 26th (or another day of the year) including Holy Spirit Parish, Bray Park, St. Flannan's Zillmere, Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish, Springfield, St Peter Chanel St John's Wood / The Gap Parish, Holy Cross Woolloowin, Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Catholic Parish and Holy Family Catholic Parish Indooroopilly.

**Percy Pamo Lawrence**

[More photos on [CMPC Facebook](#)]





## Snapshots : Diversity in the Archdiocese

### Latin American Community is alive and kicking

The Latin American Community is an active community. Chaplain Fr Ignacio 'Nacho' Rodriguez who is also Parish Priest of New Farm reports that the community organises about 16 retreats (in Spanish) every year and also sends leaders to Sydney, Adelaide and Toowoomba to facilitate these retreats. On 28 and 29 July the community organised a retreat in New Farm in English. Titled 'New Life' the retreat focused on the topic of evangelisation and followed the Alpha style but in Latin American context.

Comprising many countries with different cultural traditions and faith expressions, the Latin American

Community celebrates quite a number of feast days. In recent months they celebrated the Colombians' Feast of Our Lady of Chiquinquirá, the Salvadorians' Festival of *El Salvador del Mundo* (celebration of the Saviour of the World) on 5 August, and the Venezuelans' Feast of Our Lady of Coromoto on 9 September (image on right).

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Community's patron, is celebrated each year on 12 December. Visit the Community's Facebook page for more information [Search 'Capellania Católica Latinoamericana de Brisbane'].



Our Lady of Coromoto

### Ukrainian Community hosts Community Chaplains' gathering



On the 9th of August, the Ukrainian Parish of Our Lady of Protection in Woolloongabba graciously hosted the bi-monthly meeting, the 4th of 6 for this year, of Chaplains of ethnic and multicultural communities in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. We thank Parish Priest Fr Stefan Sapun (2nd

from left), Fr William Lawrence (far left) and parish members for the use of their meeting hall and for preparing a lovely Ukrainian lunch and dessert. For information about the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia visit <https://catholicukes.org.au/>

**"Integration is not 'an assimilation that leads migrants to suppress or to forget their own cultural identity'. Rather, contact with others leads to discovering their 'secret', to being open to them in order to welcome their valid aspects and thus contribute to knowing each one better."**

READ Pope Francis' Message for the 104<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2018:  
*Welcome, Protecting, Promoting and Integrating Migrants and Refugees*



## Healing in Exile

The 2nd Australia and New Zealand Refugee Trauma Recovery in Resettlement Conference will be held on 27-29 March 2019 at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. The Conference will build on the success of the 1st Conference which was held in Sydney in March 2017.

This conference is an initiative of FASSTT (Forum of Australian Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma) which is a network of Australia's eight specialist rehabilitation agencies that work with survivors of torture and refugee trauma.

The 2019 conference is being organised by the Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma. QPASTT provides flexible and culturally sensitive services to promote the health and well being of people who have been tortured or who have suffered refugee related trauma prior to migrating to Australia.



Under the theme *Healing in Exile – Current and Future Challenges*, speakers will explore the most innovative and successful initiatives that enable people from refugee backgrounds to recover from torture and other traumatic events and resettle in their new context. The voices of people from refugee backgrounds will be central to the conference.

The full conference program, detailing all presentations, workshops and posters, will be included in the conference registration brochure which will be available from mid-October 2018.

For more information visit <http://www.refugeetraumaconf.org.au/> or contact the organiser on <http://qpastt.org.au/>

## Education and Training

The following education and training opportunities are offered through Multicultural Communities Council Gold Coast Ltd (MCCGC).

### Train 2 Care - SQW Program

MCCGC's Train 2 Care Program provides the Gold Coast communities with the opportunity to obtain two qualifications: **Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways** **Certificate III in Individual Support – Aged Care**

The program includes work placement for 3 weeks, one-on-one support throughout the course and employment support. The courses are fully funded for eligible applicants. Please check with MCCGC for eligibility criteria. This Skilling Queenslanders for Work Project is funded and supported by the Queensland Government. For more information contact MCCGC on (07) 5527 8011 or [troy@mccgc.com.au](mailto:troy@mccgc.com.au)

### Mental Health First Aid

**Standard Mental Health First Aid (\$265 incl gst)** - This 12-hr course provides participants with information about providing first line assistance with depression, anxiety problems, psychosis, substance use problems, suicidal thoughts and behaviours, panic attacks, traumatic events, severe effects of drug

or alcohol use, severe psychotic states and/or aggressive behaviours.

**Standard Mental Health First Aid Refresher (\$95 incl gst)** - This 4-hr course accredits participants who have completed a Standard Mental Health First Aid Course within the previous 3 years, or provides non accredited participants with basic and up to date information from Mental Health First Aid Australia.

**Mental Health First Aid for the Suicidal Person (\$95 incl gst)** - builds on and expands the first aid and crisis support for people experiencing suicidal thoughts and behaviours

**Mental Health First Aid for Tertiary Students – Blended Course (\$95 incl gst)** - This 4-hr face-to-face course underpins the online component for tertiary students who wish to become accredited as a Mental Health First Aider.

**Mental Health First Aid for Gambling problems (\$95 incl GST)** - This 4-hr face-to-face training assists participants to help someone that may be experiencing gambling problems.

For information on upcoming courses, or to obtain a quote for group bookings contact MCCGC on (07) 5527 8011 or send an email to [robbynb@curacares.com.au](mailto:robbynb@curacares.com.au)

## FREE WORKSHOPS

### Leadership Development Training series – Vision Board: Life Visioning

Hosted by the African Australian Women's Association (AAWA)  
Sunday, 30 September  
12:30pm – 4:30pm  
Acacia Ridge Community Centre  
21 Hanify Street, Acacia Ridge

### Raising Children In Australia

Thursday, 27 September  
9:30am – 1:00pm  
Presented by Anglicare Southern Queensland  
This workshop is aimed at new families, particularly migrant and refugee families. There will be presenters from the Police, Community Leaders, Relationship Australia and Child Safety.



  
**Raising children in new lands - Family Forum**

## Global Compact on Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration Finalised

The Global Compact on Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration was finalized by UN Member States in New York on 13 July 2018.

This is the first time that Member States of the United Nations have come together to negotiate an agreement covering all dimensions of international migration in a holistic and comprehensive manner.

The agreement will be formally adopted by Member States at the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. This will be held in Marrakesh, Morocco, on 10 and 11 December 2018.

The final version can be accessed on [https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/sites/default/files/180711\\_final\\_draft\\_0.pdf](https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/sites/default/files/180711_final_draft_0.pdf)

[Source: International Catholic Migration Commission media release]



## Accompanying People Seeking Asylum

Since 2017, the Federal Government has removed most support, including income and accommodation, from a number of people seeking asylum.

While most are allowed to work, many cannot get enough or any money to feed their family and pay rent. There are over 300 people in this situation in SE Queensland currently. Some are children.

The Executive Officer and Members of the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission (CJPC) has met with many people in this situation and listened to their stories of hardship and anxiety. The Commission also consulted with them about the sort of action that individuals are encouraged to take.

**Replacing Cruelty with Compassion**  
CJPC regards the Government's policies and actions as calculated cruelty. CJPC encourages all to reach out to people seeking asylum and offer practical support.

There are a number of organisations and groups providing direct support to people in this situation. Individuals are encouraged to join these groups or help them via fundraising and donation.

### St Paul's School Community Partnerships

St Paul's school in Woodridge supports a number of asylum seeker families who have no income or accommodation support. Regular

donations will help these families pay for rent, food and other needs. Their bank account details are:

Asylum Seeker Families Account  
BSB 064786  
Ac No 176280104

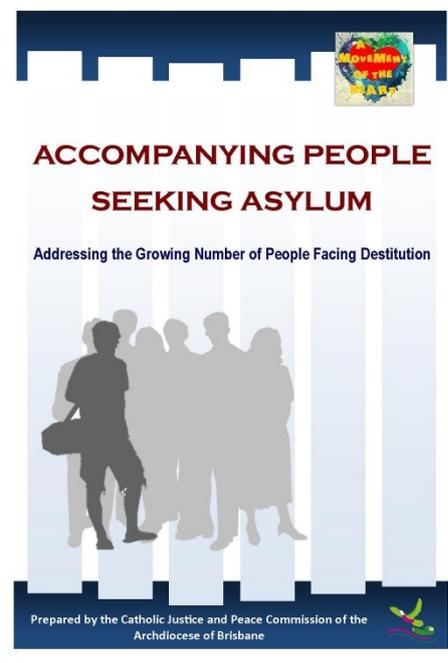
For more information, contact the Coordinator, John Sorohan at [jsorohan@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jsorohan@bne.catholic.edu.au) or on 0412 074 196.

### The Romero Centre

The Romero Centre in Dutton Park is working with many of the people who have become destitute as a result of the Government's cruel actions. The Romero Centre appreciates donations in the form of money and goods as well as supermarket gift cards, Go cards and phone credit cards. There are also opportunities to volunteer with the Romero Centre. The Centre is also looking for assistance in finding accommodation and employment for these asylum seekers so that they can look after themselves and their children. For more information, contact the Manager, Beata Ostapiej-Piatkowski at [beata.ostapiej-piatkowski@mercycs.org.au](mailto:beata.ostapiej-piatkowski@mercycs.org.au) or ring 3013 0100.

### Asylum Circle

Community's Asylum Circle is also providing help to many of the families and individuals seeking asylum who are without support from the Government. Asylum Circle welcomes volunteers who can provide direct



support to these families and individuals. They also welcome tax deductible cash donations. Asylum Circle is also seeking help to find accommodation and employment. Contact Anne Hilton at [anneh@communitify.org.au](mailto:anneh@communitify.org.au) or on 3510 2700.

### Information Pack

Through their own encounters with people seeking asylum, CJPC has released a resource to help parishes, communities and individuals understand the problem and find ways to respond. The document can be accessed from the CJPC blog <https://cipcbrisbane.wordpress.com/2018/04/10/accompanying-people-seeking-asylum/>

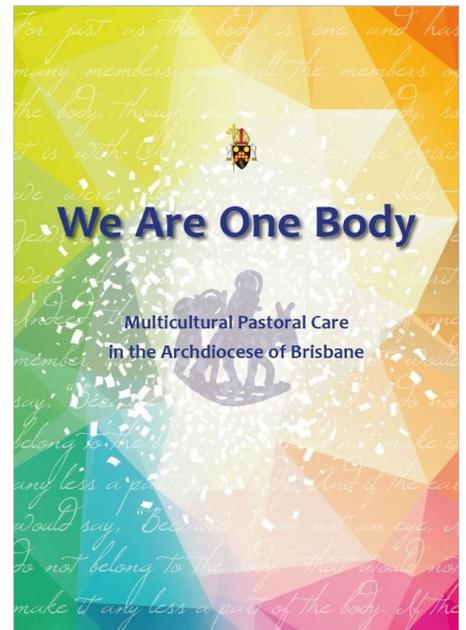
## Guidelines for Multicultural Pastoral Care

The second edition of *We Are One Body* launched at the recent Multicultural Mass is now available for free download from the Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care website [www.multiculturalcare.org.au](http://www.multiculturalcare.org.au). Professionally printed copies can be purchased for \$3.50 from the Evangelisation Brisbane Online Shop <http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/shop-online/>

*We Are One Body* provides guidance for pastoral action for all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Brisbane in light of the multicultural reality of our local Church. It provides guidelines for, and will be particularly helpful to, those

who are formally involved in the pastoral care of migrants, refugees and people on the move in our multicultural communities.

The original document launched by Archbishop John Bathersby in 1999 was the work of a special Task Group including representatives from the Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care, Migrant Chaplains, and Pastoral Planning Committee. Another Task Group was commissioned in 2013 to review the original publication. More reviews were undertaken from 2017 onwards to reflect a changing Australian society.



**Plenary Council 2020** is an invitation to all Australians to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. This invitation extends to all people, regardless of their level of engagement with the Catholic Church. Find out more from the following resources or visit the Plenary Council website on <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>  
*Plenary Council - What do we need to do:* [https://youtu.be/noHtLEYa\\_6A](https://youtu.be/noHtLEYa_6A)  
*Listening and Dialogue Encounters Explained:* <https://youtu.be/ktM36vph3YU>  
**HAVE YOUR SAY** <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>



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North West in early 2000, right up to present day where he is Bishop of an area covering more than one third of Cambodia.

Kike came to Australia with a simple message: to be kind to one another and to be of loving service to one another. The message did not get more complicated than that. Yet, I saw hundreds of people at different sessions and gatherings spell bound by his message – a message we hear so many times but really take no notice of.

It was different when Kike was speaking it – he spoke from the heart and from someone who lives this message; a message that has seen thousands of refugees, disabled, poor and vulnerable in Cambodia, at least, see hope for the future. Kike admits that he is just the messenger. However, when the

message and the actions are miles apart (as we see so many times in Australia) it has no meaning.

Let us take Pope Francis' message of 'welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees' and put action to it.

Let us not just speak these words but act upon them. Let us accompany those vulnerable who need to tell their story and let us help change the narrative towards migrants and refugees, in Kike's words, "to one of kindness and loving service".

Clyde Cosentino  
Director



Before his flight back to Cambodia, Bishop Kike Figaredo takes a group selfie with some of the staff of Evangelisation Brisbane (an agency under which CMPC operates).