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ACMRO NATIONAL CONFERENCE A platform to speak and be heard

Priests, Religious and parish-community leadership are invited to take part in the forthcoming 6th ACMRO National Conference to be held in Brisbane from 5 to 7 August 2019.

Organised by the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office, the conference *Missionary Clergy and Religious in Australia: Challenges and Opportunities* will provide delegates an ideal platform for mutual sharing of experiences in relation to the different cultural expressions of the people they serve and the achievements and difficulties they face in their pastoral work.

Among other outcomes, data gathered from participants during group discussions including further interviews and research by the Australian Catholic Bishop Conference's National Centre for Pastoral Research will be used towards the publication of a book on missionary priests and religious in Australia. It is hoped that this book will provide a comprehensive insight and offer recommendations to address issues and challenges involved in the 'welcome' of priests and religious arriving in Australia from other countries.

Registrations are now open. Early bird rates are available until 16 June. Visit the ACMRO website on www.acmro.catholic.org.au.

105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees



Image source: Migrants and Refugees Section VA

The theme of this year's 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is *'It's not just about migrants'*.

Pope Francis has chosen this theme 'to show up our blind-spots and make sure no one remains excluded from society, whether a long-time resident or someone newly-arrived'.

Late last year, Pope Francis changed the date of the annual WDMR from 14 January to 29 September.

Bishops' Conferences around the world celebrate MDRW at different times during the year. Australia will keep celebrating World Day of Migrants and Refugees on the last Sunday of August. In 2019, this falls on the 25th of August.

In April this year, the [Migrants and Refugees Section](#) of the Vatican's Dicastery for Integral Human Development launched a

communication campaign that offers monthly reflections, information, and multimedia materials in order to assist in the understanding of the theme chosen by Pope Francis. (See page 6.)

Parishes, schools and communities are encouraged to utilise these resources as they celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday on 25 August or at any time during the year.

Once again, the archdiocesan Multicultural Mass will be held on Sunday, 25 August at 2:30pm at the Cathedral of St Stephen. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate the Mass along with Community Chaplains and priests ministering to cultural communities and multicultural parishes. Refreshments and cultural performances follow. Parish Multicultural Mass and celebrations will also be held in a number of parishes on the same day.

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Updates : Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care (CMPC)

Review of Catholic Cultural Communities

This year CMPC is undergoing a review of the Catholic cultural communities within the Archdiocese. The purpose of this review is to help create a more inclusive Church through building a more well-informed understanding of our cultural communities. Specifically, this research will establish ways to move forward, addressing needs whilst highlighting the gifts within our culturally diverse communities. It is one of my roles as Research and Projects Officer to undertake this review by interviewing Chaplains, community leaders and community members from each of the active cultural communities that exist within the Archdiocese.

These interviews have already begun to take place within the Brazilian, Timorese and South Sudanese community and I have truly been so lucky to have been welcomed with

open arms. This review is one that will hopefully bring all of us, as a Church, closer together and in many ways is an avenue for members within cultural communities to communicate directly with the archdiocese with the aim of creating a more inclusive and alive Church. The cultural communities within this Archdiocese are filled with such life and faith, and we hope that this review will help shed a light on the gifts that each community brings to this Church.

If you are a part of a Catholic cultural community within the Brisbane Archdiocese and would like to be involved in the interview phase, please contact our office directly. We want to hear from as many people as possible, from all different walks of life. So please, reach out.

Jessica Laidler [Projects and Research Officer]

A journey with women in the path of forgiveness

A day of retreat for Sudanese Women's group at Marian Valley on Saturday 30 March was a powerful experience and was filled with joy! In fact, many of the 30 women at the retreat said that it was a perfect time for them to come away from their daily routine so as to be able to pray in a comfortable space and with a peaceful mind. The focus for the day was on forgiveness, using the gospel of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15: 11-32). During the retreat some questions were asked so the women could reflect on the meaning of forgiveness. Using this gospel, they could think and pray about forgiveness and remember God's loving mercy.

Sr Angela the Canossian sister was the main facilitator for the group. The women were given the opportunity to share their stories in this sacred space. In telling their stories they came to realise the forgiveness of God. The acceptance of the other women within the group helped them to know the forgiveness of a loving God who is patiently waiting for them to return to Him.

During times of group sharing, some of these women said they felt grateful for this opportunity because they were able to withdraw within themselves to a place of quiet and peace, which allowed them to focus in

prayer and listen to the word of God. Others said they were able to step aside from their daily everyday concerns, relax, focus, and be ready to start a new way of life. Others again said that the most important thing was that they have time to take care of their own soul and nourish their spiritual life. The women felt supported by the other women who were there in this prayerful space. Group games enabled them to build connection with each other and strengthen their relationship. Singing brought joy to them all! This wonderful day concluded with Mass by Fr Stephen who is Sudanese chaplain.

Sr Odete Moreira FDCC
(Cross-cultural Pastoral Minister)

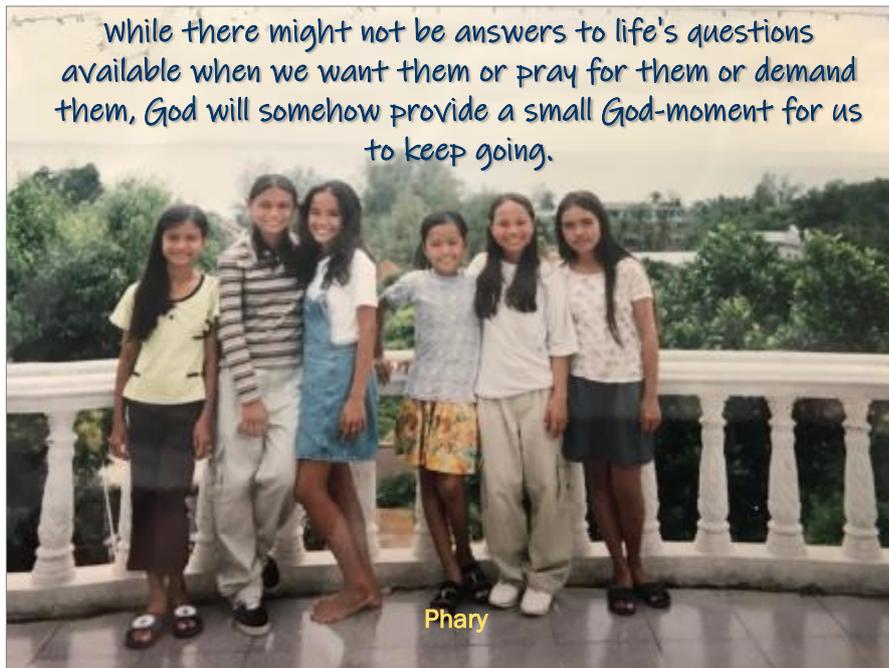


We embark on a journey of faith and let God take over

Twenty years ago, in 1999, I departed Cambodia after spending one year working for the Jesuit Refugee Service in partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. I departed thin, tired, emotional and still recovering from my second bout of dengue fever. As I hopped on the plane heading back to Australia I thought back over the last year in Cambodia. It was the last year of the civil war between the Khmer Rouge and government forces. The war had only just ended two or so months before, when the last 4000 or so Khmer Rouge soldiers came out of the last forests in Anlong Veng, after the Cambodian government brokered a peace deal with them. The civil war had been going for 30 years and had killed hundreds of thousands of people by the that time, not to include the 2 million that died under Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge hands. It was only a few months back when Pol Pot died in the border regions of Cambodia while we were going about our day to day work. The newspapers simply read at the time "Burnt like old tyres" as they quietly burned the body of a man responsible for one of the greatest genocides of the 20th century.

It had only been 9 months previously that I had participated as an international observer at a small commune called Tuol Prich where the Khmer Rouge had violently disrupted other voting areas nearby. I recall being present at all of the 8 villages that voted - where people came out for the first time for many, many years in hope that had not been on offer for 40 years since the Khmer Rouge first began its war with the government. I remembered being in the truck with my Cambodian friend Mony, with the voting booths on the back, with soldiers armed with AK47s coming out of the forest to protect our vehicle from any attack.

It had only been 8 months previously that I witnessed the hopeful demonstrations of the people in the streets of their support for a transparent democratic process. I was present in Phnom Penh soon thereafter when hundreds of these supporters disappeared or were killed. It had only been 7 months previously that our work compound was asked by a local human rights organisation to house a number of Buddhist monks for 6 weeks who had escaped with their lives as hundreds of others were executed across the countryside. I sat and watched during those 6 weeks how hope for a new country after the death of Pol Pot turned to fear and despair from those who were trying to bring hope into Cambodia's future and who were now hiding as "refugees in their own country" alongside refugees who were being supported by us through UNHCR. It was only five months previously that I stood in our compound, with scores of police outside, trying to negotiate for an hour two of my refugees out of harming



themselves and others around them with the two large knives that they were carrying, under the influence of drugs, only to see them lost in a sea of madness when the police finally subdued them with unrestrained violence.

It was only three months earlier that I was privileged to travel into one of the last Khmer Rouge controlled areas in Cambodia, where only our organisation and the United Nations were permitted to travel. I looked into the eyes of the soldiers who let us through to try, for a moment, to understand what hope they had for the future in a country that they fought for 30 years. It was along this same road, that I felt fear when we were forced to take a side road, because the small bridge was down, only to see that we were driving in sandy car tracks surrounded by red signs warning that the area we were in was land mined and unsafe.

It was only three months previously that I sat on a beach with a Jesuit priest and saw the most beautiful sunset that I have ever seen, and truly saw the presence of God reaching out over the countryside in a way that I had not seen before.

Finally, it had only been 5 days prior to my departure that we buried Phary, a dear 12 year old Cambodian girl, who had spent most of her life in a refugee camp in the Thai border region. Two months prior, we had taken Phary and others to see the beach. Phary had never seen the ocean before and when we came over the rise near Kompong Som to where the ocean met the horizon, the delighted expression on her face could have made anyone cry with happiness and sorrow at the same time - happiness for her astonishment of the most simple things in this world and sorrow that we can take so much for granted in life.

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Snapshots : Diversity in the Archdiocese

Syro Malabar Community | Santhom Fest brings various cultures together

Santhom Multicultural Fest held on 25 May at the Syro Malabar compound in Hillcrest attracted the participation of various cultural communities. Now on its second year, the festival was organised by the St Thomas the Apostle Syro Malabar Catholic Community to provide an opportunity to bring various cultures together and develop a deeper understanding of the customs and traditions of the diverse communities living in the area.

The festival featured various cultural and modern dance/music performances by various community groups including Chinese, African, Samoan, Tongan, Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and the various Indian communities. The day also featured various food stalls and family activities such as henna and face painting, jumping castle, pet barn and many more.

Logan Member of Parliament Linus Power and representatives from the Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care, Jessica and Percy, were among those welcomed at the festivity. CMPC thanks the Syro Malabar Parish Priests – Fr Abraham, Fr Varghese and Fr Saji, the Santhom Festival organising committee and the Syro Malabar



parish communities for creating an opportunity for people from various cultures to experience this wonderful gathering.

Timorese Queensland | Members and supporters celebrate milestone

The Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care (CMPC) congratulates the Timorese Catholic Community on the celebration of their country's 17th year of independence on Sunday, 18 May. On the same day, the community also celebrated the 10th anniversary of the East Timor Catholic Centre. Timor Leste Cross Cultural Pastoral Minister Sr Odete Moreira fdcc happily reports that on this day, about 180 Timorese and guests gathered for Mass celebrated by Fr Janu Pinto and Fr Wally Dethlefs at St Joseph's College in Spring Hill. Mass was followed by refreshments and cultural performances. More photos on [Photo credits: Sr Odete, Lita and the Timorese Community Queensland].



Canossian Jubilarians | Renewal of vows affirm commitment to service

We congratulate Sr Rosa Vazzano fdcc as she celebrates her 50th jubilee this year as a Canossian Daughter of Charity.

Sr Rosa and two other jubilarians – Sr Mary Grace Caruana and Sr Natalia Scacchetti celebrating their 60th anniversary, renewed their vows at a Eucharistic Celebration of Religious Consecration held at Canossa Chapel on 18 May in Oxley. Mass was celebrated by Fr Gerry Hefferan, Fr David Batey and Fr Sunil Paul SVD.

Sr Rosa is presently the Cross-cultural Pastoral Minister of emerging communities in Woodridge (Africans, Burmese and Sri Lankans). It is a privilege to be present at such a gathering that affirms the important work and contribution of religious sisters in the life of people from various walks of life. And we thank them for the strength of their spirit, resilience and commitment to service. (- Percy)



Snapshots : Diversity in the Archdiocese

Community Chaplains Group | A taste of Croatian hospitality

Community Chaplains continue to acquaint themselves with the various cultures of the group's membership. Their meeting in April was held at the Cardinal Stepinac Croatian Community Centre in Salisbury.

As customary, the meeting was followed by refreshments and all enjoyed sumptuous Croatian cuisine. Many thanks to Croatian Chaplain Fr Davor Dominovic OFM and Croatian community members Suzie and Gabrielle for the warmest of welcome. More photos on [CMPC Facebook](#). The Chaplains' meeting in June will be at St Thomas' Syro Malabar Parish in Hillcrest.



The April Meeting also included a brief presentation on awareness and prevention of human trafficking (including forced marriage) by ACRATH's Sr Janine Bliss.



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Catholic Cultural Communities | Lent & Easter

About 20 Catholic cultural communities in the archdiocese observed Lent, Holy Week and Easter according to their cultural expressions of faith. Pictured on left is the **Brazilian Community's 'Domingo de Alleluia'** at St Patrick's Church on Easter Sunday. The Community also gathered for a retreat at Lake Moogerah and attended the Lake Moogerah Passion Play. For information on the various cultural communities, visit the CMPC website on www.multiculturalcare.org.au

Indonesian Catholic Family | A pleasant surprise as community turns 24

More than 300 Catholic Indonesians and guests gathered at St. Ita's Church in Dutton Park on Sunday 24 March to celebrate the 24th founding anniversary of Indonesian Catholic Family.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge celebrated Mass with Bishop Emeritus Joseph Oudeman OFM Cap, Fr. James Grant OFM Cap, Fr. Lam Vu OFM Cap, Fr. Bollar Barretto, OFM Cap, Fr. A. Sumarwan SJ, Fr. Yon, SVD and Indonesian Community Chaplain Fr. Martinus Situmorang, OFM Cap.

Towards the end of the Mass, Archbishop Mark, Bishop Joseph, Fr Lam and CMPC Director Clyde Cosentino were each presented with a gift – a traditional ceremonial cloth called ulos used by the indigenous Batak people of North Sumatra where Fr Martinus originates. The gift symbolises the community's love, respect and appreciation for the support that they've received over the years. After Mass, the community and guests enjoyed traditional and modern



music and dance performances and sumptuous Indonesian food. More photos on [CMPC Facebook](#). [Photo credits: Justiwan Tungadi and ICF.]

105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees | RESOURCES

It is not just about migrants

Pope Francis has chosen the theme “*It Is Not Just About Migrants*” as the theme for the 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. With this theme, Pope Francis wants to highlight that his frequent appeals for migrants, refugees, displaced and trafficked people should be understood as

integral to his deep concern for all the inhabitants of today’s existential peripheries. The hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the prisoner who knock on our door today are Jesus Himself, asking to be encountered and supported. As Pope Francis emphasized in his homily at Sacrofano on Friday 15 February 2019: “*It is really [Jesus], even though our eyes struggle to recognise Him;*

with torn clothes, dirty feet, a deformed face, a wounded body, unable to speak our language.”

All information on this page are sourced from the [Migrants and Refugees Section](https://migrants-refugees.va/) of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Integral Human Development. <https://migrants-refugees.va/>

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Watch the video. Download the related resources. Share widely.

It's also about our fears

“It’s not just about migrants. It’s also about our fears. The ugly cruelty of our time tempts us to abandon any dream of freedom. And so we close in on ourselves, within our fragile certainty and security, inside the circle of people we like, in our safe routine. Withdrawing into ourselves is a sign of defeat, and it increases our fear of “others”, strangers, outsiders, foreigners especially today, when migrants and refugees arrive to knock at our door in search of protection, security, and a better future. It is not easy to enter into someone else’s culture, to put on the shoes of people who are so different from us and understand their thoughts and experiences. And so we often refuse to encounter others and raise barriers to protect ourselves. Instead of this, we are called to overcome fear and open up to encounter.”

- Pope Francis



It's also about charity

“Not just migrants. It’s also about charity. Charity cannot be neutral, antiseptic, indifferent, lukewarm or impartial! Charity is infectious, it excites, it risks and it engages! For true charity is always unmerited, unconditional and gratuitous! It is also about the face we want to give to our society and about the value of each human life.

Many positive steps have been taken in different areas, especially in the developed countries, yet we cannot forget that the progress of our peoples cannot be measured by technological or economic advances alone. It depends above all on our openness to being touched and moved by those who knock at our door. Their faces debunk and shatter all those false idols that can take over and enslave our lives, idols blind to the lives and sufferings of others, idols that promise an illusory and fleeting happiness.

How arid and inhospitable a city becomes, once it loses the capacity for compassion! A heartless society... a barren mother. You are not the marginalized; you are at the centre of the heart of the Church.” - Pope Francis



Clash of Two Cultures: South Sudanese Refugees Living In Australia written by Dhanojak Obongo is a personal account of one refugee's story. It recounts cultural challenges newly-arrived Sudanese/South Sudanese refugees faced when resettling in Australia, often going into a level of detail rarely found elsewhere. This book will be useful for those working with refugees, asylum seekers and victims of war. The book is available for purchase on Amazon.com



Australia celebrates : 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Bishops Conferences around the world celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees at different times of the year. Europe and the US have been celebrating this annual event on the 14th of January until this year when Pope Francis decided to shift the date to 29 September. Australian dioceses will keep the usual celebration date which is the last Sunday of August as done in past years.

Migrant and Refugee Week 19 to 25 August

Resources for parishes, schools and communities on how to celebrate the

week will be made available soon from the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee (ACMRO) website www.acmro.catholic.org.au.

Archdiocesan Multicultural Mass 25 August, 2:30pm

Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane
Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and priests ministering to cultural communities. Visit the CMPC website for some [suggestions](#) on how to celebrate Multicultural Week www.multiculturalcare.org.au. Check out our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/



Above: Multicultural Youth Choir 2018

World Refugee Day 20 June

Refugee Week 16 to 22 June

www.un.org/en/events/refugeeday
www.unrefugees.org.au; www.unhcr.org
www.unrefugees.org.au/get-involved/special-events
Useful resources an events list on the [RCOA website](#)
www.refugeeweek.org.au

We embark on a journey of faith...

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Seven days before Phary died, she asked me if she could take a photo of her and myself. I was happy to do this. Two days before she died, I gave her and her parents the photo that she had asked for. On the day of the funeral, I dug the grave with her family to bury her. In my distress that day, I was angry with God - very angry. Angry that an innocent such as Phary could be cruelly taken by a disease that in a 1st world setting, she would have survived. An hour later when I sat by myself to try and understand the emotional roller coaster that I had been taken on over the last 1 year, I saw another spectacular sunset. So I prayed. And I felt at peace. And I realised that there is so much we want to control - and we can't. But we just have to keep on

believing! I took a photo of this same sunset and every so often I take it out to remind me that, while there might not be answers to life's questions available when we want them or pray for them or demand them, God will somehow provide a small God-moment for us to keep going.

On the day I spoke to Phary's parents, in their grief, they told me that moments before Phary died in the terrible hospital that she was in, Phary turned to her parents and said "Why are there so many smiling people in the room with us." Her parents told her that it was only them and Phary there. Phary died not long after - obviously surrounded by angels to take her to a better resting place! Phary is the one in the middle of the photo attached, just moments after she saw the ocean

for the first time. Her friends were also all born in the Thai refugee camps.

On the day I left Cambodia on 27 March 1999, I realised that I had learnt more about my faith, God and myself in that last year, then I had in all of my years previously, and probably more so than I could still learn about myself now. In that year, I learnt that we must embark on a journey of faith and allow God to take over from there. Just like that scene in Indiana Jones and the Holy Grail, unless we put our front foot forward and trust in God when we stand on the cliff face to nowhere and to possible oblivion, then we will never see the glass bridge that God has put under us to take us across the abyss.

Clyde Cosentino
Director

Liturgical Inculturation, Anyone?

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and artistic pattern. Liturgical inculturation is basically the assimilation by the liturgy of local cultural patterns."

On page 37 Fr. Chupungco writes further:

"A question that distresses liturgists in multicultural countries when the subject of inculturation is raised is how to define the culture of their own people. Is there, in the first place, one culture for the entire

United States of America? If there were, it would be so multi-faceted and subject to constant change that it would at any rate elude definition. But inculturation does not need this kind of endeavour. Defining the culture of a people is often nothing more than an exercise in futility. What will definitely serve inculturation is a study that will determine the typical way a particular group of people, in the concrete circumstances of life, collectively thinks, speaks, and expresses itself

through rites, symbols, and art forms. An inculturated liturgy is one whose shape, language, rites, symbols, and artistic expressions reflect the cultural pattern of the local Church."

I am positive that changes will come eventually, and organically. It is my hope that the concept of liturgical inculturation in multicultural Australia is further explored by leaders in this field.

Percy Pamo Lawrence
Cultural and Administration Officer

Liturgical Inculturation *Anyone?*

I, too, have a dream. And this dream might sound selfish.

I dream of a liturgy that incorporates the cultural patterns of our present multicultural society, with a long-term view towards organic interculturality. I look at my child and I stare at the image of a young intercultural church.... or the possibility of such.

You see, I am migrant, although it has been 26 years. I caused myself to be dislocated having moved countries 5,812 kilometres south. My faith matured in the process, yet I dream of something more.

My culture is the channel through which I learned my faith. I have now transported this gift of faith to share in Australia, and like others, I long to feel at home in the church where I worship. I wish to be surrounded by God in the richness of music, symbols, imagery, prayers, rituals and festivities that speak to my culturally unique and feminine soul. And I wish this for my children and my children's children. However....

The prevailing Australian 'Catholic' culture, as we know, was shaped by a predominantly Anglo-Celtic past. And there is nothing wrong with that. However, we may rightly claim to be a multicultural church, yet our liturgical practices do not yet reflect the richness that surrounds us. Our

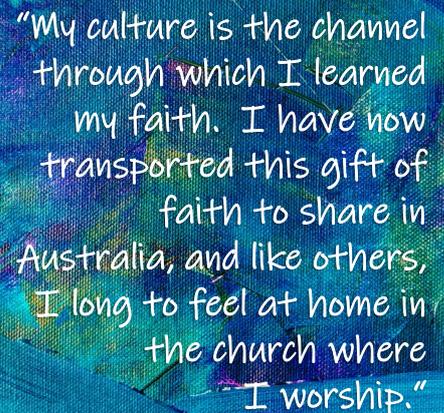
hymns/music, images, symbols, art, language and interpretation, etc. are still heavily 'Anglo-Celtic'. Again, there is nothing wrong with this.

Singling out one aspect from my long list of wishes, here is one example: I like singing along with the choir during Mass. It is very uplifting. While I love hearing the 'sacred feel' of Anglo-Celtic hymns, I also long to listen to the church music of my childhood. I also marvel at the shrill vibrancy of the African beat. I savour the melodious colours of Polynesian harmony. I stand attentive to the reverent sound of clapticks and didgeridoo bidding the congregation "Welcome! Let us worship together".

Is it time to create pathways that would encourage the development of new church music compositions that reflect this gift of variety? Is there a way to explore church music other than Anglo-Celtic and add this to the current list of Australian hymns and liturgical songs? Over time, a new 'Australian Catholic church music' may emerge.

Another aspect that affects my appreciation of some parts of the liturgy is imagery (or symbols). For example, (risking the sensitivities involved, and I am not one bit questioning the theology behind this ritual) -- the imagery of bread and wine does not speak to me 'deeply and fully' because the staple diet from where I come is rice and water.

Still another aspect is my nostalgia for Popular Catholicism— but that of the milder kind. Popular Catholicism assists migrants to transition into their new country. The devotions to Christ on the cross, Mary and the saints, the celebration of feasts days, novenas and many cultural faith practices are attempts to access that 'supportive feel and presence' of absent



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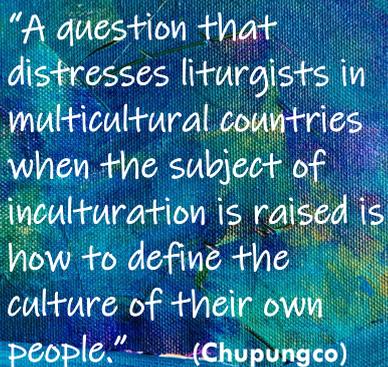
families. It may sound contradictory, but these practices assist in a migrant's initial attempts to belong. Instead of this richness remaining stagnant in *ghetto* communities (for want of a better word), is there a possibility of incorporating some that would mix well and prove beneficial to the collective culture of a parish?

Five years ago, I happened to skim over some of the books authored by Anscar Chupungco OSB, a renowned liturgist who had served as consultor to the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the International Commission on English in the Liturgy. Fr. Chupungco, known for 'integrating local customs and traditions into the Catholic Mass', passed away in 2013.

Fr. Chupungco's book *Liturgical Inculturation: Sacramentals, Religiosity, and Catechesis*, although written in the context of a multicultural church in North America, clarified the limited and muddled concept of 'my dream'. On page 30 of this book, Fr. Chupungco writes:

"Liturgical inculturation, viewed from the side of the liturgy (the side of culture deserves a separate study), may be defined as the process of inserting the texts and rites of the liturgy into the framework of the local culture. As a result, the texts and rites assimilate the people's thought, language, value, ritual, symbolic,

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Celebrating the 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

In observance of National Migrant and Refugee Sunday



Archdiocesan

MULTICULTURAL MASS

2019



Sunday, 25 August

2:30 pm

Cathedral of St Stephen

249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

Main Celebrant:

Most Rev Mark Coleridge

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TIPS on celebrating National Migrant & Refugee Week 2019

The **105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees** will be on **Sunday 29 September**. Australian dioceses mark this event with the celebration of the **National Migrant & Refugee Week**, which is the last week of August each year culminating with **Migrant & Refugee Sunday** on **25 August**. In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, the **archdiocesan Multicultural Mass** will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Stephen on **25 August at 2:30pm**. More and more parishes in the archdiocese now organise their own **parish Multicultural Mass** on the same Sunday, or any preferred Sunday during the year. These observances provide opportunities for reflection and appreciation of the contributions of migrants and refugees, as well as the richness that cultural diversity brings to the Australian church and society.

To celebrate the 105th Migrants and Refugee Day, parishes, schools, cultural and multicultural communities are encouraged to be creative in organising events during the National Migrant and Refugee Week or any time during the year by organising activities or initiatives that promote understanding among various cultures to prepare the path towards integration and positive intercultural relations. Here are some suggestions:

PARISHES

- The Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care (CMPC) in coordination with the Cathedral of St Stephen, Community Chaplains and cultural communities. organises the annual archdiocesan Multicultural Mass on the last Sunday of August. **Celebrate your parish Multicultural Mass around this time, or any time during the year.** Allocate various parts of the liturgy to a person or group from a particular ethnic or linguistic background. If Mass parts are read in a language other than English, have the English text on print or projected on screen. Encourage people to come dressed in traditional/national costume. Ensure that Acknowledgment of Country is included in the liturgy. Greet people before Mass or during the Sign of Peace in your native language.
- Invite choirs from various cultural groups in the parish to sing hymns in their own languages or prepare appropriate liturgical dances that reflect their faith expression.
- Create a parish multicultural group, a parish multicultural choir or a parish multicultural sports team to promote interaction among cultural groups in the parish or deanery.
- Display a National Migrant and Refugee Week poster, maps or symbols that represent the countries of origin of parishioners. List the countries of origin of all parishioners from culturally diverse background. **Be aware of the sensitivities involved in flag displays**

particularly felt by those who come from countries that were previously colonised or currently under the rule of another country.

- Read and reflect on the message of Pope Francis for this year's **World Day for Migrants and Refugees (2018)** and initiate discussion.
- **Use the resources prepared by the Vatican's Migrant & Refugee Section** <https://migrants-refugees.va/>. **Show the videos at some point during the homily on 25 August.**
- Initiate a forum or use a parish approved social media platform where parishioners can share positive information on cultural diversity, harmony and integration or share stories and experiences of resettlement in Australia.
- List the feast days celebrated by cultural communities present in the parish or deanery; incorporate these feast days in the parish liturgical calendar.
- The parish office can research on and keep a list of migrant/cultural/service delivery organisations in the area.
- Possible activities after Mass: Food stalls offering a variety of cuisine from various countries, cultural performances, sports & games, a mini-fete showcasing arts and crafts from various cultures.
- Encourage parishioners to host gatherings similar to **A Taste of Harmony**, **Welcome Dinner**, **Luminous Lantern Parade** etc.

SCHOOLS

- Host a school Multicultural Week or Cultural Diversity Week.
- Develop a social media platform dedicated to cultural diversity, harmony and integration.
- Organise a story/poetry/poster competition with cultural diversity as a theme to be judged at various age levels.
- Ask students to research their own cultural heritage by speaking to parents, grandparents and other family members.
- With the help of parents and grandparents, encourage students

to draw their own family tree.

- Children from various cultural backgrounds could teach each other a word of greeting in their respective language.
- Develop a discussion group for sharing ideas on multiculturalism and integration. Invite speakers to talk on interesting topics; invite parents and grandparents to attend.
- Organise movie screenings <https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/resources/key-resources/films-on-refugees/>

CULTURAL COMMUNITIES

- Start a group that would engage on regular cultural exchanges with other cultural communities in the archdiocese.
- Invite parish multicultural groups or other cultural communities to your special religious or cultural gatherings.
- Establish a roster, or set up a mentoring partnership, for example, between an established cultural community with a newly arrived community towards mutual learning and enrichment.
- Organise rostered prayer gatherings (and other activities) with various cultural communities.
- Explore initiatives on cultural diversity and integration in other countries eg. <http://citiesofmigration.ca/>

ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care**
 - **Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office**
 - **Refugee Council of Australia**
 - **Together for Humanity**
 - **Australian Catholic Religious Against Human Trafficking**
 - **Harmony Day Australia**
 - **Queensland Multicultural Month**
- ## EXPLORE BEYOND BORDERS
- **Migrants & Refugees Section of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development**
 - **Cultural Diversity in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**
 - **Cities of Migration**
 - **British Council – Storytelling to Celebrate Cultural Diversity**
 - **Scarboro Missions Canada**