

for Parish Bulletin

The Gospel tells us that Joseph, Mary and Jesus fled from their homeland for safety. Pope Francis has recently named St Joseph as “the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty.”

To honour and acknowledge this, people are coming together to engage in **150 Days of Action** across Australia, concluding on September 26th. We wish to work with people of good will, and together advocate to change our country’s attitude and policies towards those seeking protection in Australia. The Australian response needs to reflect the Gospel more, as it too often presents refugees and people seeking asylum as those who try to manipulate our charity. Jesus says to us that what we do to others we do to him.

All parishes and groups, no matter how small, are invited to take part, and to work with others for the good of our brothers and sisters who are seeking refuge.

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