

Welcome the Stranger

Patrice Moriarty, Social Justice Coordinator
with Hava, Sabeen, Miriam and Georgia
from Sydney Alliance and House of Welcome

**You are invited to create community online as we gather to
share and grow faith.**

How to Prepare and Run a Session:

Read *Saturday Sessions 'How To' Guide* for information how to host a Saturday Session.

Presentation:

Welcome the Stranger

2020 (approx. 15-20 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpzcQZSQXFc&feature=youtu.be>

About the Presenter:

Patrice Moriarty, Social Justice Coordinator with Hava, Sabeen, Miriam and Georgia from Sydney Alliance and House of Welcome share their experience of first-hand the experience and stories of refugees and people seeking asylum in the Diocese of Parramatta.

Look into why welcome is so important in the practice of our faith and how COVID-19 and its economic impact have affected asylum seekers and refugees and what we can do to welcome and help out.



Questions to Ponder:

1. What was your response to what you heard?
2. Think of a time you were made to feel welcome. What in particular made you feel welcome? What did you feel in that moment?
3. "The unconditional love of God" – what does that look like?
4. Patrice says that helping people, especially people seeking refuge, is not an option and is scattered throughout scripture. How do you respond? Patrice asks, "Do my actions meet this call?"
5. Hava shares her story about living in Afghanistan and then coming to Australia. What significant points stood out to you about Hava's story?
6. The House of Welcome provides a safe and welcoming space for people seeking asylum and refugees living in the community. What impacted you about the work and stories from the team at the House of Welcome?
7. What are the ways you already 'Welcome the Stranger' personally or as a community?
8. What has challenged you about what was shared?
9. What difference, if any, has this presentation made to the way you will move forward in welcoming the stranger?

Further Support:

If you would like further support to bring to life a Saturday Session, or Wednesday Wisdom or Tuesday Thinktank (the name can be changed), please contact Lisa at the Pastoral Planning Office at lisa.bright@parracatholic.org

For information about Zoom please contact the Pastoral Planning Office or you can watch a Zoom tutorial at <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362033-Getting-Started-on-Windows-and-Mac>

The Pastoral Planning Office thanks you for your enduring faith, hope, love and commitment as we venture into the deep. We pray that you experience the peace and grace that our God offers and can be an ambassador of Christ's hope and peace to those you encounter and accompany.

Please contact the Pastoral Planning Office for support in all areas of pastoral ministry.

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