

Just Reflecting

Good Shepherd
Mission & Justice

World Refugee Day
June 20th

Sunday June 20th—Saturday June 26th Refugee

The UNHCR's theme for World Refugee Day 2010 is **Home**



Regardless of who we are, there lies within us all an innate longing to belong and to have a place to call home. Whether we define home as a place to live, a place for family and community, a land or homeland, a building or an

emotional need, the feeling of being 'at home' is critical to life.

Without home, regardless of the definition, there is a detrimental effect on the life of a human. We cannot live belonging nowhere and to no-one— to do this diminishes us all.

World Refugee Day 2010 celebrates the courage and resilience of refugees, raising awareness of their plight worldwide.



Support an event near you

<http://www.refugeeweek.org.au/>

Or check our

[weblinks](#)

Good Shepherd is gravely concerned about the recent decision to freeze processing of all claims by asylum seekers from Afghanistan and Sri Lanka and oppose the re-opening the Curtain detention centre. For more information, please see our [position paper](#)

Today we consider

As they fled violence, they hoped for safety, **but did they find it here?**
As they fled conflict, they hoped for peace, **but did they find it here?**
As they fled persecution, they hoped for freedom, **but did they find it here?**

We respect the spirit, courage and resilience of the women, men and children who are forced to flee their homeland under threat of persecution, conflict and violence. We welcome them to a place that they can all call home.



See our Good Shepherd [Weblinks](#) for further info

Actively giving **life** the shape of **justice**