

The Season of Creation is an annual celebration by Christians, giving thanks to God our Creator for the blessings of all creation. It is a time to deepen our awareness of God's presence in the beauty and beneficence of creation. It is also a time to acknowledge the great harm we are doing to creation, and to change our ways of living, thinking and acting. This year's theme, *Earth as God's Home for*

All—Hospitality and Habitat, asks us to see how we are called to offer welcome and support to those in desperate need, and how we need to protect the precious habitat that provides a home for ourselves and other creatures. The Adelaide Archdiocese recommends the work of the four organisations below as practical ways to be involved in celebrating this Season of Creation.



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Welcoming Australia

Welcoming Australia exists to cultivate a culture of welcome and create a future where people of all backgrounds have equal opportunity to belong, contribute and thrive. <https://welcoming.org.au/>

Welcoming Australia offers a range of programs to make Australia a welcoming place—The Welcoming Centre at 100 Drayton St Bowden, Welcoming Cities and Welcoming Clubs

Action for Afghanistan *Australia can – and must – do more in response to the worsening humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan. We must act urgently and with compassion to offer safety, solidarity, support, aid and protection. Sign the petition at <https://www.change.org/p/prime-minister-scott-morrison-action-for-afghanistan>*

Adelaide National Park City

Green Adelaide is the State Government's body charged with caring for Adelaide's urban environment. It is working for a "greener, cooler, wilder and more climate-resilient Adelaide" by working with industry and the community to conserve and protect our coasts, waterways, open space, flora and fauna. It is campaigning to have Adelaide recognized as a "National Park City", where people and nature are more closely connected.

The Archbishop, Pat O'Regan, has offered his support by signing the National Park City Charter. You can offer your support for Adelaide's bid by signing the Charter at <https://www.adelaidenationalparkcity.org/charter>

Organised by the Adelaide Catholic Council for Integral Ecology—Catholics working for justice, ecology and peace. More info at impe@internode.on.net or 0488 062 112

Vinnies 150 Days of Action for people seeking asylum and refugees

Vinnies Refugee & Asylum Seeker Service is campaigning for a more just and compassionate to people seeking protection in Australia and fleeing persecution. Many of these people have been denied access to the most basic supports and services. Some 400 remain in detention in Papua New Guinea, and 1400 people are held in detention in Australia, for no just reason.

The campaign is calling on the Federal Government to

1. provide income support and a financial safety net for all those seeking asylum in Australia
2. end temporary protection visas and provide a clear pathway to permanent residency
3. ensure access to family reunion for refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia.

To find out how you can support this campaign contact Vinnies Refugee & Asylum Seeker Service on 8340 3053 at The House of Welcome, 43 LeHunte St, Kilburn or go to https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/SA/Resettling_in_Australia/

Protecting Adelaide's Tree Canopy

The Conservation Council of South Australia is alarmed by the loss of 75,000 trees per year in Adelaide, due to insensitive urban infill, failure to recognize how important old trees are for wildlife, amenity and climate resilience, and convoluted planning laws that do little to protect our natural heritage. The Council is calling on people to support retaining tree cover on private land, clearer rules for homeowners and developers, help for tree owners to properly maintain and care for old trees, and developing our understanding of how precious old trees are in urban environments. You can offer your support by going to <https://www.conservation.sa.gov.au/trees>