10 Sunday of Lent
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20 March 6th
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27 March
Watch our short animated video on forced migration. Afterward, take a few minutes to imagine that you and your family stand in solidarity with people who have been forced to flee their homes.

13 April
Let us pray that they may live in dignity, peace, and security.

11 April
Let us pray for all the children, women, and men afflicted by war. May the Lord give us the wisdom to work and advocate for solidarity.

17 April
Let us pray especially for those who have been forced to leave their homes.

24 April
Let us pray that all children who can’t live in their homes.

30 April
Let us pray for all the children, women, and men who have been forced to flee their homes.

3rd Sunday of Lent
Lord Jesus, light the way of all those who must flee their homes so that they may reach their destination safely.

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Lord Jesus, be with us in our commitment to build a just world and to put an end to forced migration throughout the world.

3rd Sunday of Lent
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Solidarity Sunday
Bring the donations you’ve collected to church today for the Solidarity Sunday collection for Development and Peace or give online at devp.org/give.

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Sunday
To avoid war and violence, let us pray for the needs and wants of others, and taking the time to listen to them. How can we put this into action today?

Monday
We spoke of forced migration when people flee their homes because they fear for their safety and their lives. Did you know that every minute, 31 people are forced to flee their homes?

Tuesday
Jesus taught us many things:
- Love one another
- Reconcile our differences
- Pray for those who persecute us
Choose one of Christ’s teachings and put it into practice today.

Wednesday
March 6th
This Lenten season share the journey with the 68.5 million children, women, and men who have been forced to flee their homes.

Thursday
Watch our short animated video on forced migration. Afterward, take a few minutes to imagine that you and your family stand in solidarity with people who have been forced to flee their homes.

Friday
When people flee their homes, they must leave almost everything behind. Take a look at all the things you have. How many pairs of pants do you have? For each of them, give $2. Be grateful for what you have!

Saturday
Let us pray for those who persecute us.

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Meet Shominara

Age: 11 years old
Country of origin: Burma
Currently lives: in Kutupalong refugee camp in Bangladesh

“My name is Shominara, I’m 11 years old and I have two sisters and one brother. We come from Rakhine State, in Burma.

It took us four to five days to get here [to Bangladesh] from Burma. We brought some snacks with us for the road, and that’s what we ate for several days. At night, we hid in the forest. We drank a bit of water when we were thirsty if we found some in the forest.

We feel good here because we’re safe. I can participate in activities, study, and do what I want. Later, I would like to be a teacher and help my students learn new things. When I finish my studies, I want to work. I would also like to be a doctor.”

Who are the Rohingyas?
The Rohingyas are an ethnic group (a group of people sharing the same culture, religion and language) from Burma, a small country in Asia. Their ancestors settled in Burma about two centuries ago. There are about 135 different ethnic groups in Burma. Most are Buddhists, but some are Christians or Muslims, like the Rohingya.

Why do they have to flee Burma?
The Rohingyas have long been victims of violence, persecution, and discrimination in Burma, and have limited access to state education and health care. Since 1982, they have also been forbidden from having Burmese nationality even if they have lived in Burma for generations.

In August 2017, a conflict arose between the Burmese army and a Rohingya group, and this led to entire Rohingya villages being burned down. To survive, hundreds of thousands of Rohingyas have had to flee their country to seek refuge in neighbouring Bangladesh.

Where do they live now?
The vast majority of Rohingyas are now living in refugee camps in Bangladesh. Kutupalong camp, where Shominara lives, is home to more than 621,000 Rohingya refugees, and is the largest refugee camp in the world. At this camp, 55% of people are children.

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Lent calls us to three actions: praying, fasting, and almsgiving.

Praying
We pray to grow close to God - the source of our strength and the inspiration for how we live in the world.

Fasting
We fast from things we enjoy. When we do this, we create space for God.

Almsgiving
We give alms because we are inspired by God’s love for every part of His creation. We respond with charity – helping others in their need – and with justice – being transformed ourselves, in order to bring about the kingdom of God.

Use this calendar to learn, think, pray and act throughout your Lenten journey!