Solidarity Calendar

Thank you for your generosity!

**Sunday, April 1**

1. **Palm Sunday**
   Lord Jesus, help us to eliminate the root causes of the poverty affecting our societies, to reduce poverty and exclusion, and to promote a culture of encounter.

2. **World Day of Prayer for Peace**
   Let us pray with the words Jesus taught his disciples: “But when you enter a house, greet it first. Then, if the man of the house is welcoming, your招待 will be welcomed too; and if not, it will be recorded against you. You are to speak a word against that house. Let whatever you have been given remain in the house. If the house is not welcoming, let it be given to those who are welcoming you.”

3. **World Day of Prayer for Water**
   Another way to support the cause of water is by committing to reduce your water use. Try to take a shower instead of a bath, and make sure to turn off the faucet while you brush your teeth.

4. **April 1st**
   An internally displaced person is someone who has fled their home but has not crossed the border into another country. Did you know that Colombia has the highest number of internally displaced people in the world? There are 7.7 million people who cannot return to their homes.

5. **4th Sunday of Lent**
   Let us pray for the children and adults who have been forced to flee their homes.

6. **Solidarity Sunday**
   Bring the donations you’ve collected to church today. THANK YOU!

7. **Good Friday**
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8. **Holy Saturday**
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9. **Easter Sunday**
   Happy Easter! Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord Jesus as we celebrate your rising, may we be a joyful Easter People, who help you OTHERS in a kingdom where all may live the abundance of life.

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**PREPARE YOURSELVES!**

Follow our Solidarity Calendar on Facebook and Instagram! Go to devp.org/lentcalendar for more information.

Decorate a recycled container to use as a donation jar throughout Lent! Bring your offerings to your parish or school on the date of your Sharelife collection.

When you see this pictogram, go online at devp.org/lentcalendar and ask an adult if you need help with the subtitles!

For teachers using this calendar, tell your students about the weekend actions on Friday so they know what to do at home.

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**March 6th**

1. **Ash Wednesday**
   Let yourself be enveloped by the ashes of that moment to enter a new phase of your life, for you are loved and cherished by God. Let the ashes of that moment be your encouragement to start something new in your life, to change and start again.

2. **Watch our short animated video on forced migration. Afterward, take a few minutes to imagine that you are a child who has been forced to flee your home at the age of 5. How would you feel? What would you want? Who would you turn to for help?”

3. **Sunday, April 1**
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**FAMILY PRAYER FOR LENT**

God of mercy,
With every step we make today,
We pray your love will fill our hearts and move us deeply.
Open our eyes to see the face of Christ in all we meet along the way.
Amen.

Source: CAFOD

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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.”

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**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 Rohingya refugees 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!