

# JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES

## PERMANENT VISAS NOW

Palm Sunday Rally  
1pm 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Garema Place



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## 1PM SUNDAY 24 MARCH GAREMA PLACE

*(To march with a church, union, community or other organisation, meet at 12.30pm at Petrie Plaza – near the merry-go-round.)*

Australia's policies continue to punish and harm refugees and asylum seekers. About 10,000 people who came to Australia more than 10 years ago to seek a safe home are still without a path to permanent residency. Another 1,000 who were imprisoned for years on Manus Is. and Nauru have been told that they will never be able to settle here permanently. Some refugees – now very ill – are still in PNG and others are on Nauru.

It is time for a fair process and a pathway to permanent residency for all these people.  
It is time for justice.

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### Speakers:



#### **Kylea Tink, Federal Member for North Sydney.**

Kylea Tink was voted in as the independent federal member for North Sydney in 2022, a seat long held by the Liberal Party. She has been a strong advocate for human rights both in Australia and internationally, including the rights of refugees and people seeking asylum and a vocal critic of the current cruel policies supported by both major parties.

She has recently introduced legislation in the Parliament which would limit immigration detention to 90 days – rather than the current average of 866 days. She has also led the call for a Royal Commission into Australian Immigration Detention to shine a light on this shameful part of our national history. Recently, she wrote that *"For decades now, some of the bravest advocates have been calling for a just immigration system in this country: one that reflects the human rights obligations Australia owes, and I add my voice to their calls."*



#### **Ghulamreza Haidari**

Ghulamreza (Reza) Haidari is a Hazara refugee from Afghanistan. He arrived in Australia in 2012 seeking asylum. Since then, he hasn't been able to visit his family and hasn't seen his son and wife for the past 12 years.

He has been on temporary bridging visas for the past 12 years, with limited work rights and no access to Medicare. Long family separation and fear of deportation has been harrowing for him. He says that his only hope is to save his family and have a peaceful life here in Australia.



#### **Fr. John Woods**

Father John Woods is a priest of the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. Born in New Zealand, he has spent most of his life in Canberra. Father John is the Parish Priest of Transfiguration Parish, North Woden. He has held a number of Archdiocesan appointments and is also currently the Vicar (or Archbishop Christopher Prowse's representative) for Social Services and Welfare. As a Christian and grateful citizen, he supports initiatives to improve the plight of asylum seekers.