

**RESIST
CRUELTY**

**WELCOME
REFUGEES**

**PALM SUNDAY PROTEST
1PM SUN 5 APRIL GAREMA PLACE**

SPEAKERS INCLUDE CELEBRATED SURGEON AND REFUGEE, ASSOC. PROF MUNJED AL MUDERIS



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Australia's refugee policies have harmed tens of thousands of desperate, vulnerable people. We have pioneered some of the most cruel and inhumane policies in the world.

You can tell a lot about a policy by who supports it.

There is *"much to be learned"* from Australia's refugee policies. - **Donald Trump**

"if the European Union had the right policy, people would know they would not be accepted by coming across the water, just as the Australians dealt with this problem...". - **Nigel Farage**, former leader far-right UK Independence Party (UKIP)

Donald Trump and many leaders of the far-right in Europe have lauded Australian treatment of refugees and asylum seekers.

But you can also tell a lot about a policy by who opposes it.

"Every person who we, Thailand or any other country, mistreat is one too many. Australia must do better than we have in recent years." - **Craig**

Foster, sports analyst and refugee rights advocate

"This program is designed to break these people. And to send them back." - **Gillian Triggs**, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection

Not to mention the publicised positions of:

- UN High Commissioner for Refugees
- UN Human Rights Council
- Australian Medical Association
- National Council of Churches Australia
- Human Rights Watch
- Amnesty International
- and many other Australian and international humanitarian organisations

Australia is still the only country to use:

- Mandatory detention
- Indefinite detention without charge
- Offshore detention
- Permanent exclusion for anyone who arrives by boat

This Palm Sunday show that we will continue to resist these policies. Resist Cruelty! Resist inhumane policies! Welcome Refugees!

Speaking at the rally:

A/Professor Munjed Al Muderis

Forced to flee Saddam Hussein's Iraq after being ordered to mutilate prisoners, Munjed Al Muderis came to Australia to seek safety. Like many thousands of others he was locked up in Australia's detention system - sometimes in solitary confinement. Finally released, he has established himself as a world-renown orthopaedic surgeon pioneering a new surgery for amputees. Amongst many honours, he was recently named NSW Australia of the Year.

Sr Clare Condon

Sr Clare Condon is a Sister of the Good Samaritan and was Congregational Leader from 2005 to 2017. Prior to that she was Chancellor in the Archdiocese of Adelaide and an educator. In 2013, she was the recipient of the Australian Human Rights Medal from the Australian Human Rights Commission for her ability to make a difference in social issues, including the sisters' work with refugees and asylum seekers, homeless women and children and partnering with indigenous Australians.

