

CHRISTMAS WITH A DIFFERENCE

Different agencies are promoting different ways of encouraging people to support the poor, refugees and displaced people around the world at this time. Check out the following websites if you can help.

Caritas Australia:

The festive season will soon be here. Why not turn your Christmas celebrations into a Caritas Kitchen event?

<http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/online-fundraising/caritas-kitchen>

Catholic Mission:

Life-Giving Gifts: Give a gift wrapped in love this Christmas

<https://secure.imisfriendraising.com.au/registrant/TicketingWelcome.aspx?eventid=12954&langpref=en-CA&Referrer=http%3a%2f%2fwww.catholicmission.org.au%2f>

St Vincent de Paul:

Our Christmas Gift Appeal assists people and families in need who, without our support, may not experience all that Christmas has to offer.

https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Get_Involved/Fundraise/VIC/Christmas_Gift_Appeal/

Centacare Ballarat:

2015 Annual Toy Drive will run November 8 to December 15. Seeking donations of toys for all families engaged with Centacare programs, the drive aims to provide each child with a gift for Christmas. The appeal allows children who may not otherwise receive a gift the opportunity to experience the wonder that Christmas brings. To donate please purchase an age specific toy, select a name tag from one of the Centacare gift trees located at Toyworld Ballarat, Curves Sebastopol or Curves Wendouree and place your gift under the tree.

Act of Peace:

This invitation to Australian Christians to stand by men, women and children living through conflict and displacement is, sadly, more important than ever. For the first time in history, there are nearly 60 million displaced people in the world who need our help.

The Christmas Bowl appeal is our way of forging a loving connection between our Christian community here in Australia and people around the world who are experiencing dreadful hardship and suffering. Find out more about how you can take part.

<https://www.actforpeace.org.au/Christmas-Bowl>