

Item	Timing	Timestamp (example timing)	Content	Action/resource required
<i>Welcome &amp; Acknowledgment of Country</i>	3 mins	7:03pm	<p>Welcome attendees to the vigil and acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands your event is being held on.</p> <p><i>For example:</i> Our event today is being held on the lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and I wish to acknowledge them as Traditional Owners. I would also like to pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and Aboriginal Elders of other communities who may be here today.</p> <p><i>For further information visit:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="https://aiatsis.gov.au/whose-country">https://aiatsis.gov.au/whose-country</a></li> <li>○ <a href="https://www.blakbusiness.com.au/what-country-am-i-on">https://www.blakbusiness.com.au/what-country-am-i-on</a></li> </ul>	- 1 person to provide welcome and acknowledgment of Country.
<i>Introduction</i>	5 mins	7:08pm	<p>Introduce the vigil and provide an overview of the event.</p> <p><i>For example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We gather to acknowledge the experience of people who have been affected by the Australian practice of offshore processing in the last ten years.</li> <li>○ We acknowledge and grieve the loss of life and loss of wellbeing for people seeking asylum.</li> <li>○ We mourn the harshness and injustice in our government policies.</li> <li>○ We acknowledge the love and action within the Australian community in support of people seeking asylum.</li> <li>○ We acknowledge the contribution that people seeking asylum here have made over many decades, are making now, and could make in the future.</li> <li>○ We live in hope of greater compassion in our policies to match that already live in our communities.</li> </ul>	- 1 person to provide introduction.
<i>Ten years: the practice of offshore processing and its impact</i>	10 mins	7:18pm	<p>Choose from a range of materials to provide an overview of the current offshore processing practice, and the impact that the past ten years have had on individuals.</p> <p>Resources include:</p>	- 1 person to present.

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<i>Ten years: stories of those with lived experience</i>	10 mins	7:28pm	<p>Share stories of those who have a lived experience of being detained offshore. This can be through a person with lived experience speaking at the vigil, or sharing someone’s story through video or speech.</p> <p><i>Suggestions of stories in text:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Rights Watch Australia: ‘8 Years of Abusive Offshore Asylum Processing’ (July 2021) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Abbas Maghames</li> <li>○ Loghman Sawari</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Power to Persuade, article noted above <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mina Taherkhani</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ABC News, ‘They were trapped in immigration detention for nine years. Here’s what life after the Park Hotel looks like’ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Medhi and Adnan Choopani</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Suggestions of stories in video:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Excerpts from You Can’t Ask That</a> (4.25 mins)</li> <li>• <a href="#">One simple thing everyone can do to welcome refugees</a> Hedayat Osyan TEDxSydney (7.47 minutes)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Refugee success stories</a> (3.31 mins)</li> <li>• <a href="#">The traumatic life of Australia’s refugees and asylum seekers detained for years in the Park Hotel</a> (5.13 mins)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Australia’s refugee camps</a> (6.28 mins)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 person to share experience, or share the experiences of others.</li> <li>- Depending on delivery of stories, vigil organisers may need to source video projection materials.</li> </ul>

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<i>Ten years and 19 lives lost: a moment of silence</i>	5 mins	7:33pm	<p>Opportunity to facilitate reflection time to commemorate those who have lost their lives over the last ten years within Australia's offshore processing system.</p> <p>Nineteen candles or lights could be lit to represent the lives of those who have died. Names of those who have died and whose names we know could be read out, with or without the details of their deaths. <b>See appendix 1.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 19 candles or lights, matches, fire safety.</li> <li>- 1-2 people to coordinate this activity.</li> </ul>
<i>The gospel message: the moral imperative of being human</i>	10 mins	7:43pm	<p>Share a reflection on the message of the gospel, the life of Jesus and the teachings of the Church.</p> <p><i>For example:</i> "Love one another as I have loved you" is a familiar line of Jesus from the gospels. Hearing something many times can diminish the impact of such a statement. We need to stay acutely aware that Jesus loved unto death. That death can be explained in various ways but an inescapable fact is that standing up for the poor and the outcast was politically unpalatable to the hierarchy of the day. Jesus did not stop acting and speaking for anyone in need, even when that meant risking his own life.</p> <p>Pope Francis says it plainly: "No one must be excluded. God's plan is essentially inclusive and gives priority to those living on the existential peripheries. Among them are many migrants and refugees, displaced persons, and victims of trafficking. The Kingdom of God is to be built <i>with them</i>. ... Building the future with migrants and refugees also means recognizing and valuing how much each of them can contribute to the process of construction."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1-2 people to share a reflection and a bible reading.</li> </ul>

			<i>Opportunity for a bible reading during this time also.</i>	
<i>Silence and reflection</i>	5 mins	7:48pm	<p>Vigil organisers can use this time as a final opportunity for reflection, contemplation and silence.</p> <p>Time to reflect on any experience in our own lives which helps us to connect with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The experience of such harsh treatment in offshore detention or</li> <li>• the richness added to our community through migrants and refugees.</li> </ul>	- 1 person to lead vigil in reflection and silence.
<i>Final prayer</i>	5 mins	7:53pm	<p>Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn.</p> <p>Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.</p> <p>Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries.</p> <p>Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.</p>	- 1 person to lead the vigil in a final prayer.
<i>Close</i>	2 mins	7:55pm	Thank attendees and close event.	- 1 person to close.