

# *Share the Journey*

*August 2018 Chigwell Convent*



*The Lampedusa cross is made from the driftwood of a boat that was wrecked off the coast of Lampedusa, Italy on 11 October, 2013*



We walked in solidarity with those millions of refugees who flee from war, poverty and exploitation, searching for safety for themselves and their families



We were part of a world wide call issued by Pope Francis.

In Chigwell members of Cafod and parishioners joined in over three days.



There were eight points on the journey to stop and reflect on personal stories of those whose lives were risked to seek out safe refuge. They walked they sailed on unsafe boats, and many died on the way.



Supporting one another was an important part of this community prayer and resting places were essential. We realise how blessed we are not to have to worry about these things.





Some of us had to risk taking a shorter route which was riskier but a necessary initiative to reach our goal.





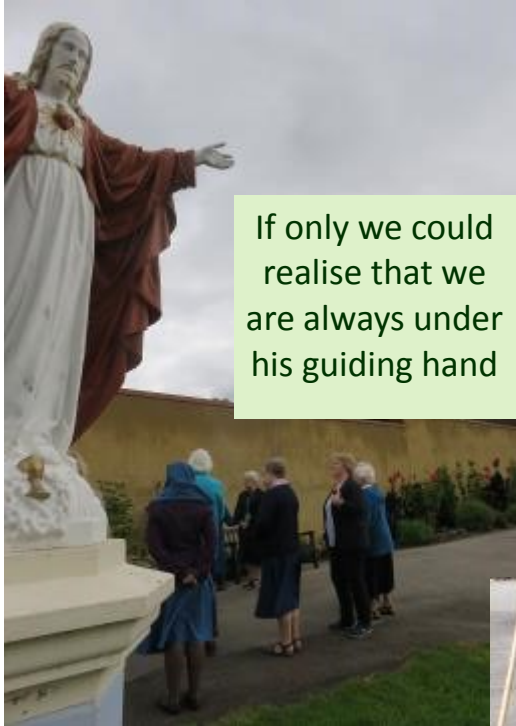
*“The Lord hears the cry of the Poor.”*  
Stories of children and adults, hungry, cold  
and very afraid.  
We took time to pray as we rested





Offering a helping hand and sharing the Word of God gives food for the journey





If only we could realise that we are always under his guiding hand





We finished our short or long walk—(depending on our abilities) in the summer house. There we took in the true reality of facts and figures. The petition for the UK Prime Minister was signed to step up the response of particularly richer countries in addressing this human tragedy so that we may welcome, respect and love our brothers and sisters.