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# #KIDSOFFNAURU Prayer Vigil , St Mark's Anglican Church Buderim



*It's working.... Report by Angela  
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The Sunshine Coast held a prayer vigil as part of the #kidsoffnauru www.kidsoffnauru.com national campaign at St Mark's Anglican Church, Buderim on Friday 2 November 2018. The Vigil was organized by St Mark's, together with Love Makes A Way and Buddies Refugee Support Group. There was good local media coverage thanks to the excellent work of Diana Woolley

Approximately 60 people participated in the Vigil with speakers from St Mark's, the Anglican Parish of Deception Bay, children from The Call of the Young and Buddies. The messages delivered by the children were the most powerful.

The key message, in keeping with the national campaign to evacuate all children and their families off Nauru by Universal Children's Day on 20 November 2018, was a call for the Australian Government to act with compassion and immediately restore hope for a safer and secure future for children, families, women and men still in off-shore detention. It was to find a more durable solution, either in Australia or in a third country that will accept them and where they can be safe and begin to rebuild their shattered lives.

Working with like-minded groups on such campaigns continues to provide multiple benefits, including sharing the workload both in preparing for the event and share among networks, amplifying the message and strengthening the voice of each participating group – this ultimately renders the message more powerful and less able to be ignored by federal government representatives