

Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project Newsletter on notice board. Their next Discussion Night is on **Thursday March 23rd** 7.30pm to 9.30pm at St Joseph's Hall 274 Rouse St., Port Melbourne. The speakers will be Pamela Curr – Refugee Advocate, Marie Hapke – Refugee Advocacy Network, a young woman seeking asylum.

Lenten Study: On The Way Together 2017 This year's Lenten Study at South Melbourne Uniting Church will be led by Rev Ross Carter and Rev Hoon You, continuing on Wed. 15th of March, 7pm, for another 3 Wednesdays at the Parish Mission Centre.

Palm Sunday April 9th - Walk for Justice for Refugees. Gather at 1.30pm at the State Library. Walk at 2pm

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Date	March 12	March 19	March 26	April 2
<i>Worship. W. Assist.</i>	Roma	Janet	Coralie/Paulo Beverley	Church
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Beverley	Brian	Janet	Camp
<i>Pre-Service Prayer</i>	Simon	Roma	Brian	No worship
<i>Flowers</i>	Beverley	Maureen	Beverley	At St Kilda
<i>Coffee</i>	Melissa &Darren	Louise	Beverley	

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VISION STATEMENT: As a community of faith, the St Kilda Uniting Church Parish Mission strives to do what is just, to show constant love and to walk humbly with God.

NEWSLETTER DETAILS: The newsletter editor is Desleigh Kent. Contributions are welcome and can be sent to her at desleighk@ozemail.com.au If you would like to be part of a growing congregational email list (and receive a full colour copy of the church newsletter in pdf format), please contact Rob Hess at Robert.Hess@vu.edu.au



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Parish Mission**

NEWSLETTER
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Sunday: 12 March 2017
LENT 2

You are most welcome to the service today. Rev David Pargeter will lead our worship. Please join us afterwards for tea or coffee.

BIBLE READING: Matthew 17: 1 – 13 pg. 1071

Rev. David Pargeter:

One very challenging aspect of **Lent** is trying to identify with Jesus' experience of wilderness. Especially the effect that wild and lonely places can have on what we think about and how we think about them. The tricks that sound and shadows play. The impact of being alone in large open spaces with only our thoughts and fears and hopes for company. Especially grappling with big thoughts, like "How will I live out this Call in Galilee"?

Thing is, we don't have to be in a desert among sand dunes and canyons and swirling winds to experience what Jesus experienced. The Gospel stories give it the drama and power that it deserves. But, that is not our local physical landscape; most of us live in suburbs, clinging to the edges of this vast continent. Our exterior world is very different to Galilee 2000 years ago but our interior world, that of a faithful person, is very similar. When it comes to working out how best to be faithful we are always faced with similar choices like satisfying personal desires, feeding ego, or demonstrating power. In working out how best to be a faithful Jew, Jesus went into the wilderness and wrestled with these options. The path he chose was not the easiest one.

If we let it, **Lent** has a way of getting under our defences and into our heads by confronting us with similar temptations. Only to discover that faith is not about which religion will I follow, but what kind of life will I lead. David

Songs/Hymns

Creation Sings (sing twice)

Creation sings, songs of life and wonder.

Creation sings, through night and day
Creation knows and holds the future
And all of life is singing, just because
She sings. Words: David Pargeter

TiS 602. O love that wilt not let me go.

Notices

Sharing Lent Together:

Today at worship we welcome some members of the Sacred Heart Church. We look forward to some informal conversation over tea/coffee after the service.

Two important events to mark in your church calendar:

1. The **church camp** will be held at the Lancaster's on Phillip Island **Friday 31st March to Sunday 2nd April**. Information on notice board about what to bring. Please talk to Beverley or Simon if you have any questions.

2. **Sunday, May 21st** is the **140th Anniversary celebration of our church and the launch of the book of its history, written by Maureen. This will be a very special day!** We will need many helpers to prepare the

church so a **working bee** is being organised for **Saturday 29th April**. Also the day before and on the day we will need helpers so please talk to Louise, Sally, Maureen or Desleigh. More information later for these events.

We are making a list of people to invite so if you know of anyone who might like to come, please send email (or postal address) information to Desleigh.

The Pulse Beating Hearts Concert, today Sunday 12 March, 2pm St Silas' Church, 99 Bridport Street, Albert Park. Guest speaker Sr Brigid Arthur from the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project: \$25 waged, \$10 unwaged/ concession. Extra donations welcome, cash donations over \$2 tax deductible. Afternoon tea included. Raising funds for Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP) and Asylum Seeker Pathways Project. Facebook.com/SongsForUsAll

163 Table Conversations. Sharing Food – Sharing Ideas. The next *Table Conversations* will be on **Tuesday 21st March at 6.15pm.** Emeritus Professor Joseph Camilleri, OAM, La Trobe University. Some thoughts on the Middle East. This conversation will be from his extensive knowledge of the countries in the Middle East. **Bring your friends. All welcome!**

Please rsvp to Janet: 0417 670 132. Donation to cover the cost of dinner BYO drinks or a bottle to share

This year, the Uniting Church Lenten Offering will aid four projects: **Days for Girls**, an international NGO that provides hygiene kits for girls in developing countries; **Ministry training** in the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress; **Assist the Hamilton Uniting Church to live stream** their services to local hospitals, aged care facilities and homes; **Community garden facilitator in Tasmania. Envelopes available.**

UnitingWorld also has an appeal **Lent Event (www. Lentevent .com)** from **1st March - 15th April** that raises funds for various projects - envelopes on front table. **This is the international partnerships agency of the Uniting Church in Australia.** For more information: <http://www.lentevent.com/>

For news of the President of the Uniting Church in Australia Assembly, Stuart Mc Millan, at the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse this week please go to the website: <http://assembly.uca.org.au>

The Spirit of Things: Sunday 12

March, 6: 05pm repeated: Wednesday 1pm. Presented by Dr Rachael Kohn. Our Mob, God's Story Indigenous artists talk about their Christian faith, identity and art in this special look at the bicentenary of the Bible Society Australia, and a new publication, Our Mob, God's Story.

Progressive Christian Network Victoria SUNDAY 19 MARCH at 3.00pm Reem Sweid of *Muslim for Progressive Value* will speak on "1.6 Billion Ways of Being Muslim". **Venue:** Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church, corner of Burke Road and Coppin Street, Malvern East. Melway 59 G12.

You are invited to hear Mark Yettica-Paulson who is the Joint Campaign Director for **RECOGNISE** at the Community Church of St Mark 100 Hodgkinson St, Clifton Hill. **Thursday 23rd March 2017 at 7.00pm** Mark will be speaking about RECOGNISE, which seeks the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution, and the acknowledgement of the oldest living cultures on the planet. To book, 9486 3131 or email ccsmark@hotmail.com