

dreaming in spiritual life. The Lenten program will be led by Rev David Pargeter and Rev Dr Robert Hoskin.

On **April 19th Good Friday**, an **Ecumenical** service will take place at our church at **9.30 am**

We will have our usual service in our church on **Easter Sunday 21st April at 10.30a.m.** We will resume our *Reading and discussion group* on **Thursday 23rd May** at Mary and Brian's home. **Everyone is welcome!**

We respectfully acknowledge the Yalukit Willam clan of the Boon Wurrung – the Traditional Owners of Port Phillip. We pay our respects to their Elders and community past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land

Date	3 March	10 March	17 March	24 March
Worship Assistance	David Desleigh	David Melissa	David Randall	David Mary
Welcome at door	Roma	Louise	Maureen	Mary
Flowers	Roma	Desleigh	Petra	Mary
Coffee	Roma	Louise	Maureen	Mark/Ruth
Rubbish collection	Andrej	Randall	Roma	Melissa/Darren

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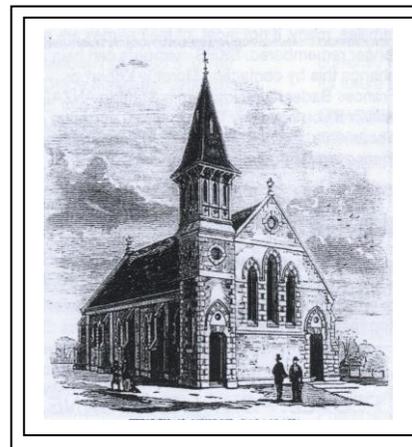
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VISION STATEMENT:

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:

Desleigh Kent is the editor and distributor of the Newsletter. If you would like to receive a copy of the church newsletter each week or if you wish to be removed from the list, please contact Desleigh: desleighk@ozemail.com.au
Contributions to the content are also welcomed.



**St Kilda Uniting Church
Parish Mission**

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday, 3 March 2019

You are most welcome to our worship service today. Rev. David Pargeter will lead our service which includes Communion. Please stay afterwards for lunch/tea/coffee and conversation.

Bible Reading: Matthew 23: 1 – 13. *The Inclusive Bible.*
Extract from *Psychology Today.*

From David - Food for thought: One of the big themes of **Easter**, is that a man who did nothing wrong finds himself being vilified and nailed to a cross.

His only ‘crime’ was to confront the ruling elite of the temple with the truth of their abuses and corrupting practices. They were ignoring the impact of their economic and psychological abuse on the vulnerable and the poor. Structures and individuals supporting them, shared responsibility for this abuse. They were only concerned with protecting their positions of power and their particular religious perspectives. Former rulers, including Herod, might have described them as decent people; men of good character. Jesus’s critique of them was pretty scathing.

But it was Jesus who paid the price for speaking up and speaking out. The Sanhedrin went on to enjoy the privileges of power – for a little while at least.

Interesting how it’s the testimony of the victim that has stood the test of time and not that of the abusers and their friends. Had there been a robust judicial system in place, I suspect a panel of jurors would, on hearing all the evidence, have proclaimed Jesus innocent and called for the Sanhedrin to be charged with blasphemy instead. **Shalom. David**

(For all those victims and survivors of sexual abuse who find the courage to stand up and speak out).

HYMNS / SONGS:

Time

Time is so much more than passing moments
slipping through our hands like falling rain.
Help us God to use our time more wisely
Serving love and justice every day.

Time to share with loved ones and our neighbours
Time to share with strangers on the street.
Time to say hello and smell the roses
Smiling at the world and the people that we meet.

Time to do those things that are life giving
Simple things that lift our spirits high
Things that keep our busy lives in balance
Filling life with joy and with meaning every day

Time to work with you God on creation
Caring for this place that we call home
Time to reconcile and be forgiving
Bringing hope and love to a world that needs re-birth

Words, David Pargeter.
Tune: Always thought I would be an Apostle.

What love is this

I lose myself in mists, in mists of wonder
His faith in God, near takes my breath away.
I know now why, he lived his life for others
To give them hope to live another day.
What love is this, that tempts the risk of dying.
What love is this, that powers cannot see.
It is a love that faces every evil.
A love that costs and sets a people free.

The left-behind, he sees and calls them to him.
The last and least, he hears and understands
He lifts them up and graciously includes them
His gift of love is held in broken hands.
What gift is this, so undeserved yet given.
What gift is this, that comes with so much care
It is a gift, that changes understanding.
A gift, a gift, for people everywhere.

His story reaches us across the ages
But clouds of time, can't hide the truth he brings.
He speaks of hope with passion and conviction:
The world must change, must change for hope to sing.
What hope is this, that heals the shattered spirit.
What hope is this, that conquers doubt and fear.
It is a hope, that reaches through the darkness
A hope, that shines, that shines so bright and clear.

So here I stand, as one who hears the calling:
'Come follow me – and walk more peaceful ways'.
See in each life, a promise to be treasured.
And every heart, the chance to live it's days.
What peace is this, where violence finds no welcome.
What peace is this, that turns the other cheek.
It is a peace, that turns away from anger
A peace that shows the courage of the meek. **Words**: David Pargeter. **Tune**: Londonderry Air

Welcome to the feast

O, welcome, all you noble saints of old
As now before your very eyes unfold
The wonders all so long ago foretold.
God with us at table are sat down.
God with us at table are sat down.

Worship in the presence of the Lord
With joyful songs and hearts in one accord.
And let our Host at table be adored.
God with us at table are sat down.
God with us at table are sat down.

Elders, martyrs, all are falling down;
Prophets, patriarchs are gath'ring round.
What angels longed to see the world has found:
God with us at table are sat down.
God with us at table are sat down.

Beggars, lame, and harlots also here;
Repentant publicans are drawing near.
Wayward sons come home without a fear.
God with us at table are sat down.
God with us at table are sat down.

Magdalene and Mary join this feast?
Lesbian and gay are not the least?
Jesus brings to each of us his Peace.
God with us at table are sat down.
God with us at table are sat down.

When at last God's kingdom comes to stay,
When violence and anger fade away.
The feast of love begins upon that day.
God with us at table are sat down.
God with us at table are sat down.

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Notices:

LENT BEGINS: ASH WEDNESDAY
- **this Wednesday 7pm March 6th at the church.** All welcome.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Thursday before Good Friday 7pm April 18th.at the church. A candle-lit simple meal allowing us to move gently from light to darkness. A gathering of 'friends' participating in a chaburah meal - a Jewish festive meal usually shared each week before Passover. This meal most probably represents the origin of 'the Lord's supper'

5 LENTEN STUDIES Thursdays 14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th & 11th April: 7 pm to 8.30pm at the church: *Dreaming our way to Easter.* Dreams play a very important part in all the stories of the great faith traditions. In many ways, dreams represent what Celtic Christianity refer to as *thin places*: those moments, experiences or locations where the material and the mystical become one. we will take a look at the place of dreams and

CONFERENCE: EARTH@PEACE – towards a Just and Ecologically Sustainable Peace.

April 23 – 24th 9am to 5pm both days. Pilgrim Theological College – Centre for Theology and Ministry, 29 College Crescent Parkville. Cost \$100/ concession \$70 Great speakers. Check out the website: www.earthatpeace.org.au/event-earthpeace-2019-landmark-conference

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BALANCE FOR BETTER. The Mayor and Councillors of the City of Port Phillip invite you to a cocktail reception for *International Women's Day 2019*. Join us for a panel of inspirational women, live entertainment, and a frank and fearless conversation about building a gender-balanced world. **THIS THURSDAY 7 March 2019, 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm: St Kilda Town Hall.** RSVP via <http://www.trybooking.com/BAVTR> For further information, please contact the Mayor and Councillors' office on [03 9209 6762](tel:0392096762) or email: civicevents@portphillip.vic.gov.au

! Our next 163 CONVERSATIONS here at the church is on **TUESDAY 12th March. 6.15 for 6.30pm** start.

TOPIC: What does it mean to be a Mormon in Australia?

Is there such a thing as a progressive Mormon? Our guest speaker couple will help us to understand what it means to be a Mormon. We will hear from friends of Brian and Janet who will talk with us about being Mormons. It should be another fascinating evening. Bring a drink to share

Please RSVP to Janet: janetsnashall@gmail.com: 0417 670 132.

Donations appreciated. **Come and bring your friends!**

NOTICES Sunday March 3 2019

PALM SUNDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE The Refugee Advocacy Network presents the:

2019 Walk for Justice for Refugees. For a Fair and Welcoming Society - Close Manus and Nauru - Bring Them Here.

Palm Sunday, 14 Aril. 2pm State Library, cnr Swanston and La Trobe Sts Melbourne.

There are also screenings of **films** which will act as fundraisers for the **Walk – 3 FILMS. \$20 per film or \$50 for package of all films. Wine and refreshments by donation from 6.30pm. Screening 7pm at the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation auditorium, 535 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.**

Thursday 14 March - THE MERGER

Thursday 4 April ISLAND OF HUNGRY GHOSTS (Christmas Island)

Donations to the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (BASP) Supported by ANMF. Tickets via trybooking;

March NEWSBEAT - the newsletter from the Presbytery – on the Notice Board.

Updated **CONTACT LIST** will be ready next week – please check your details on the draft copy today at church.

1835 THE FOUNDING OF MELBOURNE St Kilda Baptist Community invites you to a presentation by **James Boyce, the author of “1835 The Founding of Melbourne and the Conquest of Australia.”** It will also feature an introduction by Tim Costello and music by Shane Howard.

Sunday 24 March, 3pm at St Kilda Baptist Church, 9 Pakington Street St Kilda.

Seats \$20, includes refreshments.

Tickets via www.trybooking.com Enquiries Judi 0409866107

BASP (BRIGIDINE) DISCUSSION NIGHT 1 – 2019 Wednesday, 27th March, 7.30 – 9.30 pm At St Joseph’s Hall 274 Rouse street, Port Melbourne (back of bluestone church). **Arnold Zable**, acclaimed writer and friend of Behrouz Boochani who wrote *No Friend but the Mountains*, will speak about Manus Island and his interactions with men on the Island There will be an update on BASP and the general situation for asylum seekers in Australia.

JOHN BELL IS COMING TO MELBOURNE

Public Lecture: Monday, 13 May 2019 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

Space, Rumour and Hospitality - A public lecture by John Bell, Scottish theologian, musician, hymnwriter, pastor and poet. Hosted by the Australian Academy of Liturgy, this lecture will explore the importance of space, hospitality and rumour in the liturgical life of Christian communities. There will be time for questions and discussion at the end.

Inner City Venue to be confirmed. Cost: \$35/30/27.50

Bookings:<https://www.trybooking.com/BAQCC>

Newsletter from THE BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS PROJECT is on the **Notice Board.**

Dear BASP Supporters,

We hope you enjoy our latest newsletter. It is our attempt to keep you up to date with something of the current situation for people seeking asylum and the responses BASP is making. There are many needs but with your help we know we are making a real difference for many people. Thank you all for your support.

On another note The mental health of people indefinitely detained in Australian immigration detention centres has deteriorated to a critical level. Kildare Ministries calls on the Australian Government for an immediate response to this humanitarian crisis.

Also “Food is being distributed very quickly at present. We have a lot of calls for:

Sugar , flour , cooking oil, Cans of fruit Long life milk, tea and coffee, cheese, honey, noodles, basmati rice, dates, jam

Sweet and Savoury Biscuits, Snacks for school lunches, Salt and pepper, Spices: coriander, cinnamon, ginger,

Shampoo and Conditioner, Gladwrap, tinfoil, pegs for hanging out washing

Shaving Cream and shavers, Toothpaste. Soap, deodorants Toilet paper

We seemingly never have enough **washing powder, dish washing detergents and household cleaning products.**

The only canned food we need at present is **canned fruit.** We have enough tinned soup, beetroot and corn.

Vouchers are really appreciated eg. for Coles, Big W, Kmart or similar stores; this allows individuals and families the independence to buy something they really want and need”.