

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.

**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 April. 2pm** State Library, cnr Swanston and La Trobe Sts Melbourne.

*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	10 March	17 March	24 March	31 March
<i>Worship</i>	David	David	David	David
<i>Assistance</i>	Melissa	Randall	Mary	Roma
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Louise	Maureen	Mary	Wendy
<i>Flowers</i>	Desleigh	Petra	Mary	Deb
<i>Coffee</i>	Louise	Maureen	Mark/Ruth	Wendy
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Randall	Roma	Melissa/ Darren	Randall

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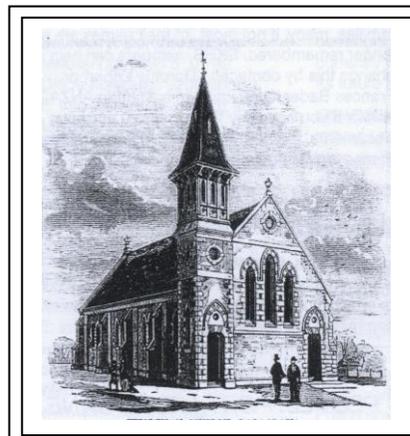
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**VISION STATEMENT:**

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:**

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Contributions to the content are also welcomed.



**St Kilda Uniting Church  
Parish Mission  
NEWSLETTER**

**Volume 54, Issue 7**

**Sunday, 10 March 2019  
Lent 1**

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

**Bible Reading: Matthew 4: 1 – 17. The Inclusive Bible: pg. 646**

**From David** - I always find the season of **Lent** quite pre-occupying; focussing as it does on the last days of Jesus’s public ministry. After many years of study and trying to understand the sequence of events that led Jesus to his execution, **I still arrive at Good Friday stunned by the politics (religious and secular) and the faith of it all.**

The politics get to me because so much has not changed. Those who speak truth to power still find themselves rendered powerless by those who prefer lies to truth and deception to honesty. Especially those for whom ‘public order’ (usually their public order) is more important than human lives.

When I take the long view I recognise that things have changed a fair bit but I can’t shake the feeling that many of the advances have become very fragile again. Optional extras rather than fundamental rights. Private and particular media interests are dominating public agendas and democracy is under threat.

Oh dear – what to do? **But it’s the faith of the Lent story that still holds me enthralled.** The reckless yet calculated bravery, and that hope above all hope, that somehow the Temple leaders might change. The hope that they might grasp once again the deeper values of their faith. That they might actually repent, and put power and privilege aside and show compassion and care for the poor, the left-behind, and those who always lose out.

Ah hope - without it there is none. David

### ***The Pen is Poised***

**The pen** is poised to write a prophet's word

A tale of what is right and should be heard.

It flies above injustice like a bird.

Speaking truth to power can't be wrong.

Speaking truth to power can't be wrong.

**The politics** of power shape our lands  
Corruption leaves its stain on bloodied hands

The despots fight to guard their shadowlands.

Speaking truth to power can't be wrong.

Speaking truth to power can't be wrong.

**Prophet's** come to us in every age  
Leave their mark on history's tragic stage

Liberating truth from liar's cage.

Speaking truth to power can't be wrong.

Speaking truth to power can't be wrong.

**So why** do prophets bite with wisdom's tooth?

Why do they dare to speak forbidden truth?

What drives them in this bravest of pursuits?

Speaking truth to power can't be wrong.

Speaking truth to power can't be wrong.

**So, let us honour** now the Prophet's song.

And let their music linger loud and long.

And hold them in our prayers and keep them strong.

Speaking truth to power won't be wrong

Speaking truth to power won't be wrong

David Pargeter – 6 March 2019

### ***Search me O God***

Search me O God

And know my anxious heart

Behind me and before me

You lay your hand upon me

Where might I hide

to flee your tender touch

No darkness or the ocean

hides me from your devotion

***You know my every need, you know my thoughts my joy my crying god your wisdom ways surround me at my birth and dying***

Woven by you

deep in my mother's womb;

that moment of conception

you knew my direction

Search me, O God,

and purify my ways

O teach me love surpassing,

Guide me in all that's lasting.

***Refrain. Repeat verse 1***

Words: Leigh Newton. Music: Leigh Newton, based on Ludwig van Beethoven (La Pathétique).

**She sits like a bird. TiS: 418**

### ***Notices:***

**Our next 163 CONVERSATIONS** here at the church is this **TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> 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.. Bring a drink to share.

**RSVP:** [janetsnashall@gmail.com](mailto:janetsnashall@gmail.com):

0417 670 132. Donations appreciated.

***Come and bring your friends!***

***Leading up to Easter there will be FIVE LENTEN STUDIES. Starting this Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> then 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> April: 7 pm to 8.30pm at the church.***

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

***MAUNDY THURSDAY: Thursday 7pm April 18<sup>th</sup>.*** 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'.

On **April 19<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> April at 10.30a.m.**

***Reading and discussion group*** will resume on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** at Mary and Brian's home. **Everyone is welcome!**

***CONFERENCE: EARTH@PEACE – towards a Just and Ecologically Sustainable Peace. April 23 – 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.earthatpeace.org.au/event-earthpeace-2019-landmark-conference)

### ***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](http://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