

What's on at St Margaret's

OCTOBER Diary Dates

SUNDAY	21st	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
TUESDAY	23 rd	9.30am	Dad's Army
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	24 th	7.30pm	Church Council
THURSDAY	25 th	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
		7.30pm	Service of Healing & Hope
SUNDAY	28 th	10.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		10.30am	Sunday Service
		Followed by	Farewell Luncheon for Arnie

OCTOBER 28TH. SERVICE COMMENCES 10.30 a.m.

CATERING - It would be appreciated if you could all help with providing food for lunch next Sunday 28th.

Please label any plates and bring food into the hall when you arrive before church.

INFORMATION: ARNIE WIERENGA Please note that Arnie may be contacted in the following ways:- MOBILE: 0419 553 434 EMAIL: arniew1965@gmail.com MAIL - P.O. BOX 306 MOOROOLBARK, 3138 Arnie will take his day off on FRIDAY each week . Unless there is an emergency please respect his opportunity to relax on this day free from phone calls.

CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

Chairperson: Marj Hookey 9726 7286

Secretary: Robert O' Shea 9735 2393

28th OCTOBER 2018

<u>Reader</u>	Jean Curnow	<u>Ushers:</u>	Judy & Noel
<u>Tea Station</u>	Carolyn & Tessa (Luncheon)	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Stephen White
<u>Power Point</u>	Alan Norris	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Marj Hookey

CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS

Uniting Christmas card orders are available in the foyer today. This year there is the option of 2 ways of placing your orders.

There are 20 separate order forms which can either be taken home to complete or completed immediately. Or you can write your order on a list. Uniting has sent a Poster illustrating all the cards as well as providing samples. Orders will be COD. We would like to place the main order at the end of October.

FRONTIER SERVICES There will be a retiring offering for Frontier Services **today**. Please give generously. Although some rain has fallen on the East coast of Australia this week, most inland areas are still in their 8th year of continuous drought. Please give generously.

ANNUAL FETE The fete will be held on **Saturday November 10th**. Today there is a list of cafe requirements available in the hall .
Please make a financial gift to help supply the cafe and BBQ.

FETE AND BOOK SALE.

Books for the **BOOK STALL** at the Fete may be brought along for the next 2 weeks. Please no cook books, gardening books or text books – they just don't sell these days.

CHRISTMAS CAKES Please order Christmas Cakes as soon as possible . Almost 2kg (4lb) Collect on fete day or before. \$27.00. See Marj for details. (726 7286)

CHRISTMAS HAMPER Lollies, chocolates, nuts, drinks of every type, hams, cakes, puddings, tinned or bottled fruit & vegetables, serviettes, mince pies, biscuits (tinned or packets), cordial, novelties and any other items you can think of that would enhance the hampers. Please help throughout October *Carolyn Dunkley* 9726 7231
There will be a box in the foyer for collection.

GIFTS FOR FETE CHRISTMAS HAMPER.

Thanks to those folks who have left gifts in the large box. If you would prefer to give a gift of money to Carolyn to purchase on your behalf, place this in an envelope and give to Marj if Carolyn is not at church.

The Church Office is open on Thursday mornings telephone number 9723 7323 Notices can be emailed to stmargarets@netspace.net.au by 10.30a.m. each Thursday

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Laughter: potent medicine

Laughter brightens our spirits and lightens our burdens. Caregiving is a serious matter, but a good giggle or hearty laugh provides relief from everyday tension and stress.

Laughter may not stop the progression of a disease or change a diagnosis. At times we find it difficult while caring for someone else. Yet laughter can act as a potent medicine, soothing difficult times and brightening the drudgery of daily chores.

How can we build laughter and joy into our day? Watch a funny movie? Catch some show on the TV? Make the most of a tea or coffee? Read funny comic strips and silly greeting cards? The simple act of smiling at people can boost our spirits.

Laughter builds inner strength for dealing with life's challenges. With all its physical and psychological benefits, a sense of humour is a gift from God, a divine blessing that paints the mundane tasks with colourful joy.

God created humour. He promises to fill our mouths with laughter and our lips with shouts of joy. Leighmoor Parish at Moorabbin has a weekly drop in coffee morning where Irish jokes feature Murphy regularly along with Pam Ayres poetry, lifting spirits quite high.

Reflection:

Lord, sometimes I get so wrapped up in the everyday tasks of life that I miss Your moments of joy. Come free me and fill my days with laughter and my life with joy.

Geoff Serpell

Service of Healing and Hope: Thursday October 25th, 7:30pm

This special service is a church response to the recent Royal Commission and our commitment to keeping children safe. Hosted by St. Margaret's, we will be joined by Mooroolbark Christian Fellowship. All are welcome. Rev. Arnie Wierenga

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Thank you to all who responded with updated details for the church Directory. Today is the last day to notify changes.

UCAF

The October meeting was the International Day of Older Persons. Our chairperson Dorothy Gordon read relevant poems, and in between poems, attendees reminisced about good things that had happened in their life. People remembered all sorts of events, e.g. radio plays of old, and medical progress. And so a fascinating afternoon was filled in, with the reminder that it was “older person” not “aged persons”!

Regarding the Rohingya crises, it was noticed that the Blind Mission to whom the UCAF has often donated some of its funds, has an appeal out to help these folk.

RYDA Christmas Gift Certificates

These free certificates will be available next Sunday. If you need any before then contact Doug, doug@blackdouglas.com.au or 0401 177 775. Also, inspiring photos of the RYDA students involved in their very practical exams on the RYDA News site at: <http://www.blackdouglas.com.au/ryda/news.htm>

Despite a difficult time in recent months for Geoffrey and the administration, the children have clearly been receiving an education which will lead to a better future.

Letter Writing

If you are concerned about the actions of the Filipino President then you can write a letter of concern using the guidelines in the pocket on the Social Justice board
End Duterte’s Dirty Deeds– support Human Rights in the Philippines