

What's on at St Margaret's

MARCH Diary Dates

SUNDAY	3 rd	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
MONDAY	4 th	1.30pm	U.C.A.F.
TUESDAY	5 th	6.30pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day
		7.30pm	Bowls
WEDNESDAY	6 th	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service
THURSDAY	7 th	9.45am–10.45am	Music Together
SUNDAY	10 th	9.25am	Quiet time – candle lit
		9.30am	Sunday Service
		Followed by	Lenten Study

MINISTER: Sunday 3rd March Rev. Dr. Barry Brown

CONTACTS - CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

Chairperson: Marj Hookey 9726 7286

Secretary: Robert O' Shea 9735 2393

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE March 6th . Rev. Robert, will be back to lead this service at 7.30 pm this coming Wednesday. Those who prefer not to drive at night will still be able to attend as it will still be daylight.

10th MARCH 2019

<u>Reader</u>	Karen White	<u>Ushers:</u>	Jean & Lynette
<u>Tea Station</u>	Leanne & Judy De Voogd	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Rex Phillips
<u>Power Point:</u>	Franklyn Parrent	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Dal & Jenny

PLEASE NOTE: ROSTERS:

Rosters are now ready for collection – Please see Bev after the service.

EASTER BISCUIT BAKE

Please help support this program aiming to provide every Victorian prison inmate with 10 home made biscuits and a card explaining the meaning of Easter. Biscuits need to be homemade, NO NUTS or peanut butter used.

Put the biscuits in a sealed disposable container (ice cream containers are ideal) and list the ingredients used on top of the container.

Please bring them to church Sunday 31st March or April 7th .

Julie Robinson 9727 2736 will pick up your biscuits if needed and will deliver St Margaret's contribution to the collection centre.

BOOK CHAT

Pickup a copy of "Reclaiming an Ancient Heritage" by Gwen Masters to read and join with us at 10:00a.m. on Tuesday 2nd April for tea, coffee, cake and chat. Feel free to borrow a copy to read even if you are unable to come on April 2nd. Please return all copies by Sunday 31st March or at the "chat" on the 2nd April.

Marilvn O'Shea

Pancake Day THIS TUESDAY

When we celebrate Pancake day then we enjoy a happy social occasion which supports Uniting agencies. Come along on Tuesday March 5th at 6:30. Adults pay \$5 and children \$2:50.

You may like to contribute some pancake mix.

Letter writing

If you are concerned about any of these issues you can write to Federal politicians about them. There are guidelines in the pockets on the Social Justice board.

- Growing well-being – Jobs for people from the Pacific on Australian farms
- Beyond greed – Protecting children online
- Ensuring the well-being of people with disabilities.



A POOR PRESIDENT - OR JUST GENEROUS

The President of Uruguay, Jose Mujica is known as “el presidente mas pobre” or, ‘the poorest president in the world’. It’s not because his government doesn’t pay him sufficiently – it’s because the 77-year-old chooses to donate 90 per cent of his salary to charitable causes. He receives \$12,500 a month but keeps only \$1,250 of it.

The ‘poor’ President has publicly stated: “I do fine with that amount. I have to do fine because there are many Uruguayans who live with much less.”

The only major item he owns is his 1987 Volkswagen Beetle, valued at \$1,945. With reportedly no bank accounts and no debts, the President lives peacefully in a farmhouse with his wife and his beloved pet dog, Manuela.

There’s much to be said for leading by example. Not only did Jesus teach and lead through his words and parables, he also actively lived out what he preached. He took the ideas of radical love, generosity, compassion and justice and realised them through his dangerously public actions.

Taking the kind of approach that Jose Mujica has taken, which many admire and some consider extreme, paves the way for others – in Uruguay and beyond – to consider how they use their money and whether they can afford to be more generous. It serves as a great example of what’s possible when a human heart is moved by a spirit of generosity.

By Megan Graham

FOOD FOR WESLEY & HELPING HAND. Please continue to remember those in our community who, because of personal circumstance, must seek support. The food items we collect for them to give to those in need are greatly appreciated. Please no plastic bags

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

At Church Council on Wednesday Carolyn Dunkley spoke about Da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper which she had seen while visiting Italy. She shared many interesting facts about Da Vinci and the significance of his work and concluded Devotions with prayer. Council was very happy to receive and approve the requests from Janet Cundall and Lois Lancashire to become members at St Margarets.

Treasurer Ann reported a surplus of \$4,000 for January.

Various church groups are now underway. Reports were received from UCAF, there are good numbers attending Music Together, Kids Hope has recommenced at Kilsyth and the Social Justice Committee is planning for Pancake Day and Celebrate Mooroolbark.

Council expressed appreciation of the contribution Jan Down made during her time on Council with her particular interest in sustainability and to Robert O'Shea for his service as Secretary. Marj Hookey was elected as Chairperson, Karen White as Secretary and Ann Gaudion as Treasurer for the coming year.

Please do not hesitate to ask any member of Council if you would like further information on any matter discussed at Council.

March meeting UCAF

This Monday March 4th at 1.30 the UCAF *will meet in the church which is a change*. Organized by Mrs Jean Curnow, the speaker for the day is Mrs Julie Robinson. Her topic is "Quiet Gardens" and her talk will be accompanied by slides. All are welcome to attend. Those coming are asked to bring a contribution for afternoon tea and any surplus goods to sell to raise money for the causes supported by UCAF.

LENTEN STUDY.

The books that were ordered for the Lenten Study have arrived and are available from Marj today. \$11 each. The studies commence following church next Sunday. the first Sunday in Lent.