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“Getting to Know You Better”

Our next “Getting to Know You Better” instalment will be this Sunday March 30 when **Janet Ray**, the new staff member from Carlton Community Support will come along to worship and introduce herself. Janet is the Family Learning -co ordinator and her position has been made possible through the grant from the Uniting Church we were able to obtain last year.

Early Notice of Easter Services

Palm Sunday – 13 April 10.00 am with Choir

Maundy Thursday – 17 April 6.30 pm in church, includes light meal

Good Friday – 18 April 9.00 am with Choir, no morning tea

Easter Sunday - April 20 10.00am inc. Holy Communion

Paul Madden’s Award to be Presented

Paul Madden’s posthumous AM award will be presented on this Wednesday, 2nd April 2025 at Government House.

His son Alexander will accept it on Paul's behalf.

It may interest members of the congregation to Livestream the event, through website:

www.governor.vic.gov.au

From 2pm on Wednesday 2nd April.

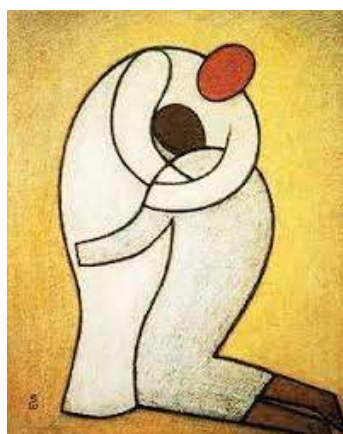


Sunday’s Gospel is the Prodigal Son

We thought we came to God by doing it right, and lo and behold, surprise of surprises, we come to God by doing it wrong—and growing because of it! The only things strong enough to break open our heart are things like pain, mistakes, unjust suffering, tragedy, failure, and the general absurdity of life. I wish it were not so, but it clearly is.

Fortunately, life will lead us to the edge of our own resources through such events. We must be led to an experience or situation that *we cannot fix or control or understand*. That’s where faith begins. Up to that moment it has just been religion! Only on the other side do you know that everything has been preparation.

Richard Rohr



CAN 3-week roster for Sunday volunteers:

	30 March PURPLE Lent 4	6 April PURPLE Lent 5 HC	13 April PURPLE Palm Sunday Choir			30 March PURPLE Lent 4	6 April PURPLE Lent 5 HC	13 April PURPLE Palm Sunday Choir
<u>Preacher</u>	Ray G	Ray G	Ray G		<u>Property</u>	Jason I	Brendan C	Ian B
<u>Liturgist</u>	Jill T	-	Pam K		<u>Offering</u>	David J Ethan K	Ken T Brendan C	Ian B Michelle A
<u>PP Prep</u>	Jill T	Ray G	Coco C		<u>Hospitality 1</u>	Pam K	Jean E	Julie P
<u>Music</u>	Glen W	Jean E	Donna C		<u>Hospitality 2</u>	Coco C	Leah B	Jean D
<u>Camera</u>	Prebin A	David J	Prebin A		<u>Flowers</u>	Jill T	Shirley J	Greta B
<u>Reader</u>	Olivia LV	Evan R	Jean D		<u>HC</u>	-	Leah B	-
<u>AV</u>	William V	Prebin A	Ian B		<u>Children</u>	Ken T Shiny I	(School Holidays)	(School Holidays)
<u>Greeter</u>	Mac N	Shirley J	Jill T					

This Week at CAN

- Sunday March 30 @ 10.00am worship at CAN (Lent 4)
- Wednesday April 2 @ 7.45am Wednesday communion by zoom
- Wednesday April 2 @ 10.30am worship at Rathdowne Place
- Wednesday March 26 @ 7.30pm Lenten studies by Zoom
- Friday April 4 @ 1.30pm Lenten studies by Zoom
- Sunday April 6 @ 10.00am CAN worship (Lent 5) inc. Holy Communion

CAN Wednesday Communion

The weekly Wednesday Communion by Zoom is held weekly at 7.45am. Have you considered if you might be part of this group who share the bread and cup together? Bring along to your computer screen your own piece of bread and wine/juice and share in this 30 minute worship service

Zoom link is [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85049027673?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85049027673?pwd=YzIXcExjQUU5bHI0eVgzU3F4akxYQT09)
[pwd=YzIXcExjQUU5bHI0eVgzU3F4akxYQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85049027673?pwd=YzIXcExjQUU5bHI0eVgzU3F4akxYQT09)

Meeting ID: 850 4902 7673

Passcode: 9dbLQu



CAN Congregation

Offerings to the Church of All Nations Parish Mission.

Your offerings support the ministry and mission of the congregation. The Congregation budget contributes the major component of the Community Support budget as well as ministry costs and other mission support.

Offerings can be made during the church service OR by regular bank transfer.

Bank transfers can be regular as weekly, fortnightly, monthly Offerings, OR as an occasional offering

Bank details are:

Bendigo Bank BSB 633000 Account No.:191446954

Name: Church of All Nations of Carlton



Lectionary Bible Readings

Today

March 30 (Lent 4)

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Next Sunday April 6 (Lent 5)

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

Donations to CAN Community Support

Donations to CAN Community Support are tax deductible and can be made in person to CAN Community Support Administration Office (Tuesday – Thursday) in the CAN Centre, OR by Bank transfer as follows: Bank details are:

Bendigo Bank: BSB 633000 Account No.: 191170380

Name: CAN Community Support



"When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them."

Rodney Dangerfield

INQUIRY INTO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF NT OF MELBOURNE'S PUBLIC HOUSING TOWERS (March 2025).

Summary of Principles

As you will be aware the [Parliamentary Inquiry into Melbourne's Public Housing Redevelopment](#) is calling for submissions.

Inner Melbourne Community Legal has developed the attached shared set of principles in consultation with the Federation of Community Legal Centre, other community legal centres and public housing support services working with residents.

We are inviting community organisations working with residents in the public housing towers to sign on to the shared principles, which we plan to submit to the Parliamentary Inquiry. **Carlton Community Support signed up to these principles during the week**

1. Significant impacts of relocations & displacement must be recognised

The Victorian Government should acknowledge the significant impacts of relocation on public housing tenants and local communities displaced by the demolition of public housing towers, and take active steps to mitigate the disruption through keeping communities together and where requested keeping public housing residents close to the services they use including health services, schools and work; as well as community spaces such as places of worship

2. Public housing should be retained & protected

(a) The Victorian Government must invest in and grow public housing stock. There should be no reduction of public housing on the renewal sites as a result of the redevelopment.

(b) No public land should be sold off in the redevelopment.

3. The rights of renters who relocate must be safeguarded

(a) The Victorian Government needs to ensure people who are being relocated away from their homes on the public housing sites being demolished are relocated to safe housing with equivalent rights, and have a guaranteed right to return to new homes built in these sites – with the same rights and protections they currently have access to.

(b) Public housing residents relocated into community housing during this time, should continue to be considered public housing renters with same rights and protections, and provided financial support for any differences in rent or services costs.

(c) Relocating public housing renters should receive financial support from the Victorian Government to help with moving and furniture / whitegoods costs that might be required in the new homes (e.g. some residents have needed to buy washing machines as no communal laundry, or fridges to fit smaller kitchen size).

(d) The Victorian Government should survey people currently living on the public housing sites scheduled for demolition, and rebuild public housing homes that meet their needs.

(e) Renters should have equal rights and protections whether they live in public or community housing

(f) The Victorian Government should fund the implementation of Social Housing Regulation Review recommendations that are aimed at increasing equity between public and community housing renters without a reduction in standards, such as the work around the joint service standards.

4. Government decision-making should be open & transparent

The Victorian Government should engage in open and transparent decision-making when deciding to relocate and uproot residents' lives and communities, including being transparent with residents about how decisions are made and what evidence is being relied upon. **Cont next page**

Public Housing Principles for Parliamentary Enquiry (contd)

5. Government should centre impacted communities in consultations

The Victorian Government should consult with relevant stakeholders – centring the views of community members most directly impacted by any housing or relocation decisions – before decisions are made, in line with established government processes and best practice.

6. Consideration of housing models should consider human impacts

The Victorian Government should consider the human cost and impact of decisions to redevelop public housing properties, as a significant factor as relevant as financial costs, and impact on the Victorian Housing Register waitlist.

7. Building standards should reflect needs of people living there

(a) The Victorian Government should ensure that building standards ensure the homes are large enough and have enough bedrooms for the families who will live in them.

(b) The Victorian Government should ensure that energy efficiency standards are implemented in public and community housing.

8. Public housing should stay in Melbourne's inner city

The Victorian Government should ensure that substantial and increased public housing is maintained in Melbourne's inner city, as central locations close to public transport, hospitals, public amenities, community spaces and services.

Link for live streaming the 10.00am Service

Here is the link to watch the 10.00am service live on the church's Facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account to watch.

<https://www.facebook.com/CarltonChurchOfAllNations>

We will continue to offer this option for those who may be uncomfortable attending in person for whatever reason - health, mobility, geography, whatever...

Quarterly gathering

The congregation of Mark the Evangelist will hold its next Quarterly Conversations event on Friday, April 4 from 11am at the Centre for Theology and Ministry in Parkville.

For more info and to register click [here](#)

Commissioning Service of Rev. Ros Armstrong

Commissioning Service of Rev. Ros Armstrong as the new Vicar of **St. Michael's North Carlton**. This special occasion marks the beginning of a new chapter in our church's journey, and we would be honoured by your presence.



Date: Tuesday, 8 April 2025



Time: 7:00pm



Location: St. Michael's North Carlton, 14 McIlwraith Street, Princes Hill VIC 3054

Please join us for a service of worship, prayer, and blessing, followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments.

More Resources for Lent- from Jennie Gordon

Day is done a Lenten journey <https://bit.ly/DayIsDone>

Time

It's the fourth Sunday in Lent.

Take some time to be still and notice the life around you.

Take some time to be still and notice the life within you.

What are some words or images that come to you in this time?

You might want to share these thoughts, write or draw them, or hold them within you.

Read Luke 15:1-3, 11b – 32

It happens.

There can come a time when you want to gather whatever you've got or got coming to you and move on, to somewhere far away. That's the time for wandering into the world and getting lost to find yourself. Sounds like Lenten wilderness.

There can come a time when those around you don't behave in quite the way you might have expected. Knowingly or not, they steal from the future and leave you bereft.

There can come a time when you wait with empty open arms full of love.

There can be the homecoming time, ecstatic, surprising and seemingly unjust, depending on your position.

There is a time when the lost are found, when the dead come to life and the party starts.

What time is it for you right now?

What has this Lenten time taken from you, or given to you?

What does it feel like to be welcomed home?

Maybe you could write your own parable from your own experience about what it's like to wander untethered through this wild world or about finding love that waits to welcome.

Come, journey on, and see where we are led in this time.

Words & Images: Rev. Jennie Gordon

Resources for Lent

What to Give Up for Lent - part 4 of a series through Lent

Suggestions are from staff of American Jesuit magazine

Leaving dishes in the sink

O.K., I'm writing this for myself. But doing the dishes can be surprisingly prayerful! It's a small sacrifice of leisure time that can turn your mind to God—and hopefully off of how messy the kitchen is. – Colleen Dulle

Ignoring homeless people

Look, you don't have to give everyone money. But saying "good morning" is free, and it helps remind you—and them—that we all have God-given dignity. – Colleen Dulle

Speeding

Grow in patience, use less gas, drive safer. It's a win-win-win. – Colleen Dulle

Unnecessary electricity consumption

Turn off the lights in rooms you're not in. Read a book instead of watching TV. Set the heater five degrees cooler or the A/C five degrees warmer. Better yet, crack open a window. – Colleen Dulle

Working outside work hours

This one's for all the workaholics. Sign off when work is over for the day, and don't check emails again until the next morning. Can't commit to it every day? Try kicking it Old Testament style—no work on Sundays. – Colleen Dulle

Do: Say yes to something new.

Lent reminds us that life is short. While it can be easy to spend 40 days in your comfort zone, try saying yes to something new and exciting once a week, just something small to spark joy. – Christine Lenahan

Do: Buy two.

Buy a second morning bagel/muffin/banana on your way to work and give it to the homeless person you see every day on your commute. – Cynthia Hornblower

Space heaters I don't need to make my bedroom warmer and contribute to global warming which will tempt me to use my air conditioner more in the summer. – Robert Sullivan

Meat (or just red meat)

The alternatives to fast food or prepared food can be costlier or harder to find, but it's good to get in the habit of challenging the food industry instead of accepting the choices they make for you. – Robert Sullivan

Do: Turn on your phone.

If you already ignore your phone or turn the ringer off almost all the time, you're not giving up anything by doing so for Lent. So, consider picking up the phone immediately if a friend or family member calls to ask for help or just to talk. – Robert Sullivan