



CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS



The Uniting Church in Australia
180 Palmerston Street Carlton

Contact details**Office: 9347 7077**[facebook.com/](https://facebook.com/CarltonChurchOfAllNations)[CarltonChurchOfAllNations](https://facebook.com/CarltonChurchOfAllNations)**Pastoral needs: Rev Ray****Gormann 0447 142 425**

youtube carlton-uca

email: minister@cancarlton.org.au**Easter Services****Palm Sunday** – 13 April 10.00 am with Choir**Maundy Thursday** – 17 April 6.30 pm in church, includes light meal, which is provided**Good Friday** – 18 April 9.00 am with Choir, no morning tea**Easter Sunday** - April 20 10.00am inc. Holy Communion

Crosslight, the free bi-monthly Uniting Church magazine has arrived and is available at the Welcome Table. Included this month is a lovely article about Brian Howe and his grandson Rafael who lives with autism.

Meet the Candidates in Melbourne

We now have a date for the Meet the Candidates in the Federal seat of Melbourne at the election to be held on May 3.

Sitting member, Adam Bandt of the Greens, is locked in along with Labor candidate, Sarah Witty, and independents Tim Smith and Anthony Koutoufides and we are awaiting responses from the other candidates. The meeting is sponsored by the inner city Uniting Churches and will be held on Tuesday April 29 at 5.30pm at Wesley Uniting church in Lonsdale St in the CBD.



Stand together for

JUSTICE



and KINDNESS

1pm - Meet on Princes Bridge for the walk

2pm - Program at Tom's Block St Kilda Road opposite Victorian College of the Arts (Bring picnic rug or chair)



#justice4refugees
#PermanentVisas

Organised by: Refugee Advocacy Network
Enquiries: info@refugeeadvocacynetwork.org.au

Palm Sunday
13 April
2025

Fair Go for Refugees

CAN worship roster to Easter Day:

	13 April PURPLE <i>Palm Sun</i> <i>Choir</i>	Thurs 17 Apr PURPLE <i>Maundy Thurs</i> <i>6.30 pm</i> <i>meal provided</i>	Fri 18 Apr BLACK <i>Good Fri</i> <i>9.00 am</i> <i>Choir</i>	Sun 20 Apr WHITE <i>Easter Day</i> <i>10.00 am</i> <i>HC</i> <i>Choir</i>		13 April PURPLE <i>Palm Sun</i> <i>Choir</i>	Thurs 17 Apr PURPLE <i>Maundy Thurs</i> <i>6.30 pm</i> <i>meal provided</i>	Fri 18 Apr BLACK <i>Good Fri</i> <i>9.00 am</i> <i>Choir</i>	Sun 20 Apr WHITE <i>Easter Day</i> <i>10.00 am</i> <i>HC</i> <i>Choir</i>
<u>Preacher</u>	Ray G	Ray G	Ray G	Ray G	<u>Property</u>	Ian B	David J	Brendan C	Jason I
<u>Liturgist</u>	Pam K	-	-	?	<u>Offering</u>	Ian B Michelle A	-	-	Ken T Brendan C
<u>PP Prep</u>	Coco C	-	Ray G	Jill T	<u>Hosp 1</u>	Julie P	Shirley J	-	Pam K
<u>Music</u>	Donna C	Peter A	Jean E	Donna C	<u>Hosp 2</u>	Jean D	Jill T	-	Jill T
<u>Camera</u>	Prebin A	-	David J	Prebin A	<u>Flowers</u>	Greta B	-	-	Shirley J
<u>Reader</u>	Jean D	Mac N	Shirley J	Jean D	<u>HC</u>	-	-	-	Jill T
<u>AV</u>	Ian B	-	Prebin A	Ken T	<u>Children</u>	(School Holidays)	(School Holidays)	(School Holidays)	(School Holidays)
<u>Greeter</u>	Jill T	Ken T	Pam K	Shirley J					

This Week at CAN

- Saturday April 12 @ 1.30pm Harmony Day at Carlton Primary School
- Sunday March 13 @ 10.00am worship at CAN (Palm Sunday)
- Wednesday April 16 @ 7.45am Wednesday communion by zoom
- Thursday April 17 @ 6.30pm Maundy Thursday worship at CAN - simple meal provided
- Friday April 18 @ 9.00am Good Friday worship (note earlier time)
- Sunday April 20 @ 10.00 Easter Sunday worship, inc. Holy Communion

Note: the next worship service at Redmond Park is Wednesday April 23 at 2.00pm

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

April 13, 2025 (Palm Sunday)

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 19:28-40

Next Sunday April 20 Easter Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

John 20:1-18

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



"There's nothing wrong with enjoying looking at the surface of the ocean itself, except that when you finally see what goes on underwater, you realize that you've been missing the whole point of the ocean. Staying on the surface all the time is like going to the circus and staring at the outside of the tent."

— Dave Barry

Worship with our Neighbour on Sunday 27 April

On Sunday 27 April 2025, Church of All Nations Congregation has accepted an invitation to join our neighbouring Uniting Church Congregation, **Mark the Evangelist in Parkville**. The place for worship is the Auditorium in the Centre for Theology & Ministry (CTM), the home also of Pilgrim Theological College and the Synod of VicTas Ministry & Mission offices.

Address: 29 College Crescent, Parkville 3052

Time: 10.00 am Sunday 27th April
(the week after Easter Day)

For whom: All who worship with the Church of All Nations are welcome, & to be guests of Mark the Evangelist in a lunch to follow.

Parking: Metered parking in nearby Swanston Steet & College Crescent. Disability parking onsite can be arranged: please notify **Ray Gormann [0447 142 425]** before the day.

Transport: If you need assistance, Ray Gormann will arrange for someone to drive you there and back.



Children's Ministry at Church of All Nations during School Holidays



In the school holidays, no Children's Ministry classes will be held during Sunday worship at Church of All Nations.

Children are ALWAYS welcome in worship, year-round.

Individual activity pages will be available for children to use under parental supervision during worship until Term 2 commences.

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...

More Resources for Lent- from Jennie Gordon

Day is done a Lenten journey https://bit.ly/Day_Is_Done

Beloved

It's Palm Sunday, we're moving into Holy Week.

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 19:28-40

Can you imagine seeing Jesus, riding on a colt, trotting along the road paved with garments? Multitudes are gathering, praising, heralding the one who is coming in glory to bring peace.

Where are you watching from? You, who have followed the path of this itinerant prophet, teacher and healer. You are one among many, but something swells within you. A recognition of the one who has seen you and blessed you, whom you have grown to love. Here is your beloved, lifted out of the ordinary, crowned by the crowd.

There is fear here too. It resides in the shadows, finds voice in the echoes that bounce off city walls. Tell them to stop. But this is unstoppable, it doesn't rely on the voices of the people, they will abate. It is resonating from deep within the solid, silent stone. This sound is a cry of recognition and adoration from beyond the known and will not stop.

Here we are, about to embark on Holy Week, we have come this far on the journey and have gathered at the gates.

We know what happens next.

Here, at the portals, in this liminal stopping point between now and what's to come, be assured. You are loved. Just as you hold the gaze of the beloved, so you are seen and known and loved. It's reciprocal, but not transactional. There is nothing that could happen this week, nothing that you can do or say, or fail to do or say, that will stop the love that comes towards you and wraps around you.

Of all the things you packed for the beginning of this journey, what has been the most precious, and what might have been better left behind? What have you gathered up along the way? What have you shed? Who has been alongside you? Where have you been led by the Spirit?

Maybe you could pour it all out in love and prayer, behind closed doors, or with those you trust. Here we go, the final part, thank you for journeying with me.

Words & Images Rev. Jennie Gordon 2024

Resources for Lent

What to Give Up for Lent - part 5 of a series through Lent

Do: Walk as much as you can.

Commit to walking anywhere that's less than two miles away. It'll take some planning, but the benefits from the extra exercise and time in the sun are well worth it. Plus, you'll save money on gas and public transit fares. – Delaney Coyne

Do: Set aside (at least) an hour per day to read.

If you think you don't have time for this kind of commitment, go into your iPhone settings and check your screen time. Replacing scrolling with reading is good for your brain, your health and your soul. – Delaney Coyne

Credit cards (and Apple Pay)

Studies [show](#) that people tend to buy more expensive items and make more impulse buys when they are using a credit card. For Lent, set a weekly spending limit, take out that much money in cash, and donate the money you save by *not* throwing the extra snack into your grocery cart to your charity of choice. – Ashley McKinless

Credit card rewards

Figuring out how to best leverage reward points can be a way of feeling frugal, or at least clever, under the cover of materialism. And the points are arguably a benefit for higher-income spenders [on the back of fees](#) paid by people who are less fortunate. Even if you don't get rid of them, consider turning your rewards into alms during Lent. – Sam Sawyer, S.J.

Plastic straws

This one is for all my fellow iced coffee drinkers. Swap that plastic straw for the sip-lid or purchase a pack of metal or glass reusable straws. When you order a drink, just say "No straw, please!" and think of all the sea turtles who will be thanking you for years to come. – Christine Lenahan

Dating apps

Sure, it can be fun to swipe to your heart's content, but Tinder and other dating apps can be a mindless affair. Take more risks and be more intentional—strike up a conversation with someone who catches your fancy in person! – Michael O'Brien

Stop posting on social media.

Detox from the dopamine rush of getting "likes" on your social media posts. Spend 40 days living an authentic, unfiltered life away from your social profile. – Christine Lenahan

Turn off push notifications.

These little incursions are attention thieves. Stay focused and present to the tasks and people around you. – Zac Davis

Election news

You will have plenty of time to fret over the 2025 election in the winter. Take a break from obsessing over the latest polls and campaign stunts. – Ashley McKinless

Ordering take-out or delivery

Eat healthier and save money by eating in. Bonus: See how long you can go without grocery shopping by getting creative with those canned green beans that have been sitting in the back of your pantry. – Ashley McKinless

Dear friends,

Edwina, Danny and I, with our guest artist Vincy, are looking forward to presenting three great works at the first Aequales Ensemble concert for the year.

The main feature is the 6th Quartet by Shostakovich, preceded by a Trio Sonata by J.S. Bach and a work written around 1918 by Swiss composer Volkmar Andreae.

The concert, on **Sunday 13th April**, begins at **3.00** and runs for an hour without an interval.

We are playing in the beautiful Auditorium at **Armadale Baptist Church, 88 Kooyong Rd, Armadale.**

Tickets are available at the door, but to avoid a delay to the start of the concert, it is advised that tickets be purchased through the Trybooking link here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1364856> \$40, \$20, under 12 free

Save the date: Sunday, June 22 at 3.00pm, All Saint's Anglican Church.
Dohnányi - String Trio, Brahms - Clarinet Quintet, with guest artists Robin Henry (clarinet) and Rachel Gamer (violin).

Wishing you all a lovely week,

Sarah, Edwina, Danny and Vincy.



In the coming weeks, the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand will celebrate two historic occasions as it ordains its first ever women Pastors. This week, President Rev Charissa Suli has written to the Bishop of the LCANZ, Pastor Paul Smith, to express the prayerful solidarity and support of the Uniting Church in Australia.

Image: Maria Rudolph (left) and Sue Westhorp (right) are set to become the LCANZ's first women

Pastors on 13 and 27 April.

Uniting Church President Rev Charissa Suli has written a letter of prayerful solidarity and support to Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand Bishop Paul Smith, as the Church prepares to ordain its first women Pastors. Click [here](#) read the letter.

And click [here](#) to read other news from the UCA national Assembly

**ANZAC DAY SERVICE
25 APRIL 2025**

**ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
11:00 AM**



**St Paul's Cathedral, Pax
Christi and the Victorian
Council of Churches
warmly invite you
to the 2025 Ecumenical
Service of
Lament
Repentance
and New Hope**



We lament the violence of
war and the violence on our
hearts...

We seek forgiveness for our
acquiescence in systemic
acts of violence.

We ask for the
gift of hope in
confidence that
God hears our cry.