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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, which is provided

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

Easter Sunday - April 20 10.00am inc. Holy Communion

Daylight Saving ends this coming Sunday, April 6. At 3.00am put your clock back one hour to 2.00a- or even better before you go to bed!

CHANGE YOUR **CLOCKS**



ON APRIL 6, 2025, AT 3:00 AM, THE CLOCKS WILL BE SET BACK TO 2:00 AM, MARKING THE END OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (DST) IN A FEW STATES OF AUSTRALIA

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 and invitations are being sent to the other candidates for the meeting, sponsored by the inner city Uniting Churches, to be held on Tuesday April 29 at 5.30pm at Wesley Uniting church in Lonsdale St in the CBD.

Upcoming Visit to Mark the Evangelist

On April 27 Church of All Nations will pay our annual visit to Mark the Evangelist for a shared worship service and lunch afterwards - provided by Mark the Evangelist. Worship is at our usual time of 10.00am and there will be no service held at our site on that day.

Mark the Evangelist meet at Pilgrim College which is located at 29 College Crescent, Par

CAN worship roster to Good Friday:

	6 April PURPLE Lent 5 HC	13 April PURPLE Palm Sun Choir	Thur 17 Apr PURPLE Maundy Thurs 6.30 pm meal provided	Fri 18 Apr BLACK Good Fri 9.00 am Choir		6 April PURPLE Lent 5 HC	13 April PURPLE Palm Sun Choir	Thurs 17 Apr PURPLE Maundy Thurs 6.30 pm meal provided	Fri 18 Apr BLACK Good Fri 9.00 am Choir
<u>Preacher</u>	Ray G	Ray G	Ray G	Ray G	<u>Property</u>	Brendan C	Ian B	David J	Brendan C
<u>Liturgist</u>	-	Pam K	-	-	<u>Offering</u>	Ken T Brendan C	Ian B Michelle A	-	-
<u>PP Prep</u>	Ray G	Coco C	-	Ray G	<u>Hosp1</u>	Jean E	Julie P	Shirley J	-
<u>Music</u>	Jean E	Donna C	Peter A	Jean E	<u>Hosp2</u>	Leah B	Jean D	Jill T	-
<u>Camera</u>	David J	Prebin A	-	David J	<u>Flowers</u>	Shirley J	Greta B	-	-
<u>Reader</u>	Evan R	Jean D	Mac N	Shirley J	<u>HC</u>	Leah B	-	-	-
<u>AV</u>	Ken T	Ian B	-	Prebin A	<u>Children</u>	(School Holidays)	(School Holidays)	(School Holidays)	(School Holidays)
<u>Greeter</u>	Shirley J	Jill T	Ken T	Pam K					

This Week at CAN

- Sunday April 6 @ 10.00am CAN worship (Lent 5) inc. Holy Communion
- Tuesday April 9 @ 7.00pm commissioning of Rev Ros Armstrong at St Michael's Anglican Church Princes Hill
- Wednesday April 9 @ 7.45am Wednesday communion by zoom
- Wednesday April 9 @ 7.30pm Lenten studies by Zoom
- Friday April 11 @ 1.30pm Lenten studies by Zoom
- Saturday April 12 @ 1.30pm Harmony Day at Carlton Primary School
- Sunday March 13 @ 10.00am worship at CAN (Palm Sunday)

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?pwd=YzIXcExjQIU5bHI0eVgzU3F4akxYQT09>

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 6 (Lent 5)

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

Next Sunday April 13, 2025 (Palm Sunday)

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 19:28-40

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



Never doubt that a small
group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can
change the world; indeed,
it's the only thing that
ever has.

Margaret Mead

BrainyQuote

From the Executive Officer

We have had a great week this week casting our net a little further into the community and advocating for the important issues facing those in our neighbourhood.

We are incredibly grateful to Coco Cover who has put in a lot of work to assist us in putting together a submission for the current Parliamentary Inquiry into the redevelopment of Melbourne's public housing towers. She spent time at our community lunch getting feedback from local residents and put together a fantastic submission on behalf of ourselves and the Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Keep an eye on the website to read the submission: <https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/inquiries/publichousingtowers/submissions> or Rev Ray or myself can email through a copy.

On Wednesday I participated in a Food Security Workshop hosted by the Carlton Collaboration; a joint committee of the City of Melbourne, University of Melbourne and the Carlton Community Network. The workshop was to look at developing a strategy towards food security for Carlton for the next 5 years. I was able to present on our very own Food Security programs to provide an on-the-ground, grassroots illustration of what the landscape is in reality in Carlton which was extremely helpful for all participants. It was a great opportunity for networking and looking at potential strategies and collaboration in this much needed but severely under-resourced area.

On Wednesday we were also delighted to welcome a new volunteer cook to cook our community lunch. Ollie is a local university student who dropped in one day to see how he could help, and ended up offering to cook lunch. He organised the menu and purchased the food for lunch, and come in with his grandmother on Wednesday who lives in the retirement village at Drummond Place. It was wonderful to have this young man come in and cook up a storm on the BBQ for a beautiful outdoor meal. We hope this might become a regular arrangement.

Virginia Moebus-Nelson

Executive Officer

CAN Community Support



Palm Sunday Walk

Uniting Church members are encouraged to add their voices in support of a 'fair go for refugees' by taking part in this year's Palm Sunday Walk on April 13.

Click [here](#) for more information

And click [here](#) for the Synod Connect E-news update

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...

An update of the Uniting Church resource *Our Vision for a Just Australia* has now been released ahead of the 2025 Federal Election. The resource expresses our hopes for Australia to be a nation that is just, compassionate, inclusive and courageous.

President of the Uniting Church in Australia Rev Charissa Suli writes in the introduction to the resource:

"As followers of Christ, we are called to be bold in love, relentless in justice, and unwavering in our hope for a better world. The Uniting Church has always stood for a society where all people can flourish—where justice is lived, creation is cherished, and every person is treated with dignity and respect. We are guided by a vision of God's kingdom—a vision rooted in justice, reconciliation, and peace." Click [here](#) to access the resource

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 Mcllwraith 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>

Approach

It's the fifth 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: John 12: 1-8

Can you see it?

Mary, with her valuable, fragrant, poignant offering, approaching Jesus. Bending to anoint his feet as he reclines. Touching him with tenderness and wiping away the oil with her flowing hair.

Lazarus, filled with the fragrance of leaning into life, close to Jesus.

Martha, moving to the table with steaming plates of food, her body busy with the blessing of hospitality.

Judas, reaching towards Jesus and Mary, determined to put a stop to things, to save some of the wasted wealth, for whatever reason.

Jesus in the centre, receiving the offerings and blessing the anointing.

Imagine you are there, amongst them. What is your posture as you approach Jesus? What do you bring in your heart and hands? Where do you find yourself in this tableau?

Jesus says, '... but you do not always have me.' Part of loving is preparing to let go of the ones we love. What has been your experience of approaching the loss of a loved one? What have you brought to them, to others?

Maybe you could share some stories with those you trust.

Maybe you could anoint each other with fragrant oil.

Come on, keep going, as we journey with the Spirit.

Words & Images Rev. Jennie Gordon

Resources for Lent

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

Suggestions are from staff of American Jesuit magazine

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

Anger

With the idea of becoming a better father and husband, I have tried (with varying success) to be more mindful of my temper, which has been epigenetically well-seasoned by centuries of Irish tenant farming, and to “give up” that awful dopamine rush experienced when surrendering to wrath. – Kevin Clarke (I did this once too and it changed my life! – Michael Simone, S.J.)

Ingratitude

Try to remain mindful not of the deficits in your life but of the many gifts and consolations always right before your eyes and thus often taken for granted. – Kevin Clarke

Do: Pray for other drivers on the road.

Sometimes I catch a glimpse of someone's face through a windshield, and I am struck by the multitude of lives moving in every direction on the street each day. Say a silent prayer for that person, wherever their journey takes them. – Kerry Weber

Do: Pray for a person on public transportation, too!

Pick a stranger on the subway (or your preferred means of public transportation) and say a silent prayer for them. Mine usually looks something like this: “Dear God, please let that person get to their destination safely and experience your goodness today.” You'd be surprised how much easier it is to stand on a hot and crowded subway when you focus your attention on prayer, rather than the struggles of public transport. – Christine Lenahan

Missing Mass

It is hard to admit this, but I have become a bit of an irregular Mass attendee for lots of reasons, but for not a lack of faith. In *Learn to Pray*, James Martin, S.J., writes that *wanting* to be closer to God is a good first step in your faith journey. – Lindsay Chessare

Watch more movies

To me, watching films can be a spiritual act. In a time when long-form media is dying off and attention spans are whittling down, going to the movies can be a form of meditation and self-care. – Kevin Robles

Do: Send your 2024 Christmas letter.

We all know December gets busy and stamp costs add up quickly. Unburden yourself of this paralyzing guilt. At last, send out your long-overdue letter and spread some Lenten cheer. – Sebastian Gomes

“The Bible in a...Lent”: Father Mike Schmitz helped us all achieve a herculean feat with his podcast “The Bible in a Year.” If you're not living a monastic life, it's probably not possible to read the entire Bible in 40 days, but try reading the New Testament cover-to-cover in what **America's** calling, “The New Testament in a Lent.” – Sebastian Gomes

Do: Go carbon neutral.

Lent is about reconciliation and the right relationship with God. The earth and its many creatures are groaning in pain. Start by assessing your lifestyle with an [online carbon calculator](#). – Sebastian Gomes

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Venga a participar en nuestras celebraciones

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CARLTON HARMONY DAY 2025

FOOD, MUSIC, ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT

Make our world a better place

TIME + DATE: 1:30 - 4:30 PM
 SATURDAY 12TH APRIL

LOCATION: **CARLTON PRIMARY**
 CORNER OF RATHDOWNE & PALMERSON STREETS

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