



Newsletter

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ACT FOR PEACE RATION CHALLENGE 2020

UPDATE

Dear Friends,

I am so grateful for your kind support in sponsoring me for the Act for Peace Ration Challenge to support the refugees in the camps.

With your help we have already raised \$2436.

New sponsors welcome so if you feel you would like to sponsor me this can be done through my page on the AFP Ration Challenge website.

actforpeace.rationchallenge.org.au/joan-calcutt.

The actual diet starts on Saturday evening until Sunday September the 19th. There are thousands of participants with many sponsors showing concern for refugees.

To my friends and family who have sponsored early you have earned me some bonuses to add to my rations. The one that has brought me the most joy is an addition of 170 grams of vegetable. That is amazing.

Thank you
Joan Calcutt.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

On Saturday the 5th of September
Gloria Longden
celebrated her 90th birthday
and
on Thursday the 10th of September
Marjorie Holt
celebrated her 106th Birthday.

Congratulations and belated wishes for your birthdays.

CHURCH CLOSED

This does not mean that you have to miss out on worship though.

The Reverend Bob Thomas is posting the complete service on the **website** which includes You Tube clips of the hymns, and there is a hard copy of the service that you can download if you would prefer to read the litany for worship.

And do not forget that each week you can join in worship through
zoom at 10.00am

Key verse for this week

“The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation . He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.”
Exodus 15: 2

Who is on the sick list?

Geoff Naylor had a fall of his bike and has a broken pelvis as well as multiple grazes on his hands.

Peter Dickson was rushed to hospital on Sunday night, but is now back home and undergoing numerous tests to find the cause.

Please keep Geoff and Carol, and Peter and Lorna in your prayers.

In-between the Sun and Moon
By Padraig O Tuama

In-between the sun and moon,
I sit and watch
And make some room
For letting light and twilight mingle,
Shaping hope
And making single glances last eternity,
A little more,
Extending love beyond the doors of welcoming,
While wedding all the parted people,
Even sons to violent mothers,
And searching all the others finding light
Where twilight lingers,
In-between the sun and moon.

Let us pray:

Lord, encourage us out the doors to exercise,
to treat our body—your temple with respect.

Lord, encourage us to rely on your wisdom,
to guide us during the hard times.

Lord, comfort us in our emotional distress,
that we may rely on your deep abiding hope.

Lord, help us to understand what we need,
and learn to reach out for support of family and friends.

Lord, fill us with your Spirit, as we meditate on your Holy
Word for strength in our daily living.

SYNOD HAS MOVED!

Their new physical and mailing address is

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Level 2, Wesley Place
130 Lonsdale Street
Melbourne Victoria 3000

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ROAD TRAUMA MEMORIAL OPENS IN GEELONG

A memorial honouring those who have lost their lives or been injured on Victorian roads has been unveiled in Geelong.

The memorial, which sits on the Geelong waterfront, provides people a space for quiet reflection.

Synod's Disability Inclusion Advocate Andy Calder, who served as project manager, had a personal connection to the cause, having been hit by a truck in 1986. Fortunately Andy made a full recovery and later joined the Road Trauma Support Services Victoria Board.

Andy was part of the selection committee that chose Ocean Grove artist Don Walter's sculpture, titled "Solace", as the winning design. Don says the sculpture uses the moon as a metaphor "for the constantly changing range of emotions that all who experience loss through road trauma progress through.

The memorial project is also supported by the Transport Accident Commission, City of Greater Geelong and Road Trauma Support Services Victoria.