



# Newsletter

Ocean Grove,  
Uniting Church in Australia

Sunday February 28th 2021

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Your are warmly invited to the  
Ordination of  
Mrs. Yoo Mi Park  
**Sunday 14th March 2.00pm**  
Brunswick Uniting Church  
Corner Sydney Road & Merri Street  
Brunswick 3056  
Live streamed on  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCINmbFfS2NgryJmLcOw2XA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCINmbFfS2NgryJmLcOw2XA)

ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
FRIDAY MARCH 5TH 10.00AM

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
68 JOHN DORY DRIVE  
OCEAN GROVE

This service has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu.  
All are welcome to attend and join with members of the  
Combined Churches of Ocean Grove.

## SAMMY STAMP

The UCAF is continuing to collect your used stamps. They may be left on envelopes, but if you are able to trim please leave a 3mm border all around the stamp.

N.B. Stamps that have been heavily franked are not acceptable. Please leave your stamps in the marked box in the church foyer. Thanks to all who have continued to support this ongoing project of the Uniting Church.

## Opportunity Shop "*the dove*"

We are pleased to announce that *the dove* Opportunity Shop which was briefly closed during the most recent lockdown, will reopen on Monday February the 22nd with the necessary covid-19 safe precautions in place.

Subject to Church Council approval, there will be a disbursement in March of all the recurring donations that *the dove* makes (except for Loaves and Fishes which will receive funding when required). In July there will be a new round of funding. On behalf of *the dove* Committee Gonni Runia Secretary.

Please note that the **Newsletter** is going to print on **Thursday mornings** now.

If you would like to have an article included, please have it to the office by **8.30am**.

Articles can be emailed or left in the folder marked newsletter that is on the shelf under the clock in the church foyer.

Due to the fact that Ocean Grove now has access to all the pages in the newsletter there is plenty of room for "special" news such as significant birthdays, anniversaries etc.

Also you have come across a short piece of news that you think other people might like to read, they will be accepted.

Just remember that it is the discretion of the Editor on what get publishes.

## WEEKLY LECTIONARY READINGS

February 28th Lent 2

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22: 23-31,  
Romans 4: 13-25, Mark 8: 31-38, or Mark 9: 2-9

**Bible Reader: Neil Derrick**

**Prayers for the People: The Reverend Bob Thomas**

March 7th Lent 3

Exodus 20: 1-17, Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25, John 2: 13-22

**Bible Reader: Diane Prowse**

**Prayers for the People: Pat Reid**

March 14th Lent 4

Numbers 21 4-9, Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22,  
Ephesians 2: 1-10, John 3: 14-21

**Bible Reader: Ben McKinley**

**Prayers for the People: The Reverend Bob Thomas**

March 21st Lent 5

Jeremiah 31: 31-34, Psalm 51: 1-12, or  
Psalm 119: 9-16, Hebrews 10: 4-10, John 12:20-33

**Bible Reader: Margery Scott**

**Prayers for the People: Judy Greer**

### **KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK**

**“For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever  
loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.”**

**Mark 8:35**

### ZOOM LOGIN DETAILS

The link is

[https://zoom.us/j/2978521634?  
pwd=K01NDZnTUxiYzYwRFIVL0tsQW5oZz09](https://zoom.us/j/2978521634?pwd=K01NDZnTUxiYzYwRFIVL0tsQW5oZz09)

Or if using your Zoom app, enter the following:

Meeting ID: 297 852 1634

Passcode 988040

*As we enter into this season of Lent, we follow Jesus to Jerusalem, travelling with him in his suffering, and to his death.*

*This year we are mindful of the suffering experienced by so many in our world right now.*

*In this time of preparation and discipline, may we journey toward the transforming hope and joy of his resurrection, mindful of Jesus' steadfast and enduring love in the midst of danger, fear and grief.*

*As followers of Jesus, God reminds us again of God's deep and healing love for us and for all people.*

Compassionate Christ,

You speak to our deepest longings for love, hope and meaning.

You call us into communion with you.

Draw close to us, as we take time in this season, to pray, to reflect, and to open our lives to the transforming presence of your Holy Spirit.

As we journey with you to Jerusalem and remember your suffering, we pray you will open our hearts to the suffering of the world.

Open our eyes and ears to see the needs of our neighbours and hear the voices of those who are grieving and wounded.

Strengthen our resolve to journey with you into justice, and into solidarity with all those who long for liberation.

As we journey with you to Easter, may you renew us in following your Way and empower us to be bearers of God's good news of love,

Compassion and hope to the world.

Amen.

*Written by the  
Uniting Church in Australia President  
Doctor Deidre Palmer.*