



Newsletter

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Bring Them Home

A message from Combined Refugee Action Group.

Greens Senator Nick McKim has introduced the *Evacuation to Safety Bill*, that would offer immediate evacuation to refugees who still remain in Nauru and Papua New Guinea, a decade after the remote detention centres were opened.

The bill would allow roughly 150 people who are still in Nauru and PNG to temporarily live in the community in Australia until they are resettled to a third country, as long as there have been no adverse security assessments made against them. Those who are evacuated would also be provided with medical assessments and treatment as needed.

A Senate Inquiry Report on the bill was released and passed on Tuesday 8th March, and the Bill will be debated and voted on in the Senate next week.

Postcards are available in the Church foyer to send to the Honourable Clare O'Neil or your local MP asking them to support this bill. Please take a postcard, the address slip and an example of a message to be written on the postcard.

Alternatively, you can email Clare O'Neil at
clare.oneil.mp@aph.gov.au

Your support would be most appreciated.
Justice and Mission Group
Ocean Grove

OUR PRAYER CHAIN HAS GONE DIGITAL!

All prayer requests can be directed to Robin Munro at
wgrl@optusnet.com.au

Robin will send a group email outlining prayer points on a regular basis.

If your name is not of the chain then just send Robin your details and she will most joyfully add you on.

LIKE SOMETHING PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER?

Then please have it to the office by 8.30am Thursday mornings.

There is a folder on the shelf under the clock in the foyer that you can leave a notice or if able email your notice via
oguc107@gmail.com

RETIRING OFFERING
OUR JIM GROUP IS ASKING US TO SUPPORT
THE
ACT FOR PEACE
TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL.
Please give as you are able

UCAF NEWS

The next meeting will be on **Monday 27th of March** when we are visiting **Cottage by the Sea, Queenscliff** for a tour commencing at **10.30am**.

We are planning to make some **donations** when we visit including **soft toothbrushes and regular sized toothpaste (please leave in packaging)**. If you would like to make a donation of either please leave in the marked box in the foyer.

Speak with Judy Greer and Robin Munro if you have any queries.

Members of the Congregation are encouraged to make contributions to this worthy appeal.

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR
MARCH and APRIL 2023**

March 12th Lent 3

Exodus 17: 1-7, Psalm 95
Romans 5: 1-11, John 4: 5-42

March 19th Lent 4

1 Samuel 16: 1-13, Psalm 23
Ephesians 5: 8-14, John 9: 1-41

March 26th Lent 5

Exodus 32: 1-14, Psalm 130
Romans *: 6-11, John 11: 1-45

April 2nd Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Psalm 11:1-2, 19-29 or Psalm 31: 9-16
Philemon 2: 5-11, Matthew 21: 1-11, or 26: 14-27:66 or Mat-
thew 27: 11-54

April 9th Easter Day

Acts 10: 34-43 or Jeremiah 31: 1-6,
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3: 1-4 or
Acts 10: 34-43
John 20: 1-18 or
Matthew 28: 1-10

Key Verse

**“And because of his words many more became
believers”
John 4: 41**

ROSTERS FOR MARCH and APRIL 2023

March 12th

Bible Reader: Carl Naylor
Prayers for the People: The Minister
Bell Ringer: Geoff Naylor
Counting: Diane Prowse
Morning Tea; Pat & David Reid

March 19th

Bible Reader: Marjorie Scott
Prayers for the People: David Runia
Bell Ringer: Diane Jones
Counting: Pat Reid
Morning Tea: Rod & Judy Greer

March 26th

Bible Reader: Jim Barry
Prayers for the People: The Minister
Bell Ringer: Peter Dickson
Counting: Lesley Pope
Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid

April 2nd

Communion Steward: Marjorie Barry
Bible Reader: David Roach
Prayers for the People: Judy Greer
Bell Ringer: Neil Derrick
Counting: Robin Munro
Morning Tea: M. Smith & J. Calcutt

April 9th

Bible Reader: Rod Greer
Prayers for the People: The Minister
Bell Ringer: Geoff Naylor
Counting: Diane Prowse
Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid

If you are unable to do your rostered task please endeavour to make your own swap before contacting Dianne Sapwell. If you do make a swap it would be appreciated if you let Dianne and the Minster know.