

MARMINGATHA

Stories to Inspire

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2021



Prayer:

Lord God, bring us together as one, reconciled with you and reconciled with each other. You made us in your likeness, you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ. He has given us forgiveness from sin. Lord God, bring us together as one, different in culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ, together as your body, your Church, your people. Lord God. Bring us together as one, reconciled, healed, forgiven, sharing you with others as you have called us to do. In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one. Amen.



NAIDOC
WEEK
STORIES OF
CELEBRATION

Holy Trinity Pascoe Vale & Oak Park

HEALING COUNTRY CONTINUES WITH US ALL

We began our week with an Acknowledgment of Wurundjeri Country we adapted a reconciliation prayer in our Intercessions. An extract follows:

Holy Father, God of Love...

Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for First Nation people.

Teach us to respect all cultures; to care for our land and waters. Source: Wontulp Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working Group

In our Eucharistic Preface we incorporated a prayer *God of Holy Dreaming* composed by Auntie the Reverend Lenore Parker (ABPA pp. 218-9). An extract:

God of holy dreaming, Great Creator Spirit, from the dawn of creation you have given your children the good things of Mother Earth. You spoke and the gum tree grew...Enable us to walk together in trust from the hurt and shame of the past into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ.

To further explore NAIDOC's theme, *Heal Country!* we used a story about the rejuvenation of Barkandji country's Menindee Lakes (part of the Murray-Darling Basin) to illustrate God's restlessly-loving, redemptive intent. By way of example the story features massive inflows of water into an otherwise starved lake area replenishing bird and other life. Most intriguing is the seeming resurrection of yabbies that lie deep below the mudline in chambers during periods of extreme drought and stop breathing for years in a state of suspended animation.

Only water causes the yabby to re-awaken and climb to the surface, to feed and breed.
Source: Bension Siebert, ABC Broken Hill

Hopefully we'll gain insight into our role to advocate for healthy waterways allowing country to heal and greater respect for the work of Barkandji Elders and future generations to come.

We join our prayers with the church and First Nation people in the hope that ours will not just be lip service but will open humble hearts in generosity to guide such things as appropriate commemorations, restoring culture, and giving voice and agency in our future together.

– Rev Jenny Inglis



The high altar, with eucalyptus, is flanked by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags.



The Reconciliation team when they met together just before lockdown 5.0.

St Michael's North Carlton RECONCILIATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

Twelve people meet monthly in person or via Zoom as the reconciliation action team at St Michaels North Carlton. The parish is five years into a commitment to listening and learning, which was launched with a welcome to country by Aunty Di and a prayer by Archbishop Philip.

Now, as a financial and practical step, the parish is partnering with commongrace.org.au. As soon as Covid-19 restrictions ease sufficiently CEO Brooke Prentis will visit from QLD to lead a "Listening to the Statement of the Heart" workshop for the wider community of Melbourne, at St Michaels, and to officially launch the partnership in a church service.

- Rev Steve Webster



ARCHBISHOP'S ROADSHOW

All Archdeaconries

The Marningatha Episcopate is now only having one Archbishop's Roadshow due to lockdown 5.0.

If you haven't already registered your attendance at North Carlton, please do so now below;

ALL ARCHDEACONRIES Tuesday 17 August
ST MICHAEL'S NORTH CARLTON
14 McIlwraith St Princes Hill VIC 3054

2.30pm-5pm – Register [here](#)
7pm-9pm – Register [here](#)

Note:

All registrations from the cancelled session on Tuesday 20 July at Ormond Anglican, will have to re-register for the August date.

Please be aware that due to COVID density requirements there will be a limit to in person numbers. As a result, this event will also be live-streamed. Details to follow shortly.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**


**Marningatha
Episcopate
Conference**

23 – 25 May 2022

Foothills Conference Centre Mooroolbark

Optional reTreat Monday afternoon until Tuesday Morning

Episcopate Conference Tuesday afternoon until Wednesday afternoon

 [Click here for this weeks' video message from the Archbishop](#)

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