

Do we need to know everything to know that this isn't Godly or loving?

Our politicians of both sides are in a bizarre race to beat each other in their need to prove that they are tough on "illegal immigrants", but to whom are they proving it to? Is this how you would like billions of tax payer money used?

It has been shown, before the fact and figures became embarrassing state secrets, that the vast majority of asylum seekers are indeed refugees, legitimately searching for a place of safety while their own home country is a place of danger.

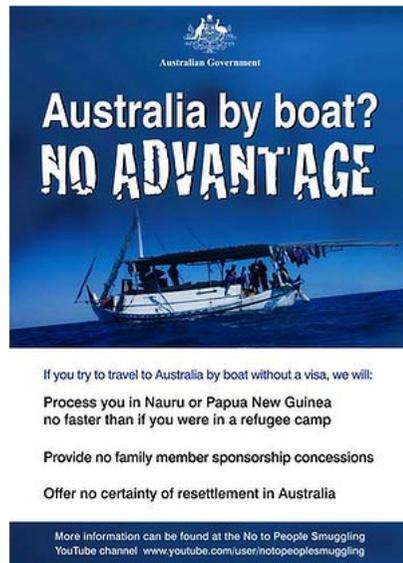
In all my dealings with asylum seekers in Geelong, I am yet to meet the nasty job stealing radicalised person that the government is apparently protecting me from by locking up these people. Instead, they are folk who have seen and experienced things too terrible to share easily, but yet hold on to a love for their country. Who are, by the very fact that they have gone through so much to arrive here, who are willing to make a safe place for their family to grow and to make a contribution to this place. I fear that locking them up, showing no compassion, denying them any work, even voluntary work, will create the very monsters that we are afraid of. People who have no understanding or love of Australia, and why would they?

Fear, uncertainty and doubt are powerful tools when used to divide people and communities in the pursuit of political advantage. Yet they can be beaten when people who care about our social cohesion and wellbeing speak out about the type of community they want to be part of.

Follow Christ's teaching, confront intolerance and hate where you find it. "Remember those in prison as though you were in prison with them."

God bless you and please remember the prisoners in your prayers.

Rev Elizabeth



Twenty Eighth of August Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday

8:00 AM

St Mark's Leopold

St Paul's Whittington

10:00 AM

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St Barnabas' Newcomb

Monday - Saturday

9:15 AM

St Barnabas'

Morning Prayer

Wednesday

10:00 AM

St Barnabas'

St Mark's

1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to enable individuals to recognise and carry out their ministries as Christians. Through this, we strive to become a model company of faithful people who both honour their varied traditions and actively share in building the family of Christ.

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Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Hebrews 13:1-2

Please pray for the healing of body, mind and spirit of:

Pat B, Cassie & family, Vi, Gwen, Pam, Meryl, Barb G, Russell, Rita, Hooper-Travers families, Jayde.

If you have any more names, please let the pew sheet editor know **but only after** getting permission from the person involved.

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Readings

Today	Next Sunday
Jeremiah 2.4-13	Jeremiah 18.1-11
Psalms 81.1, 10-16	Psalms 139.1-5, 12-18
Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16	Philemon 1-25
Luke 14.1, 7-14	Luke 14.25-35

PARISH PRAYER

Lord you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Guide us in our worship and life together: transform us into whatever you would have us do. Help us to be deeply connected with the world around us and strengthen us to proclaim the good news in word and deed in this community, for the glory and for the growth of your kingdom. In Jesus name we pray. **Amen.**

Anniversaries: Margaret & Jeff Bunney 27/8

Birthdays: Des Hutchings 24/8

Today in History: 1833 – The Slavery Abolition Act — Abolishing slavery through most of the British Empire.
1963 – Martin Luther King gives I Have a Dream speech

Confirmation

Any parishioner interested in being confirmed, or know of someone who might be, please contact Rev. Elizabeth. Currently there are two candidate preparing for confirmation.



Welcome to our services this morning. It is hoped you find your time worshipping God enjoyable and enriching. Please stay for a cuppa and fellowship.

Coming up & before it's too late!

- **Leopold UCAF 80th Birthday:** Entertainment by Peter Perez
Donation — Birthday stall — Gentlemen welcome.
Monday 19 September 1:30 PM, RSVP 9/9/16
Phyll 5250 1461
- **Confirmation Service** with Bishop Philip Huggins presiding.
Sunday 9 October 9:30 AM (NB. this is a combined service at St. B's).



Trivia Quiz:

Last Week's Answer:

Five dodgy ladies in Jesus' ancestry (in Matthew 1), read the Scriptures to get the story, they really weren't that dodgy!

Bathsheba:	Adultery, but David was more to blame	<i>2 Sam 11-12</i>
Rahab:	Harlotry, lying, deception, a Canaanite	<i>Josh 2</i>
Ruth:	A woman from Moab—a nation born of incest	<i>Ruth</i>
Tamar:	Incest, immorality, feigned prostitution	<i>Genesis 38</i>
Mary:	Unmarried mum!	<i>Matthew 1</i>

This Week's Question:

When Samuel first met Saul what was Saul looking for?
When Samuel first met David what was David looking after?

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers...
Remember those in prison as though you were in prison with them.

Truly, how can we get that message of love and welcome to go past our eyes, our ears, into our brains and get it to stick in our hearts?

Because we as a society don't. We just don't welcome strangers nor remember those in prison. I am thinking particularly today of those asylum seekers who had the bad luck to buy a passage to Australia by boat, rather than try arriving by plane. We place them in camps, prisons, that are places of limbo, of violence, of abuse, of systematic mental cruelty and take away all hope of relief. The media and voices of any possible dissent are banned from access to these camps, thus allowing us the luxury of saying that we didn't really know what was going on.