

# Keeping in touch

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

This newsletter commenced during lockdowns when Services were not held in person and still temporarily replaces the Sunday Bulletin. Please email or call with anything you'd like to share, or to advertise or any upcoming events. (Helen Hall – see contact details below.)

**Pancake (Shrove) Tuesday** Join us on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** in the Drop-in Centre area from 10.30am for pancakes and a cuppa to support our church restoration fund.

**Ash Wednesday Service** This special Easter Service will commence at 7pm on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** in our church.

**Congregational Annual Meeting** The Congregational AGM will take place after Worship on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February**.

**2pm Afternoon Service** is on again on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February**. All welcome.

**Muslims in Australia** This 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Peter Barcham Memorial Lecture explores the common ground between Muslims and Christians. It will be presented by Imam Alaa Elzokm at Gisborne Uniting Church at 7.30pm on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. Admission is free and supper will be provided. Enquires to Janet or D'Arcy Wood on 5428 6700.

**UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship)** Our next meeting is at 1.30pm on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, in our church. Enquiries to Robyn Flett on 0423 277 450.

## **Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday & Ash Wednesday**

**Shrove Tuesday** is a day of celebration as well as penitence, because it's the last day before Lent. It is the last chance to indulge, to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. In the old days there were many foods that observant Christians would not eat during Lent, such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods. So no food was wasted, families would have a feast on shiving Tuesday (shrive = absolve) and eat up all the foods that wouldn't last the 40 days of Lent. The need to eat up the fats gave rise to the French name *Mardi Gras*, meaning *fat Tuesday*. Pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday because they were a dish that could use up all the eggs, fats and milk in the house with just the addition of flour.

**Ash Wednesday** is a day of fasting, and is the first day of Lent in Western Christianity. It occurs 46 days before Easter (40 fasting days – the six Sundays, which are not days of fast, are excluded). Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from palm branches blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday, and placing them on the heads of participants

... see overleaf

## Happy Birthday!



No more birthdays in February.

If you know of anyone missing from my list, or if you would like yours mentioned here, please let me know!

... Helen



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to the accompaniment of the words “Repent, and believe in the Gospel” or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”. (Gen 3:19 KJV).

Ash Wednesday is not specifically mentioned in the Bible. However, from Biblical times, sprinkling oneself with ashes has been a mark of sorrow for sin. Several times the Bible mentions people repenting in dust and ashes; for example: Mordecai (Esther 4:1), Job (Job 42:6), the inhabitants of Nineveh (Jonah 3:5-6), and Daniel (Daniel 9:3-4). Repentance in dust and ashes often was accompanied with fasting during Bible times.

**Footy tipping competition** A fundraising footy tipping competition has been established on ESPN for the *St. Andrew’s UCA Sunbury Restoration Appeal*. The entry fee is \$25 (50% towards painting, 25% winner, 15% second, 5% third, 5% wooden spoon).

**Payment** can be made in person to Margaret Woolcock, Nancy Prewer or Dianne Moon, or online to the Young Mum’s Account (BSB 633 000 Account 115212300). Please include: *painting / your name* ....with your transaction.

**To join the competition, go to the ESPN footy website –**

[www.footytips.com.au/comps/st\\_andrews\\_uca\\_sunbury\\_restoration\\_fund\\_afl](http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/st_andrews_uca_sunbury_restoration_fund_afl)  
(Feel free to send the link to your family, friends and work colleagues).

**Prizes:**

- End of home and away season winner – 25% of prize pool
- Second – 15%
- Third – 5%
- Wooden spoon – 5%
- Tip all teams that win or draw in a full round and win a mystery prize

This is a game of skill – be in it to win it! .... and please encourage family members to take part.

**Rosters for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February:**

**Door:** C. Simpson, R., Simpson      **Morning Tea:** J. Unwin, P. Palamountain

**Readings for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February:**

**Genesis 2: 15-17, 3:1-7    Psalm 32    Romans 5: 12-19    Matthew 4: 1-11**

**News and Notes**

- **Hume Clean Days** are available to help you recycle the following items (in addition to your yearly at-home hard waste collections and tip passes). The next Clean Day is **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March** at the Sunbury Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre (515 Riddell Road):
- Mattresses
  - Couches
  - Tyres
  - Whitegoods (including fridges, washing machines and dryers)
  - E-waste (including TVs, computers, printers, DVDs, CDs, speakers, sound equipment, DVD players, video recorders, mobile phones, household appliances)
  - Any other furniture or waste will attract standard fees and charges.



## Recycling Corner

**Use the recycling trolley in the foyer for donations of the following:**

- milk bottle tops
- bread bag tags
- tea bag tags
- old biro's
- medication blisters (empty)
- old glasses (spectacles)
- CDs and DVDs
- coffee and Slurpee etc. drink cups, plastic straws and lids



**Also:**

- Used postage stamps – no longer accepted by TLM but continue to donate and Helen will try to send to Sammy Stamp in Parkdale.
- Helen is still collecting mobile phones and chargers (the Zoo’s ‘Gorilla Doctors’ collection), toner/ink cartridges, batteries, small electrical devices.



**Buy recycled:**

The other side of recycling is to try to purchase products made from recycled materials to create a market for the material we recycle. If there is no market, it has to go to landfill.

**Check out these websites:**

<https://littleecoshop.com.au>

[www.onyalife.com/products](http://www.onyalife.com/products)

[www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled](http://www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled)

