



## The Vicar's Corner



Religion is becoming both more important and more under attack than ever in our society. It is easy to feel anxious but we can be confident that God will never abandon the Church and that nothing will prevail against the spread of the good news that God is and God loves. With this in mind NEWSletter will bring you profiles of parishioners putting their faith into action and we begin with Leigh Mackay. I would love to hear from you about how you live your faith. I have a template of questions to prompt you—so come on, don't be shy. Sharing your faith strengthens us all and we need that now more than ever.

*Colleen O'Reilly*

## NEWSbytes

### 4 Sundays in September.

Four discussions of baptism, bible, Eucharist and prayer based on reading *Being Christian* by Rowan Williams. BYO Lunch 12noon to 1.30pm in the North Room. September 6, 13, 20, 27

**St Michael & All Angels,** 27 September guest preacher will be **The Revd Kenyon Mckie Senior** Chaplain to St Michael's Grammar School, of which some parishioners are former students.

**Spiritual Café,** Tuesday 22 September Poetry of World War 1.

In the mud of the trenches some could still find words to voice protest and hope. Out of the appalling suffering has come some of the most famous poetry of the 20th century. Bring a poem from those times and explore their spiritual legacy with parishioner and poet Leigh Mackay.



**Past parishioner and choir member,** Josie Dalziel was seriously ill eighteen months ago with multiple myeloma. She was in remission last year but the cancer returned earlier this year. Fortunately, she was able to fulfil her dream of going to the Holy Land in May, and when she returned, took part in a clinical trial of a new breakthrough drug, Daratumumab. Josie is amazed at the speedy turnaround in her condition. She now looks healthy and well. This picture was taken for an article in the Herald Sun at Torquay where she now lives. We miss Josie at St Georges'



but are delighted at her recovery and wish her well.

## Mark your calendars!

♦ **Mothers' Union**  
North Room on Tuesday 1st September at Noon

♦ **4 Sundays in September**  
Four discussions of baptism, bible, Eucharist and prayer.

♦ **Book Group**  
Monday September 7th, 8pm "The invention of Wings" by Kidd

♦ **Shawl Group**  
Tuesday September 8th, 10.30am

♦ **Poetry Group**  
Monday September 14th, 1pm in the North Room

♦ **Cabrini Hospital**  
Eucharist Tuesday 15th September at 11am All welcome.

♦ **Spiritual Café**  
Tuesday 22nd September More information on

♦ **Food Collection**  
Sunday 27th September

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## Q&A

*Profile: Leigh Mackay*

**1. What organisation/social concern are you involved with?**

I am involved with The River Nile Learning Centre (RNLC in North Melbourne) *From their website:* [www.rnlc.org.au](http://www.rnlc.org.au) River Nile Learning Centre is an off-campus re-engagement program of Mouth Alexander College. It addresses the unique educational needs of young African Refugee women, who have encountered literacy and numeracy-related difficulties when placed in age-appropriate mainstream Australian schools.



**2. Why / how did you get involved?** Having been born in Africa, I feel an affinity with folk from there. They are like brothers and sisters to me. I first came across the Sudanese community when they played the drums and danced at a service at St Stephen's, Richmond. They really reminded me

of "home". I asked what I could do for them in a concrete way - Don said "they need a small bus". They don't have money for cars and they often have large families. We were able to buy them a bus in 2003. Father Don Edgar had also founded the RNLC and so I became involved there in about 2005, raising funds to keep them going and collecting goods (like children's clothing).

**3. How does your faith speak into / influence your social concern and vice versa?**

I feel that I have been blessed in my life: a loving family, an education, a professional working life, etc. And my faith calls me daily to contribute my gifts and skills and money to those who are less well off. I hate discrimination and racism and I feel that anything I can do to reach out to those in need who are different (like the Sudanese) will make a difference, even a small one. And I am regularly inspired by the clergy and the volunteers (Christian and no faith) who run the RNLC



### *Funerals & Memorials*

- ◆ David Ian Woodmason, died 11 August 2015, Funeral 21 August 2015
- ◆ Robin Emmerson Patchett, died 6 August 2015, Funeral 21 August 2015
- ◆ Roger Edward Llewellyn, died 29 August 2015, Memorial 4 September 2015



### *Baptisms*

- ◆ Elizabeth Mary McIntosh *child of Alastair & Jennifer McIntosh* 16 August 2015
- ◆ Benjamin Paul Cunningham *child of Philip and Amy Cunningham* 30 August 2015