

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ST MICHAEL'S

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SEPTEMBER AT ST MICHAEL'S

With August already underway we look forward in anticipation to the inspiring and event filled month of September at St Michael's.

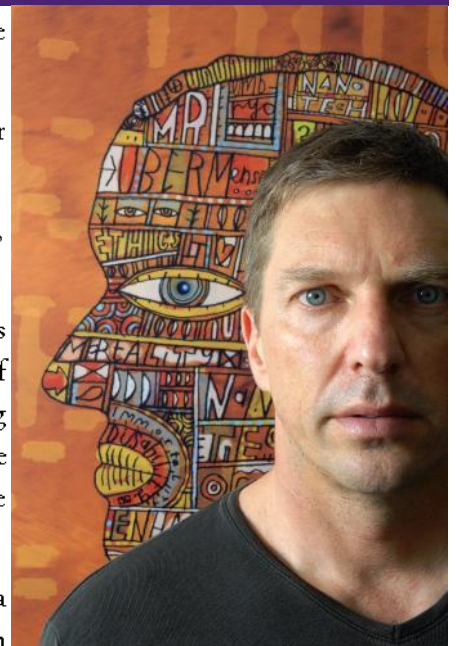
We are pleased to again co-host a lecture with La Trobe University's Centre for Dialogue, to take place on Thursday September 19, 2013 from 7.15pm.

This year the guest lecturer will be Professor Julian Savulescu (**pictured right**), who will speak on *'Enhancing Human Behaviour: Ethical and Social Implications'*.

Professor Savulescu is a Romanian-Australian philosopher and bioethicist, Louis Matheson Distinguished Visiting Professor at Monash University, and Head of the Melbourne-Oxford Stem Cell Collaboration, which is devoted to examining the ethical implications of cloning and embryonic stem cell research. He is the editor of the prestigious *Journal of Medical Ethics*, which was until 2005 the highest impact journal in medical and applied ethics.

In addition to his work in applied ethics and philosophy, Professor Savulescu has a background in medicine. He completed his MBBS (Hons) and PhD at Monash University.

All are invited to attend this lecture from one of Australia's acclaimed 'top 100 thinkers'. On September 29, 2013, Professor Savulescu will also become a recipient of St Michael's Medallion.



DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO ST MICHAEL'S



In July St Michael's was visited by the former Archbishop of Adelaide, Bishop Ian George, (**pictured right**).

On August 25 we look forward to a visit from Reverend Dr Steven Koski, a long time friend of St Michael's (**at left**).

Rev. Dr Koski has been the Senior Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bend, Oregon, USA since 2006.



ST MICHAEL'S WEEK 2013

Each year, St Michael's Uniting Church presents two people with 'The St Michael's Medallions' in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the community. The award is designed to recognize their work in the prevention of violence, trauma and destructiveness, and promoting growth, health and wellbeing.

In 2013 the awards go to two outstanding members of the medical profession, Professor Julian Savulescu and Dr Damien Brown. Join us for a week filled with events celebrating these high achievements and elevating our spirits.

Sunday September 22 - St Michael's Volunteers' Day

During morning service we will honour the outstanding service of long standing Church Council members and launch the St Michael's Volunteer Handbook.

Afterwards we will enjoy a special morning tea in St Michael's Hall to celebrate.

Tuesday September 24 - 9.30am - 2.30pm 'Sisterworks' Handcrafts Special Event

'Sisterworks' is a group formed in 2013 to provide practical support to women refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to help them achieve economic independence in Australia.

St Michael's endorses their work and we encourage you to support their cause and treat someone with one of their beautiful handcrafted gifts from their stall outside our administration building on Tuesday September 24.



Wednesday September 25 at 7pm - Dr Francis Macnab: 'The Way we Meet and Part in Psychotherapy'

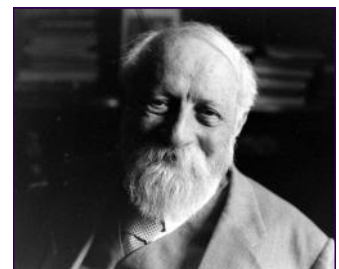
A tribute to Martin Buber (pictured right) and Maurice Friedman; revolutionary influences in psychotherapy for over 50 years.

Tickets: \$5 per person

9654 5120 or reception@stmichaels.org.au

Time: 7.00pm, wine and cheese from 6.30pm.

Place: St Michael's Hall, Ground Floor, 120 Collins Street, Melbourne



Wednesday September 25 at 1pm - Fundraising Concert

BABBA is not just a band or a parody of one, but a complete performance that re-lives the original European sensation ABBA. The music is flawless and their onstage interaction entertaining.

TICKETS AT DOOR: \$20 (adult), \$10 (child, student, pensioner).

All proceeds go to Cairnmillar Institute's *Big Tent Appeal*, supporting children under the age of six, who have suffered from abuse or trauma.



ST MICHAEL'S WEEK 2013

Thursday September 26, 1pm - Music for flute and organ with DOMENIQUE CHASELING & RHYS BOAK

Dominique has been awarded a number of grants and prizes. Last year she was awarded the International Woodwind Player Award and gave the Australian premiere of Michael Gandolfi's work, *Geppetto's Workshop*. Dominique currently plays on the new 15/85 Brannen-Cooper flute designed by Rainer Lafin, the first of its kind in Australia.

This special performance is a gift from

St Michael's to the community of Melbourne.

Thursday September 26, 11am - SAGE

A unique program now in its 27th year for people 55-95 years.

Dr Macnab will focus on 'Things that bring back colour to your life, after a drop in motivation and meaning'.

SAGE is \$20 including lunch.



Sunday September 29 ST MICHAEL'S DAY (IN BRIEF!)

St Michael's Day Breakfast - Professor Mark Cook will speak on 'The Wonders of the Brain'.



The Ceremony at the Rocks

In recognition of Professor Cook's work for epilepsy sufferers, the ceremony at The Rocks on St Michael's Day will create our own version of World Purple Day, the Global Day of Epilepsy Awareness.

All might wear 'a touch of purple'.

St Michael's Day Church Service 10am

Presentation of the St Michael's Medallions and the Ida Summers Award, wonderful music and a celebration in the colonnade to follow!

St Michael's Day Concert -1pm

Join the Nicholas Chamber Orchestra at 1pm for a wonderful concert.

FOR FULL DETAILS OF ALL EVENTS SEE THE WEBSITE OR THE ST MICHAEL'S WEEK EVENTS BOOKLET.

PROGRAMS

NEW FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP
Sunday September 1

LIBRARY LOUNGE
Tues 10.30-2.30pm, Sundays 11.30-1pm

POETRY GROUP
Every 3rd Sunday - after service

MENS SHED
The last Sunday of the month

GLOBAL CONCERNS
Sundays - after service in the Hall

WALKING GROUP
2nd Saturday of the month.

**THE SPIRIT OF RESILIENCE IN
ST JOHN'S GOSPEL**
Sunday August 11

FRENCH CONVERSATION
The second Sunday of the month
August 11

ECOS - ENGLISH CONVERSATION
The last Sunday of the month

IPAD ENTHUSIASTS GROUP
The second Sunday of the month
August 11

IPADS BEGINNERS COURSE
Book for: August 20 Tues 6.30pm

SAGE
Friday August 30, 11am

STORY TELLING/WRITERS GROUP
Sunday August 4

LAST TUESDAY BOOK GROUP
Last Tuesday of the month - August 27

TAI CHI
Fridays 1 -2 pm

CHARTER FOR COMPASSION GROUP
Next meet on August 18

CONVERSATIONS WITH LIZ
Last Sunday of the Month

RESILIENCE WORKSHOPS
Next Workshop: Friday August 9

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www.stmichaels.org.au

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ARTS FOR RIGHTS RETIREMENT

A very sincere 'Thanks' to all those members and friends who have been such strong supporters of Arts for Rights.

The five years of Arts for Rights has been a delightful time of meeting with others who share similar interests and are keen to learn about and enjoy the many wonderful arts.

We have been to many exhibitions and visited many places of interest in Melbourne and regional Victoria. The visits have always included talks to help us to understand the meanings of the artistic work and deepen our knowledge.

Lunching together has given us the opportunity to meet others and make new friends.

Arts for Rights has not only been a social and educational opportunity but also a way to raise money for important human rights projects both overseas and in Australia. Last year \$1600 was raised for The Flying Doctor Service and the Children First Foundation.

Special thanks to Russell Watson who was always a happy, willing driver of the community bus that we used to visit regional Victoria.

Again, our sincere thanks and warm wishes to you all on our retirement from organising Arts for Rights, Alma Hexter, Sue Pyke and Doreen Wilson - Arts for Rights.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

St Michael's is developing a bereavement support team to assist people in times of loss by providing a caring presence.

The team will become an important extension of our Contact and Care Deanery's exceptional work and will support the volunteers and the Dean who are already engaged in aspects of this service to the community.

For further information contact Dr Debra Campbell on 9654 5120 or debra.campbell@stmichaels.org.au.

Pictured below: Peace Cranes decorate the edges of the pulpit on Hiroshima Peace Day August 4, 2013.



S.A.G.E

Successful Ageing for Growth and Enjoyment

THE OLDER YEARS

The older man: on his own
The older woman: living alone

The challenges, anxieties, strengths and unexpected pleasures.

Friday 30th August at 11.00am Enquires: 9654 5120



EXTRAORDINARY CHURCHES OF THE WORLD

Continuing our series from previous months, examples of how people in different places have tried to translate their inner searching into cultural expressions of creativity and worship through some of the world's most extraordinary churches.



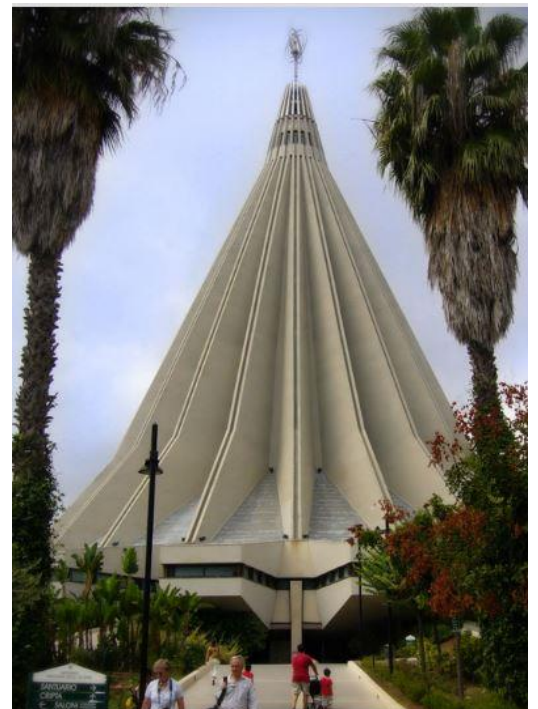
Above left: St. Michael's Golden-Domed Monastery (Kiev, Ukraine)

Above right: Church in a Hill (Luxembourg)

Left: Church in Stykkishólmur (Iceland)

Below left: San Francisco de Asis Church (Ranchos de Taos, New Mexico, USA)

Below right: Santuario Madonna della Lacrime (Sicily, Italy)



MELBOURNE OPEN HOUSE SUCCESS

In July St Michael's took part in Melbourne Open House Weekend and was proud to be one of the top 10 visited sites in the entire program. Just under 3000 people came through the doors over the two days!

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave of generously of their time to open the church to the public.

FRANCIS AND MACNAB

Recently, St Michael's congregation heard of the 'church mice' at The Metropolitan Church in Toronto in a sermon from guest Minister Dr Malcolm Sinclair.

We have recently been informed of the arrival of two addition church mice in Toronto who go by the names of 'Francis' and 'Macnab'

(Pictured right).



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VALE

We are saddened by the deaths of the following St Michael's people recently:

- Mrs Sylvia Bailey
- Mr Robin Bailey
- Mrs Isla White
- Mrs Lois Doery



We say farewell to them and thank them for being a part of our lives and for allowing us to be a part of theirs.

We give our affectionate condolences to their families at this sad time.

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