

# INTERSECTION

JULY 2013

## THE 'GOD CONCEPT' DR FRANCIS MACNAB

In a recent Sunday address, Dr Francis Macnab spoke of how God, conceptualised as a Presence rather than an intervening anthropomorphised figure, not only remains relevant to secular society, but can enrich people's lives in a number of ways:

### 1. The God Concept lifts us to awe and wonder:

Through encouraging a larger view of life and ourselves; through the architecture of the churches and the art of the cathedrals and the art galleries, and through so much music of exquisite beauty.

### 2. The God concept points us to the goal of harmony.

A relevant theology emphasizes finding harmony in ourselves, harmony with our higher selves, harmony with others and harmony with life's highest joys.

### 3. The God concept points us to a deeper experience of our relationships.

It emphasizes - treating others well, non-violence, and finding the best in being present with and to each other.

### 4. The God concept encourages us to become more expansive, to reach outside ourselves.

There has always been an existential searching for the length and the breadth and the height and the depth of the greatest goodness in life. This is what a useful religion speaks about.

William James said,

"Not God but life, more life, a larger, richer, more satisfying life is the end of religion. The love of life at any and every level of development is the religious impulse. And so, to be part of the kingdom of God, is to embrace life in the fullest measure possible."

Thanks to Roger Hersey for compiling this excerpt from the address by Dr Francis Macnab. The full "God Concept" Sunday address is available on Youtube via our website:

[www.stmichaels.org.au](http://www.stmichaels.org.au)

## HIROSHIMA PEACE DAY SERVICE

We are, once again, deeply honoured to welcome the Consul-General of Japan in Melbourne, Mr Hidenobu Sobashima, to the Morning Service on Sunday August 4, 2013.

The guest musician during Morning Service will be Chiemi Shepherd performing on the koto. After the service, Dr Eiichi Tosaki will give a talk in the Waratah Room on the topic:

**"The moon is everywhere: the aesthetic of the Japanese garden"**

We invite you to attend this special service.

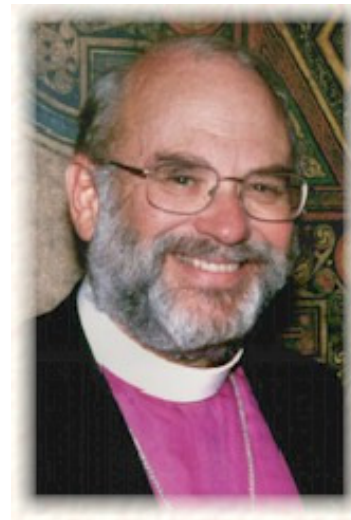


## BISHOP IAN GEORGE TO VISIT ST MICHAEL'S

Bishop Ian George will visit St Michael's as a guest of Dr Macnab on Sunday July 28 2013.

Ian George AO was the third Archbishop of Adelaide and Metropolitan of South Australia from 1991 to 2004. He was educated at St Peter's College, Adelaide and the University of Adelaide. After an earlier career as a lawyer he was ordained as a priest in 1964. He held curacies at St Thomas', Mamaroneck and St David's, Burnside and was then Priest in charge at St Barbara's Woomera. After this he was Chaplain and a Lecturer in History at the University of Western Australia. He was Dean of Brisbane from 1973 to 1981 when he became Archdeacon of Canberra. In 1989 he was appointed an Assistant Bishop of the Anglican Diocese and in 1991 he became Archbishop of Adelaide.

In 2004 he retired from the role of Archbishop and is currently the Minister at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in East Melbourne.



**Date:** Sunday July 28, 10am

**Where:** St Michael's Church  
120 Collins Street, Melbourne.

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## BASTILLE DAY JULY 14 - FREE FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP

Celebrate Bastille Day on July 14 with Johanna Hersey and the French Conversation Group. All are welcome to join this free community group and practice French conversation in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere on the second Sunday of each month.

You may even like to continue the French conversation with lunch at a café after the class...

**Date:** Sunday July 14

**Where:** Wellbeing Studio  
St Michael's Centre, St Michael's Walk,  
120 Collins Street, Melbourne.

**P:** 9654 5120

**E:** wellbeing@stmichaels.org.au

**W:** www.centreforwellbeing.org.au



## DISCUSSING THE NEW FAITH AND OUR PERSONAL SPIRITUALITY

Join Dean of Programs Neil Blood for coffee and conversation about the New Faith theology of St Michael's.

Discussion will focus on the latest book by Dr Francis Macnab *Discover a New Faith*, and will expand into exploring the themes and ideas as they apply to your own life and your personal sense of spirituality.

All are welcome for an interactive session.

**Date:** Sunday September 1 at 12noon

**Where:** Waratah Room, St Michael's Centre  
St Michael's Walk,  
120 Collins Street, Melbourne.

**P:** 9654 5120

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## VALE

We honour the good presence that the following people who have recently died brought to St Michael's over the years:

Mrs Frances Brown  
Mr Trevor Wetherley  
Mrs Lydia Auckland  
Mrs Muriel Pearson



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.

## 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 July 14

**FRENCH CONVERSATION**  
The second Sunday of the month  
July 14

**ECOS - ENGLISH CONVERSATION**  
The last Sunday of the month

**IPAD ENTHUSIASTS GROUP**  
The second Sunday of the month  
July 14

**IPADS BEGINNERS COURSE**  
Starts August 20 Tues 6.30pm

**SAGE**  
Friday July 26, 11am

**STORY TELLING/WRITERS GROUP**  
Sunday July 7

**LAST TUESDAY BOOK GROUP**  
Last Tuesday of the month

**TAI CHI**  
Fridays 1 -2pm

**CHARTER FOR COMPASSION GROUP**  
Next meet on July 21

**CONVERSATIONS WITH LIZ**  
Last Sunday of the Month

**RESILIENCE WORKSHOPS**  
Next Workshop: Friday July 12

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or the St Michael's website for details:  
[www.stmichaels.org.au](http://www.stmichaels.org.au)  
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## ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

The Centre for Wellbeing is pleased to offer a community building initiative in the form of English conversation groups for overseas students and others wishing to meet with a group of friendly Australians for a coffee and conversation.

If you know anyone who would benefit from the group please don't hesitate to refer them to our website:

[www.centreforwellbeing.org.au](http://www.centreforwellbeing.org.au) or bring them along to meet the group.

The English Conversation for Overseas Students (ECOS) Group will meet each month on the last Sunday of the month in the Waratah Room -

1st floor St Michael's Centre, 120 Collins Street Melbourne.

The group is free.

Enquiries: 9654 5120 or [wellbeing@stmichaels.org.au](mailto:wellbeing@stmichaels.org.au)



## MELBOURNE OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND

St Michael's will again participate in the Melbourne Open House event in 2013, which brings so many people through the doors to appreciate the beauty of St Michael's Church.

The weekend is Saturday and Sunday July 27-28.

If you would like to lend a hand for a few hours that weekend, helping us to showcase St Michael's to the public, please contact Graeme Adamson - 88481446.



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Friday 26th July  
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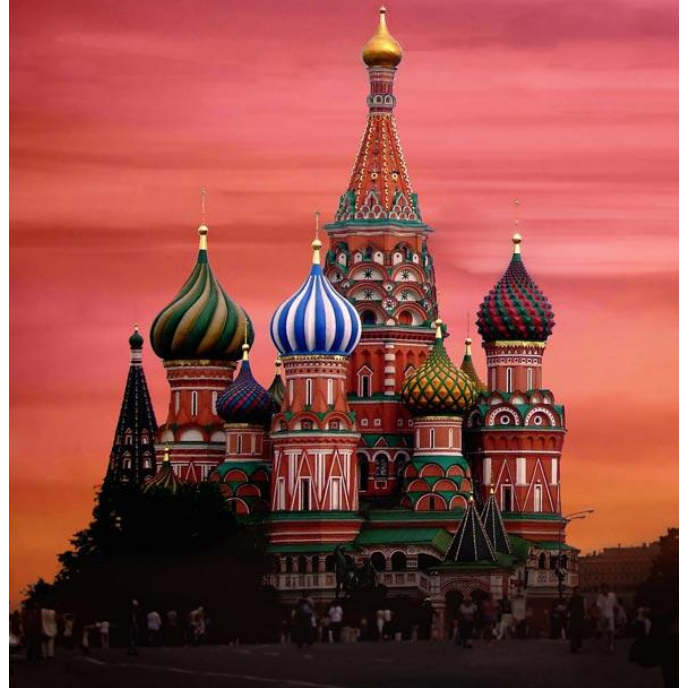
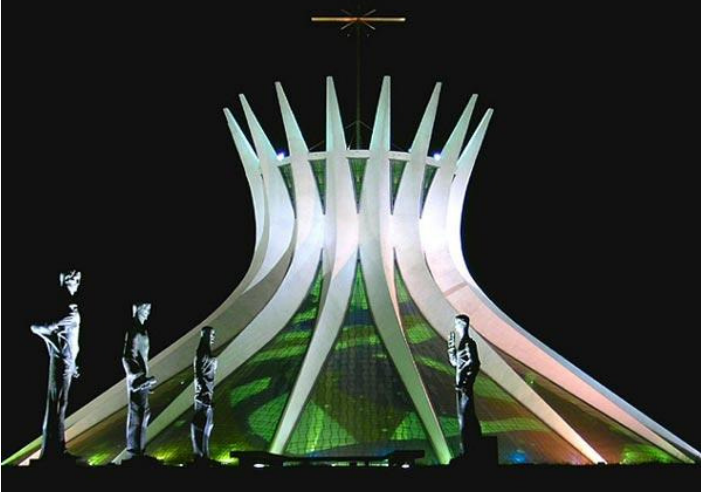
### Pictured at Left: Red Nose Day 2013

St Michael's again played host to Red Nose Day in Melbourne on June 28, 2013. The event brought people to St Michael's from all over Victoria. We congratulate the organisers on a vibrant and important public event.



## EXTRAORDINARY CHURCHES OF THE WORLD

Continuing from last month, 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:** Cathedral of Brasilia (Brasilia, Brazil).

**Above right:** St. Basil's Cathedral (Moscow, Russia).

**Below left:** Duomo, Milan Cathedral (Milan, Italy).

**Below right:** Basilica de Higüey (Dominican Republic).

**Left:** Jubilee Church (Rome, Italy).



## JOSIE TELFER ART EXHIBITION

In the upcoming exhibition by St Michael's member, Josie Telfer, the mysteries of our human experience are interpreted in a series of videos entitled 'Veiled Moon', as sounds from music by Tim Catlin drift amongst moving veils of water washing over a full moon. Artist, Josephine Telfer writes

"Beyond the annals of science there are many things we cannot understand.

The mystery of our being remains, beyond rationality to an imagined reality, echoed in my poem:

walk along the edge of time

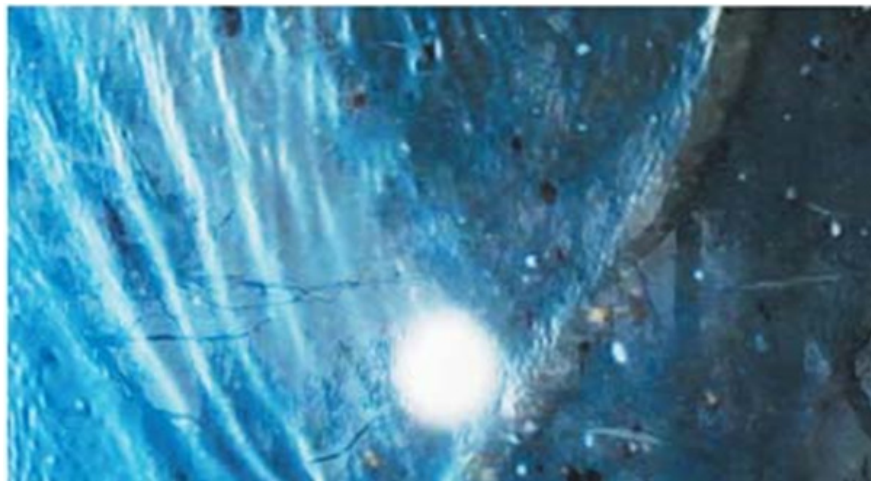
and waves wash over the moon".

'For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.' 1 Corinthians 13, 12.

The exhibition opens on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at Stephen McLaughlan Gallery, 2 – 4pm. The gallery will be opened specially for people from St Michael's between 1 – 3pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

**When:** July 6 - 20

**Where:** Stephen McLaughlan Gallery  
Level 8 Room 16 Nicholas Building  
37 Swanston Street Melbourne.



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## HAPPINESS BUTTON

For no other reason but that it spreads a moment of joy, perhaps even a laugh, we have added a 'Happiness Button' to the St Michael's website.

You are welcome to contribute ideas for happiness button content: [120collins@stmichaels.org.au](mailto:120collins@stmichaels.org.au).  
Enjoy the 'Happiness Button'.



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