

The Shopfront



March 2018 Newsletter

Easter Reflection

Easter is almost upon us. I am wondering what this means for you as a volunteer? What might it mean for our visitors?

Easter is about life. It is the time when we remember that a person, Jesus, was prepared to give all so that we may have life. Easter is a time when I remember how fortunate I am. I have a happy marriage, employment and a faith that I find encouraging and supportive. Easter is a moment when I can take stock and realise that the person of Jesus gave up his life for me. The message of Easter for me is about hope. Jesus and his followers give me an example of how to live. Acting as justly and as honestly as I can, I am also aware of the many good people around me who despite the ups and downs of their lives keep smiling and striving to be the best that they can be.

Easter is a time to say 'thank you' and be appreciative of the many gifts that life is offering me.



For you, Easter means ?? ... ??

Volunteers

Our evenings this year have seen a number of schools take on board an evening either weekly or fortnightly. Thank you to the staff of Mazenod College, Aquinas College, St Norbert's College and St Peter's Primary. The Bateman YCS have continued their monthly rostered night. To these groups we also have the Marist Youth Ministry team. These groups

have brilliantly augmented the small but intrepid group of individuals who have been coming regularly for some time.

Haircuts

Over a period of a year or so, Savio (a seminarian) was coming regularly to offer haircuts to our visitors. As he was moving back to Geraldton to continue his ministry, towards the middle of last year a friend of his: Sam (Samantha) joined him on a few occasions. Since October and continuing on into this year Sam has been each fortnight. Thank you Sam.

Plastic Bags

As you would be aware the State Government has declared that as of July 1st the plastic bags that are used by the supermarkets will no longer be available. This will have an impact on us as we re-use the bags for the distribution of the bread, fruit and vegetables. I am open to suggestions as to alternatives that we will be able to use after the new legislation comes into effect. Any thoughts gratefully accepted!



The Homeless Jesus

Thank you to all our volunteers, supporters and visitors for opening your mind and hearts to each other. It is only 'in the other' than we truly find ourselves.