



Central Vic Salvos

15th March 2026

WISDOM IN THE DESERT

A LENTEN INVITATION TO STILLNESS, HUMILITY, AND PRESENCE.

"Humble yourselves before the LORD, and He will lift you up." James 4:10
This Lent, I have chosen to journey with the Desert Fathers and Mothers through the Lectio 365 and 24-7 Prayer. Following the daily devotional reflections and weekly teaching has been a gentle but profound invitation to go deeper into discipleship and rediscover a sacred spiritual rhythm. The early desert believers stepped away from noise, status, and distraction – not to escape the world, but to encounter God more fully within it. Through this series, I have found space to slow down, to be still, to reflect, and to sit quietly in the presence of God. In a fast-paced and demanding world, the desert reminds us that wisdom is often found not in striving – but in surrender.

Voices from the Desert – so far

- Anthony the Great – Teaching us that spiritual battles can lead to spiritual clarity.
- John Cassian - Guiding us into spiritual disciplines that shape inner transformation.
- Abba Macarius of Egypt – Modelling humility, gentleness, and compassion.

Their lives echo the words of Scripture:

- "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves." - Philippians 2:3
- Search me O God, and know my heart." - Psalm 139: 2-3

As we prepare our hearts for Easter 2-26, the question remains:

Have we been intentional this Lenten season?

The desert is not a place of emptiness. It is a place of encounter. A place where God searches us, shapes us and restores us.

May we each find space this Lent to step aside, be still, and rediscover the wisdom that only comes in quiet communion with Him, Lord Jesus Christ.

Major Karen Armstrong

FUNDRAISER

Raising money for the group
The Way of the Cross

Movie: I Can Only Imagine 2

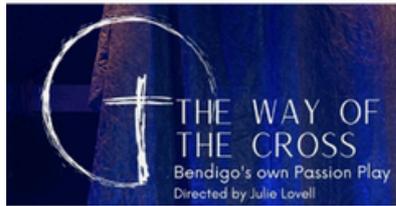
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Date: Sunday 15th March

Time: 4pm

Cost: \$23

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MONTHLY QUIET CHALLENGE



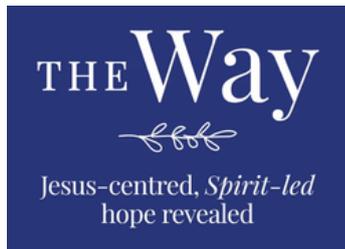
March:

Prayerful Hearts

Read:

Philippians 4: 6-7

Write down your prayers and notice How God responds



Created by us for us, this new reading plan features short devotions, reflections and stories from people right across The Salvation Army Australia. Officers, volunteers, corps members and leaders from every corner of the movement have contributed, offering authentic perspectives on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in everyday life.

The Way is about learning to walk with Jesus daily - growing in faith, reflecting on scripture and practising his love in real and practical ways. Over 30 days of your choosing, the reading plan provides an opportunity for us to pause, reflect and be encouraged by voices from within our own movement, people who are walking the way of Jesus.

Watch the video message from Commissioner Miriam Gluyas inviting all personnel, salvationists, volunteers and community members are invited to join the journey together, united in prayer, learning and growth. <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/68073-the-way-discipleship>



Bendigo (*pre-Palm Sunday)
Walk for refugees
Saturday 28th March.
Lake Weeroona from 6.30 pm.

Walk for Justice, Freedom and Peace.

Bendigo Churches, and other community groups ask you to stand up for justice, decency and compassion.

Join with people across the nation calling for justice for asylum seekers and refugees; and for a tolerant, generous and welcoming Australia.

Join us from 6.30 pm. at the northern end of the Lake; register, sign our letter of support, and walk around Weeroona as a gesture of solidarity and welcome. We will hold a brief vigil at around 7.15 pm.



Further information: Ken Rookes, RAR Bendigo. kro23808@bigpond.net.au



EASTER @ BENDIGO

SELF-DENIAL ALTAR SERVICE - 22nd March

PALM SUNDAY - 29th March
9:35am - Procession (onsite)
10.00am - Service

Worship Centre
Gate 1
65-71 Mundy St,
Bendigo

PASSOVER - 2nd April
11:00am - Service

GOOD FRIDAY - 3rd April
10.00am - Reflective Service

EASTER SATURDAY - 4th April
7.30pm - Easter Torchlight Parade Bendigo

To join in the Parade please meet at the QEO car park between 5.00pm - 7.00pm for more information please see Captain Ashir.

EASTER SUNDAY - 5th April
10.00am Service



Easter @ Castlemaine

Good Friday

10:30 Maldon Beehive openair service
(Combined Churches & Maldon Brass Band)
11am Stations of the Cross Walk
(Start and finish at St Mary's, Hargreaves Street)
1pm Fish & Chips Kennedy Street Hall \$10 pp
Easter Story and Craft

Easter Sunday

10am Botanical Gardens BBQs
Hot cross Buns; Easter Egg hunt;
Just Brass Band



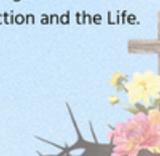
EASTER @ EAGLEHAWK

Sunday 15 March 4th week Lent I AM the Good Shepherd
Sunday 22 March 5th week Lent I am the Vine
Sunday 29 March Palm Sunday
Sunday 29 March Passover Meal at 7:30pm
All welcome. Please contact Major Karen to RSVP by March 24

HOLY WEEK Prayer and Scripture Reading
Monday to Thursday at 8:30am each morning.
On the Thursday will be lead by Major Robert Evans

Friday 3rd April Good Friday
St Peter's Anglican church Eaglehawk, 63 High St, Eaglehawk
Followed by Fish Fingers in buns at Eaglehawk Salvos
Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday
Combined Sunrise Service with the churches of Eaglehawk at Lake Neranga
10am He is Risen worship service at Eaglehawk Salvos I AM the Resurrection and the Life.

51 Church Street,
Eaglehawk



EASTER @ MARYBOROUGH

PALM SUNDAY - 29th March
10.00am Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 2nd April
6:30pm -7:30pm Reflective Service

GOOD FRIDAY - 3rd April
Interactive Service: 10.00am
Hot Cross Bun morning tea

EASTER SATURDAY - 4th April
Easter Torchlight Parade Bendigo - 7.30pm
(5.00pm - 7.00pm meet at Queen Elizabeth Oval Carpark Bendigo)

EASTER SUNDAY - 5th April
Dawn Service - Bristol Hill
Morning Service 10.00am - followed by Easter Egg Hunt

27 Wills Street
Maryborough



"As Salvationists, we continually grow in faith, care for others, give generously and say our 'yes' to him — because God is love."

Commissioner Miriam Gluyas,
Salvation Army Territorial Commander



BENDIGO EASTER FESTIVAL

APRIL 3-6



Central Vic Salvos

Central Vic Salvos are in the Twilight Parade in Bendigo once again to join in the Parade please meet at the Queen Elizabeth Oval car park at 5.00pm.

For more information please Contact Captain Ashir on 0408 746 114

Eaglehawk

EAGLEHAWK DAHLIA & ARTS FESTIVAL

Sunday Family Day

22nd March 2026

Canterbury Park Gardens.

All Activities are free!!

So come along and have some fun in the GARDENS.

Table tennis; Chocolate Scramble, Painting
Connected Circus Fun; Sandcastle building;
Face-painting; Fire Brigade with Water!!!

Our theme is HARVEST so have a go at making a SCARECROW.



Then head over to the **EVENTS SPACE** & enjoy

Kelly Sports, Baseball; Rides, Archery, Slot Cars & the fabulous Climbing Wall.

Plus....the animals are back from the fabulous **Animals 2U**

BBQ & drinks provided by EH Scouts & EH Y's Men for a small cost,
or bring your own picnic !

MUSIC IN ACTION

Eaglehawk Corps extend an open invitation to anyone in the community who is interested in playing, or learning to play, a brass instrument

Brass Practice: every Thursday pm & plays every Sunday.

If you are interested please call 5459 0507 & press 1

Ask to speak with Darren Dunn.

Beginners are warmly welcomed, with support and mentoring available.



“Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.”

- 1 Corinthians 16:13-14



Castlemaine

Castlemaine Sunday Meetings March

Mar 15	Mt 7v7-12	Ask, Seek, Knock – handling need	Corps Lunch
Mar 22	Mt 7v24-29	Rock & Sand – handling opportunity	Maj. Rob Evans
Mar 29	Mt 21v12-17	Pigeons and Prayers – handling anger	Preparing for Easter

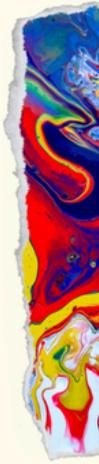
BENDIGO ART SPACE



A free, relaxed drop-in art space.
Inspired by starting afresh and
discovering how the Master Creator can
do something new within us.
Come, be inspired and create with us!

65-71 Mundy Street
In shelter Shed
(opposite Café)

Monday 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Thursday 1.00pm - 3.00pm



Bendigo



THE BENDIGO SALVATION ARMY SMALL GROUPS

Bendigo

Join one of our small groups to take part in 9
weeks of exploring faith, the bible, and
community.

Salvation group
beginners who want to learn
about God

Discipleship group
people who want to grow
their faith

Starting Thursday March 19th
6:30pm

Starting Sunday March 22nd
4:00pm

If you're not sure which group would suit you, please call our
reception and have a chat with Captain Ashir Morris (03) 5440 8410

The Salvation Army, 65-71 Mundy st, gate 1

Chapel Service

Join us for a half hour chapel service where
we discover how the bible relates to us now.
A relaxed discussion and fellowship time.

Thursdays, 11:00am

Bendigo Salvo's 65-71 Mundy St
Worship Centre, Gate 1



Maryborough

NOON PRAYER

Thursday's @ 12pm
27 Wills Street
Maryborough

Everyone welcome
Please join us as we spend time in
prayer as a church

COMMUNITY MARKET DAYS

FRESH PRODUCE, BREAD AND OTHER ITEMS AS AVAILABLE

MON, WED & FRI 10AM-12:30PM

*excluding public holidays, while stocks last





Thrift Shops

BENDIGO THRIFT SHOP

2B Thistle Street, Golden Square
Ph: (03) 5459 0504

Open Hours:

9am-4:30pm Monday to Friday
9am-2pm Saturday

BENDIGO CBD THRIFT SHOP

18 Pall Mall, Bendigo
Ph: (03) 5459 0509

Open Hours:

9:30am-4:00pm
Monday to Saturday

EAGLEHAWK THRIFT SHOP

4 Marong Rd, Ironbark
Ph: (03) 5459 0508

Open Hours:

9:30am-5pm Monday to Friday
9:30am-4pm Saturday

CASTLEMAINE THRIFT SHOP

46 Forest Street, Castlemaine
Ph: (03) 5459 0506

Open Hours:

10am-4pm Monday to Friday
10am-3pm Saturday

ST ARNAUD THRIFT SHOP

70-72 Napier Street, St Arnaud
Ph: (03) 5459 0503

Open Hours:

9:30am - 3:30pm Monday to Friday
10am-2pm Saturday

AVOCA THRIFT SHOP

114 High Street, Avoca
Ph: (03) 5459 0502

Open Hours:

10:00am - 3:30pm Mon, Wed, Fri

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

BENDIGO

MONDAY

12.00pm - Community Meal
12.30 to 2.30pm - Clothes Washing
1.00 to 3.00pm - Art Space

THURSDAY

10.30 to 1.30pm - Clothes Washing
11.00am - Chapel
12.00pm - Community Meal
1.00 to 3.00pm - Art Space

SUNDAY

10.00am - Celebration Service
10.30am - Kids School

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

EAGLEHAWK

TUESDAYS

8:30am - Weekly Prayers

WEDNESDAY

11am - 12:30pm Weekly Bible Study - BYO lunch

THURSDAY

2.00pm Band Practice
11.00am 3rd of every month - Aged Care Service

FRIDAY

11.00am Creative and Create Hub
finish at your own leisure

SUNDAY

9:40am - prays
10.00am - Celebration Service
3rd Sunday of month is the church/corps come
and share lunch together. starting February to
November.

51 Church St, Eaglehawk

MARYBOROUGH

MONDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Community Pantry
10:30am - Women's Fellowship *

WEDNESDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Community Pantry

THURSDAY

12.00pm - Noon Prayer
1.30pm - Bowls
4.00pm - Kids Club *

FRIDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Community Pantry
5.00pm - Faith Chats *
6.00pm - Youth Group *

SUNDAY

9:15am - Prayer Meeting
10.00am - Celebration Service with Kids
Church

27 Wills St, Maryborough

CASTLEMAINE

MONDAY

10.00am - Playgroup*
3:45pm - 4:45pm: Just Brass

WEDNESDAY

9.30am to 12.00pm Doorways

FRIDAY

9.30am to 12.00pm - Doorways

SUNDAY

10.30am - Worship Service

47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine

*not on during school Holidays



Contact Us

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2 WAYS TO GIVE

IN PERSON
PLACE YOUR CASH OR ENVELOPES IN THE OFFERING PLATE

ONLINE
VIA BPAY
BILLER CODE: 437855
REFERENCE #: 10009



doorways

Doorways is our Community Support program. It is the entryway through which those experiencing hardship and/or disadvantage can take proactive steps to find the support they need to overcome life's challenges and find long-term solutions. We offer a range of services from emergency relief to case management and more.

If you are experiencing hardship or financial difficulties, please call the Salvos Phone Assistance Line (PAL) on 03 8873 5288.
This service operates Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm.

Please be aware no assistance interviews will be conducted from our local sites. Community members presenting to any of our Central Vic Salvos sites will be invited to contact Salvos PAL.



The Salvation Army Central Victoria acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung Peoples of the Kulin Nation, the Traditional owners of the land on which we meet and work and pay our respect to Elders past, present and future. We value and include people of all cultures, languages, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions and intersex status. We are committed to providing programs that are fully inclusive. We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of people of all ages, particularly children.