



# Christ Church Cathedral Darwin

## Cathedral News - April 2011

### Holy Week and Easter at the Cathedral

Easter is a celebration of hope in the midst of what can seem like a pretty dark world, but that celebration only makes real sense when we make the full journey through the last week of Lent to Easter Sunday. Without, the story of Palm Sunday, the story of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and the story of the Passion on Good Friday, Easter Day makes no sense.

Our hope is that people will join us at the Cathedral for the whole of the journey through Holy Week so that together, we can celebrate Easter's promise that the forces of death and destruction in our world do not have the final word.



#### Holy Week and Easter Services

**Palm Sunday** 9.00am: Blessing of Palms and Palm Sunday Procession

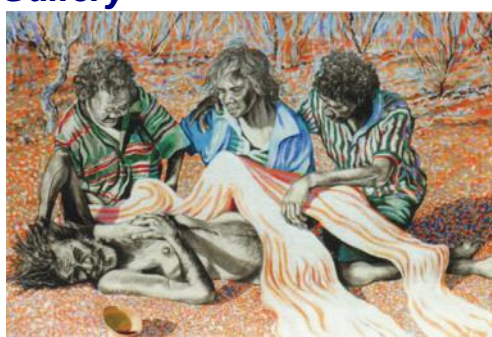
**Maundy Thursday** 7.30pm: The Eucharist of the Last Supper and Foot-washing ceremony—*Remembering Jesus' last night with his friends, we gather to share a Seder meal, celebrate holy communion and re-enact Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet.*

**Good Friday** 9.00am: Good Friday Liturgy  
3.00pm: Stations of the Cross at [Framed Gallery](#)

**Easter Day** 6.30am: Lighting of the New Fire and the first Eucharist of Easter  
9.00am: Festal Eucharist with the renewal of baptismal vows

### Stations of the Cross 2011 at Framed: The Darwin Gallery

In association with Christ Church Cathedral, [Framed: The Darwin Gallery](#) is once again holding an exhibition of contemporary Stations of the Cross. Opening on Friday evening, April 8, the exhibition will run until after Easter and features works by artists from across the Northern Territory and around Australia.



From the 2009 Exhibition: *Jesus is stripped before the crowd*, by Rod Moss

On Good Friday the Gallery will open during the afternoon and we will use the artworks as the focus for our Good Friday prayers starting at 3.00pm.

### Building News

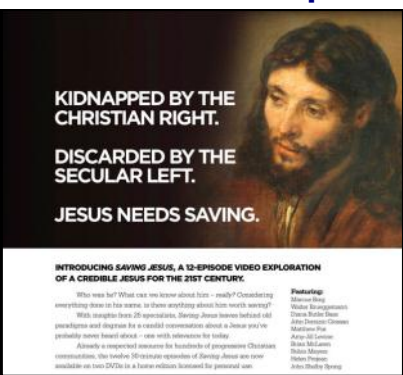
Tenders for the much needed renovation and restoration work on the Cathedral close on April 5, and while we are still well short of the anticipated total cost of doing the work we are confident that some work will begin soon.

While the extended wet season has slowed things down, it has increased our determination to get the work done to prevent further damage to the Cathedral fabric.

We are still accepting donations and hope to have a number of fundraising events during the year.

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### Discussion Group - Saving Jesus



*"We're having a culture war and Jesus happens to be one of the weapons tossed around by both sides."* Amy-Jill Levine

Our Lent discussion group this year has been using some new material from the people at [Living the Questions](#). Featuring such people as Marcus Borg, Walter Bruggeman, Diana Butler Bass, John Dominic Crossan, Matthew Fox and Brian McLaren, the material aims to promote "candid conversation about a Jesus you've probably never heard about—one with relevance for today."

The material is challenging and sometimes provocative and has formed the basis for many good discussions.

The study continues on Wednesdays and, for those who are keen, will continue after Easter. For more information [contact the Dean](#).

### Updated calendar of events.

A new, updated, Calendar of Events is available. Cathedral parishioners will receive one in the mail, but others are welcome to download a copy by clicking on the image (right). The calendar has a number of changes and additions, so please check your diary and make changes as appropriate.



### GOD: who, what, where, why... and if?

Bishop John Shelby Spong calls Dr Val Webb "one of the most exciting Christian voices in the 21st Century".

Val is coming to Darwin in June to help us explore what has been said about the Sacred across religions and the grounds on which such claims are made; and what people have experienced as encounters with the Sacred or the Sacred engaging them.



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### Diary Dates for 2011

- 16 April: **The Great Easter Clean-Up:** bring mops, brooms, shovels, rags, secateurs and help get the cathedral and grounds ready for Easter
- 22 April: We will return to **Framed Gallery** once again for our Good Friday Stations of the Cross
- 18 June: **Dr Val Webb**, author of *Like Catching Water in a Net* will come to Darwin for the first time to lead a one-day workshop on her new book, *Stepping out with the Sacred* \*\*\* Note change of date\*\*\*
- 2 July: **International Dinner Under the Stars** - fundraising dinner in the Cathedral grounds
- 29 July: **The Taste of Jewish Spirituality:** A Darwin experience of the Sabbath table. An interactive dinner with Rabbi Aviva Kipen.
- 30 July: **Sharing the Legacy:** A journey through the Psalms with Rabbi Kipen
- 11-29 August: **Darwin Festival** - [click here for more details](#)
- 20 August: **The New Family: reimagining the family for a new age:** a workshop with the Revd Dr Steven Ogden