

## Mission For The Week

**Stop The Traffik's** story began after a 7 & 9 year old brother and sister disappeared without a trace from a slum in Mumbai, India.

Phil Lane had been working at a day centre in Mumbai that offered a refuge for children and young people who lived in the neighbouring slums or on the platforms of the train station.

One day a pair of siblings who had been attending the centre for a few weeks, didn't come back. Phil went to ask their father if they were alright, and their father said they had been sold to a man who offered them work, for the equivalent of \$20. The children have never been seen since. Nobody knows for sure what happened to them.

The most conservative estimate of the numbers of men, women and children working in conditions of modern slavery-including trafficked persons, on planet earth in 2015, is 21 million. That is the estimate of the ILO. Others suggest the figure is as high as 38 million. Nobody knows the real number.

The vast majority of these people are in the supply chains of legitimate industries.

We are in the middle of the second great slave trade and most of us are not even aware of it.

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



**When you buy chocolate, coffee, tea & cotton, remember to look for these symbols.**

**People shouldn't be bought and sold**



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## Bakery Scam

Two men go into a bakery.

The first immediately steals three pastries and puts them in his pocket.

He says to his companion, "See how good I am? The owner didn't see a thing."

The first man replies, "That's terrible, you thief! I'm going to show you an honest way to get the same result."

He goes to the owner of the bakery and says, "Give me a pastry and I will show you a magic trick."

Intrigued, the owner accepts and gives him a pastry. The man swallows it and asks for another one, so the owner gives him another one. He swallows that one, asks for a third pastry and eats that, too.

The owner is starting to wonder where the magic trick is and asks, "So what did you do with the pastries?"

The man points at his companion and replies, "Look in his back pocket ..."



(See Matthew 28:19)  
THEY WERE ALL AGAINST MY JOINING THE MISSION FIELD, BUT ONCE THEY CAME TO SEE MY WORK THEY SEEM TO HAVE HAD A CHANGE OF HEART



13<sup>th</sup> March

## News for the Pews

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**Growing a community of faith  
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Information & Church family news  
for the congregations of  
**St David's & St Oswald's**

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: we pray that, as by his death he has recalled to life, so, by his presence abiding in us he may raise us to joys eternal; through Jesus Christ, your Son, or Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## *Praise for:*

- ✠ Rain which has fallen, and continue to pray for more especially in the catchments
- ✠ Quiet achievers! Thanks to Ken and Jenny for the work they have done in cleaning up the cry room area
- ✠ All those working with children in the Parish
- ✠ The love of Christ reflected through our Church family

## *Pray for:*

- ✠ Louise Brown who has been in hospital this week with a badly infected wound & is still recovering
- ✠ Margaret Spurio who has a pinched nerve in her back
- ✠ Marilyn Gee who is now home from respite
- ✠ Carers as they give so much of their love and time looking after family & friends
- ✠ Chris Jones as he finishes up as Administrator and Bishop Richard Condie as he 'takes the reins' of the Tasmanian Diocese
- ✠ St Oswald's Fellowship Group as they meet this week and consider their future
- ✠ The Community Easter Festival organisers as they prepare to reach out to the people of Launceston in different ways

## *Continue to pray for:*

- ✠ Josh, James, Job, Roger & Anne
- ✠ Tim, Emma, Sophie & Jake in SE Asia
- ✠ More families to join and commit to the Lord and the Parish
- ✠ Pray often for each other, especially:
  - ✠ Bill & Bev ✠ Margot ✠ Rona
  - ✠ Robin ✠ Dick & Jo ✠ Joan Wilkins
  - ✠ Roger & Julianne ✠ Ian, Helen & Sarah
  - ✠ Alison ✠ Marie ✠ Pat & Val
  - ✠ Connie ✠ Peter Bennett

## *What's going on?*

**St Oswald's Fellowship** - This Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2:00pm in St Oswald's hall. We will be considering whether or not to continue meeting

**Dessert Night** - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm at the Baptist Church in George Town, \$10 per person raising funds for Relay For Life. Contact Anne for more details 0410 305087

**Westbury St Patrick's Day Festival & Market** - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March from 8:30am

**Palm Sunday Picnic** - Next Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March. City Baptist Church would like to invite everyone within the Anglican Church to join them for an informal BYO picnic lunch in Princes Square at 12.30pm

**Palm Sunday Walk** - Next Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Join other Christians for a Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees, a national event, gathering in Princes Square at 1.45pm, walking to City Park via the Mall. For further information, contact Kerrie Snow kangasnow@gmail.com

**Recommitment to Ministry & Blessing of Oils Service** - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 11:00am at Christ Church, Longford. There will be opportunity to meet with Bp Richard Condie and lunch will follow the service

**Crafty Circle** - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. New members welcome, for more info please contact Jenny 6327 3520

**Good Friday Service** - 10am Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March at St David's

**Launceston Easter Community Festival** - 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March, "Feeding the World: body, mind & soul". Food, public lectures, exhibitions, films, seminars, workshops & more. Full programme & information from the website [www.launceston.org.au](http://www.launceston.org.au)

## *Services for the coming weeks:*

*Today*

- 10:00 am Praise & Worship at St David's
- 10:30 am Oikos at St O's

*Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March*

- 10:00 am Healing Service & Holy Communion at St Oswald's

*Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March*

- 10:45 am PresCare

*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Palm Sunday*

- 10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's
- 10:30 am Oikos at St O's

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## *Home Groups*

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| Iggesden's  | Tuesday 1:45pm   |
| Pedley's    | Tuesday 7:30pm   |
| St Oswald's | Wednesday 7:30pm |

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## **Thoughts for the soul**

A tongue has not bones, but it can break a heart

Begin each day as you seek to live it - with the Lord

A garment of sackcloth and ashes always proceeds a mantle of righteousness

It's impossible to express too much love

Pray not for crutches, but for wings