



vigil4peace

Vigil 4 Peace is being held to commemorate the young lives lost on October 9 2011 in Egypt.

At least 29 young people were killed during a peaceful protest against the persecution and the burning of the Coptic Churches.

The passive protestors, many of whom were carrying crosses, were attacked by the military and police forces - those who are meant to be the law enforcers. Stones and glass were thrown from surrounding bridges and walls; tanks were driven through the crowds and ran down Coptic Orthodox protestors.

What is happening in Egypt is only one example of the persecution Christians are facing around the world, particularly in the Middle East and North Africa.

In an effort to heal the wounds of our congregation, the Coptic Orthodox Church, Diocese of Melbourne and Affiliated Regions, initiated the Vigil 4 Peace. Together the congregation will flood Melbourne's Federation Square in a sea of white symbolising the hope they will bring for the future of not only Christians but all people around the globe.

With parallel celebrations in Adelaide, Perth, Tasmania, Canberra and New Zealand, the vigils will incorporate hymns, prayers and symbolic gestures to help Christians in our region show their solidarity for our brethren abroad.

- Time:** 5.30 to 7.30pm
Please gather from 5pm
- Date:** Friday November 4, 2011
- Location:** Federation Square
Cnr Swanston & Flinders
Sts
Melbourne
(At the main square)
- Dress code:** All white
Symbolising peace and purity



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