

Vigil 4 Peace

Update

As you are no doubt aware, Vigil 4 Peace is being held to commemorate the young lives lost on October 9 2011 in Egypt when at least 29 young Coptic people were killed during a peaceful protest against persecution and the burning of the Coptic Churches.

Together, the congregation will flood Melbourne's Federation Square in a sea of white symbolising the hope they will bring for the future of all Christians 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.

Please remember THIS IS NOT A PROTEST so no chants or placards please, this is a PEACEFUL vigil.

While you are welcome to take photos from where you stand, please do not come to the front for photography. Professional photography and videography has been arranged and this will all be available via the www.melbcopts.org website so just enjoy the ceremony!

Where: Federation Square, cnr Swanston St and Flinders St, Melbourne at the main square

When: 5.30 to 7.30pm, Friday November 4, 2011, please gather from 5pm

Dress code: All white

Using Twitter

His Grace is asking everyone to tweet about the event with the hashtag #4peace

If you are not on Twitter it is fairly easy to create a profile, just go to www.twitter.com and get follow the instructions. Then all you need to do is make a comment about the event and include #4peace, eg 'I'm really looking forward to Vigil 4 Peace #4peace'.

There are lots of ways to tweet about the event, ideas include:

- Take a famous quote or bible passage about peace, hope or forgiveness and add #4peace
- Retweet other people's comments about the event and add #4peace
- Tell others about the event, eg @mybestfriend will I see you at the Vigil 4 Peace on Nov 4? #4peace
- Ask your favourite celebrity to retweet the event details "@celebrity please RT to support Vigil #4peace events in Oz - praying for an end to persecution of Christians"

Do this as often as you can in as many ways as you can think of – we want this to trend globally!

A live feed of the ceremony will be online at www.melbcopts.org beginning at 5.30pm Australian Eastern Summer Time