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- 2 Church service 10:30 am
- 5 Church service 6:00 pm
- 6 Daugavas Vanadzies meeting 11:00am
- 9 Pulkv. O. Kalpaka, Latviešu leģionu un Kurzemes cietoksšņa remembrance 1:00pm

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- 16 Church service 10:30 am
- 6 Church service 10:30 am
Daugavas Vanadzies sanāksme plkst. 11:00
- 17 Church service 6:00 pm
- 18 Church service 3:00 pm am
BLACK FRIDAY
- 20 Church service 10:30 am
EASTER SUNDAY

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- 4 Church service 10:30 am
- 8 Daugavas Vanadzies meeting 11:00am
- 18 Church service 10:30 am

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Christmas celebrations have been and gone. Summer holidays have been spent in various fun ways.

How are the New Year's resolutions going? Perhaps doing something new or different.

In the passing of years we have experienced joy, sadness and change. Looking back, we can only be humble and grateful for God's grace to us – living and worshipping in freedom, here in Australia. Our gratitude can only be increased when we hear of and see man's inhumanity to man and the senselessness of war manifest in other parts of the world.

Seemingly so soon after the joy of Christmas, we enter the season of Lent – the precursor of our "double edged" celebration – Easter. The bleakness of Christ's crucifixion on Good Friday, followed by the immeasurable joy of Easter Sunday – "He is risen!" What a contrast!

Our limited intellect cannot understand the full meaning of these events. Therefore we have the Holy Spirit to enable us to have faith (in whatever measure) and to believe God's word in the Bible. Much to contemplate during the pre-Easter season of Lent!

- Pastor Gunis will be back in Perth to lead our Easter services.

*Ieva Vlahov
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DIEVKALPOJUMU SARAKSTS 2025. g. MARTAM, APRĪLIM, MAIJAM

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| Date | 2. marts 10:30 (Zoom Dievkalpojums no Yirkalas) |
| Day | Jēzus Apskaidrošanas Diena |
| Krāsa | Balta |
| Readings | 5 Mozus 34:1-12 Vēst. Ēb. 3:1-6 Lk. Ev. 9:28-36 |
| Hymns | 233, 187, 191, 372, 171 |
| Reader | Sarmīte Vucēns |
| Dežurants | Jānis Vucēns |
| Flowers | Ruta Auziņš |

Aizlūgumi:

Līga Gemuts
Māra Hope
Austra Kaģis

Austra Grīnbergs
Sid Hope

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| Date | 5. marts 18.00 (Zoom Dievkalpojums no Yirkalas) |
| Day | PELNU DIENA |
| Colour | Violeta |
| Readings | Joela 2:12-19 2 Kor. 5:20b-6:10 Mat. Ev. 6:1-21 |
| Hymns | 73, 78, 81, 80 |
| Reader | Pastor |
| Dežurants | Jānis Vucēns |
| Flowers | - |

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| Date | 16. marts 10:30 (Zoom Dievkalpojums no Yirkalas) |
| Day | 2 Gavēnis |
| Colour | Violeta |
| Readings | Jer 26:8-15 Filip. 3:17 - 4:1 |
| Hymns | 331, 369, 390, 261, 159 |
| Reader | Ieva Vlahov |
| Dežurants | Jānis Vucēns |
| Flowers | - |

Aizlūgumi:

Juris Liepa Ruta Liepa
Zane Lewis Ben Lewis
Silvija Lūks Alan Lūks

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| Date | 6. aprīlis 10:30 (Zoom Dievkalpojums no Yirkalas) |
| Day | 5 Gavēnis |
| Colour | Violeta |
| Readings | Jes. 43:16-21 Filip. 3:4-14 Lūkas Ev. 20:9-20 |
| Hymns | 92B, 94, 93, 96, 97 |
| Reader | Sarmīte Vucēns |
| Dežurants | Jānis Vucēns |
| Flowers | - |

Aizlūgumi:

Harda Paparde Andris Paparde
Inta Robinson David Robinson
Aina Sprancis Aina Timmermanis

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| Date | 17. aprīlis 18:00 |
| Day | ZALĀ CETURDIENA |
| Colour | - |
| Readings | Jer. 31:31-34 Ēb. 10:15-25 Lk. Ev. 22:7-20 |
| Hymns | 101, 99, 311, 308 |
| Reader | Pastor |
| Dežurants | Jānis Vucēns |

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|-----------|-------------------------|
| Date | 18. aprīlis 15:00 |
| Day | LIELĀ PIEKTDIENA |
| Colour | - |
| Reading | Jāņa Ev 19:17-30 |
| Hymns | 92B, 87, 80, 85, 89 |
| Reader | Pastor |
| Dežurants | Jānis Vucēns |
| Flowers | - |

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|-----------|---|
| Date | 20. aprīlis 10:30 |
| Day | EASTER SUNDAY |
| Colour | Balta/Zelta |
| Readings | Jes 65:17-25 1 Kor. 15:51-57 Jāņa Ev. 20:1-18 |
| Hymns | 102, 104, 106, 111, 114 |
| Reader | Pastor |
| Dežurants | Jānis Vucēns |
| Flowers | - |

Aizlūgumi:

Astrīda Untiņš Daina Vārpiņš
Ieva Vlahov Jānis Vucēns
Sarmīte Vucēns Ruta Auziņš

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| Date | 4. maijs 10:30 (Zoom no Yirkalas) |
| Day | 3 Lieldienu Svētdiena |
| Colour | Balta |
| Readings | Ap. Darbi 9:1-22 Atkl. 5:1-14 Jāņa Ev. 21:1-14 |
| Hymns | 115, 116, 125, 204, 168 |
| Reader | Ieva Vlahov |
| Dežurants | Jānis Vucēns |
| Flowers | |

Aizlūgumi:

Gunis Balodis Signe Balodis
Mirdza Balodis Nina Bauskis
Ilgvars Bergmanis Maiguta Bernšteins

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| Date | 18. maijs 10:30 (Zoom no Yirkalas) |
| Day | 5. Lieldienu svētdiena |
| Colour | Balta |
| Readings | Ap Darbi 11:1-18 Atkl. 21:1-7 Jāņa Ev 16:12-22 |
| Hymns | 111, 148, 212, 198, 193 |
| Reader | Ieva Vlahov |
| Dežurants | Jānis Vucēns |
| Flowers | |

Aizlūgumi:

Rita Džonsons Austra Farras
Māra Hope Sid Hope
Austra Kaģis Juris Liepa Ruta Liepa

Ash Wednesday ushers in the season of Lent and Suffering before Easter

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and Suffering before Easter. It is a time of fasting, self-examination, when we can focus our thoughts on Christ's suffering and sacrifice for our sake. Ash Wednesday (the Wednesday before the sixth Sunday before Easter) begins a special time in the Church year, in which we are called to follow Christ on his final journey to Jerusalem, on the path of suffering, on the way of the cross. The motivation and meaning of Lent is that we are able to see Christ's suffering as the key to our suffering, Christ's sacrifice as God's answer to the guilt of our sin.

Juris Zariņš, pastor of St. John's Parish in Riga, writes: "Since the time of the early church, this time of remembrance has been considered a time of seriousness, self-denial and fasting, with a particular emphasis on the awareness of sin and repentance. The period from Ash Wednesday to Easter, excluding Sundays, is exactly 40 days of Lent and serves as a comparison with Christ's 40-day fast in the desert. This period is a time when Christians abstain from pleasures, observe fasting and attend all church services. It is a time of love and devotion, when they sacrifice worldly goods in order to gain spiritual ones".

Let us follow Christ's call at this time, which we read in the Gospel of Matthew: "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites; for they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who sees in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you" (Matthew 6:16-18).

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LATVIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Latvian language classes are twice monthly at the Perth Latvian Centre.

- 9. un 23. march
- 13. un 27. april
- 11. un 25. may
- 8. un 22. jūne

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DV PERTAS NODAĻA

DAUGAVAS VANAGU PERTH BRANCH AGM 2025.G.

D.V. The Perth branch always convenes its annual general meeting of members at the beginning of February. So this Sunday, February 9 at 13:00, the Perth Daugava Vanagi and Vanadzēs all gathered to hear what happened in our branch last year and what to do in 2025.

The chairman of the board, Ilmārs Rudaks, opened the meeting, inviting us to remember with a moment of silence the members of our branch who passed away last year from the branch. We had only one of them this year: Jūlijs Bernštsins. After a moment of silence, we sang him the first and last verses of the hawks' song. Truly: "oh, rarer lines, we get enough every year". However, 15 members came to the general meeting and four more apologized.

The chairman of the Perth branch thanked the board for the good work and good cooperation last year. Pg. In 2018, the board was reduced in number and did a lot of work in absentia and with the help of a computer. Due to the restrictions of the pandemic, the board conducted the meeting with the help of a computer. Then he expressed special gratitude to the members of our branch's committee for their tireless good work for the benefit of our branch, without which we would not be able to achieve our goals.

With that, last year's committee ended its work and the members now had to elect a chairman of the general meeting. We elected Jānis Vucēns for this and elected Jānis Purvinski as the secretary of the meeting. With that, the meeting could proceed according to the already adopted procedure and which Jānis again successfully and efficiently conducted.

Since all the reports had already been issued earlier and only the Audit Commission document was read by Jānis Vucēns, and there were no questions for that, as well as for all the other reports, the reports were accepted as read.

At the report of the Latvian Centre representative, Ilmārs explained that since the DV Perth branch is one of the three owners of the Latvian Centre, the DV representative also reports on the activities of the Center and the annual events at the Center. Each of our three Latvian organizations must elect two directors of the Center's board. When we needed a second director, Indulis Bernšteins applied to serve on the board. For that, we thank Indulis.

The treasurer had worked a lot on the draft budget for next year, and the treasurer then presented it to



COL. OSKARA KALPAKA, LATVIAN LEGION AND KURZEMES CIETOKŠŅA REMEMBRANCE

**Sunday 9 March, 2025,
1.00pm in the DV clubrooms**



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us in a balanced way in terms of Income and Expenditure, and it was accepted and the meeting also accepted it.

Finally, the time came to elect the head of the branch and the board. Since the Latvian community in Perth is getting closer and closer every year, we are happy that we can still find employees of our organizations at all. The same ones are already pulling the strings, and no new entrepreneurs are emerging. So again we elected Ilmārs Rudaks as the long-time head of the branch and the previous committee, so that he can continue to work again, for which they, thank you.

The main goal of our branch has been and remains to provide as much help as possible to our legionnaires in Latvia, to support large families and the Occupation Museum there. But we can only do this for as much as our finances allow us.

As we have become accustomed to, after the general meeting, we enjoyed snacks prepared by our Vanadzēs, tea or coffee and also a glass of wine. Thank you to the giver for that. Then we say goodbye and hope to meet at our next event: the commemoration of Oskars Kalpaks, the Courland Fortress and the Latvian Legion, already on March 9th.

Jānis Purvinskis

DAUGAVAS VANADZES

Daugavas Vanadzēs will renew their meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 11:00 am in the clubrooms.

R.Dž.

PERKONĪTIS

Everybody is invited to come and dance!
Let's learn to polka, skip, hop, new folk dances etc

Every Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm

Contact Daina Jefimovs, for latest information.

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RADIO PROGRAM

Radio 6EBAFM transmissions have ceased and it is unlikely they will recommence..

The radio program was one of the few sources by which listeners could receive information about Perth Latvian community events.

We are examining alternative, possibly using ZOOM, which can be accessed by people without computers.

Information will be posted on the Perth Latvian Newsletter home page as it becomes available:

pertaszinas.net

We apologise to listeners for the silence.

PĒRKONĪTIS AT SYDNEY YOUTH FESTIVAL

