



# Lent 2023



## McKinney Lecture

● ***Standing in Solidarity  
with the suffering  
and injustice  
of the Palestinian People***



A public lecture sponsored by Banyule Churches Together



featuring **Brother Peter Bray FSC**  
Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University  
**Thursday 23 February at 7.30pm**  
at the **Cunningham Centre**  
(opposite St. Bernadette's School)  
**53 Stanley St, Ivanhoe 3079**

Bethlehem University is a Catholic university in the city of Bethlehem in the West Bank, Palestine. It is the first registered university in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and was established following Pope Paul VI's visit to the Holy Land in 1964 when he committed to doing something for the Palestinian people and what eventually emerged in 1973 was the university. The university has a student population of 3,298 (Female students number 78%). 79% of the students are Muslim, 21% of the students are Christian. Brother Peter assumed leadership of Bethlehem University in February 2009 and under his leadership the University continues to achieve its mission of providing quality higher education to the Palestinian people as a beacon of hope in this oasis of peace. The University is committed to preparing young people to assume leading positions in Palestinian society and fostering shared values, moral principles, dedication to peace with justice for their nation, and serving the common good.

**All Welcome**  
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