



'NO PLACE TO LAY MY HEAD'!

An exhibition commemorating the 75th anniversary of Al Nakba ('The Catastrophe'), that saw hundreds of thousands of Palestinians made refugees.

St Paul's Cathedral

Cnr Flinders and Swanston Sts, Melbourne

Saturday 16th Sept. - Saturday 28th Oct. 2023

During church opening times, excluding services

A multimedia exhibition using historical images, cultural artefacts, maps, poems, installations, artworks, and video will tell the story of Al Nakba and its ongoing impact on generations of Palestinians.

This exhibition coincides with the World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel and has taken up their theme for the title, *'No Place to lay my head'!*

Al Nakba occurred when the modern State of Israel was formed in 1948. In their quest to find a homeland, the establishment of the State of Israel came at the expense of the destruction of the Palestinian homeland, resulting in the permanent displacement of approximately 750,000 Palestinians. Successive Israeli governments have continued to expand their homeland by confiscating and demolishing Palestinian land and homes.

The atrocities of the Holocaust and genocide perpetrated against the Jewish people is well documented and rightly condemned. What is less commonly known or understood is what the last 75 years has meant for Palestinians. An understanding of Al Nakba is essential for understanding Palestinians connection to land and their struggle for self-determination and return.

This is their story...

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