

Lenten Film Nights

Inter-Church Council of Hunters Hill & Gladesville

Join us to watch a film, enjoy one another's company, and discuss and reflect upon the themes and issues raised over drinks and nibbles - especially in relation to the great themes of Lent.

Please note this is strictly an Adults Only event.



Life of Brian

4pm Sunday 18th February @ Villa Maria Church Hall

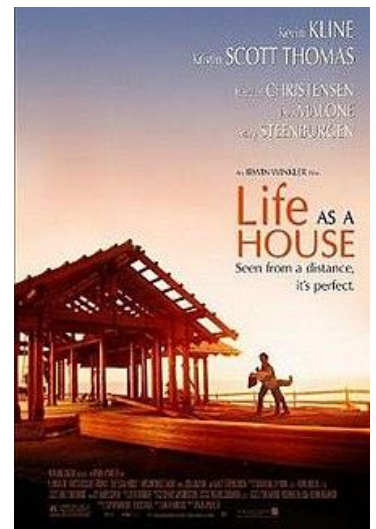
Monty Python's *Life of Brian* is a 1979 British religious satire comedy film starring and written by the comedy group Monty Python. The film tells the story of Brian Cohen, a young Jewish man who is born on the same day as, and next door to, Jesus Christ, and is subsequently mistaken for him.

The film was highly controversial at the time of its release, drawing accusations of blasphemy, and protests from some religious groups. Since then many have come to see it as a clever parody of the response of those who sought to "follow" Jesus, often placing their own interpretations (and misunderstandings) upon his life-giving words.

Life as a House

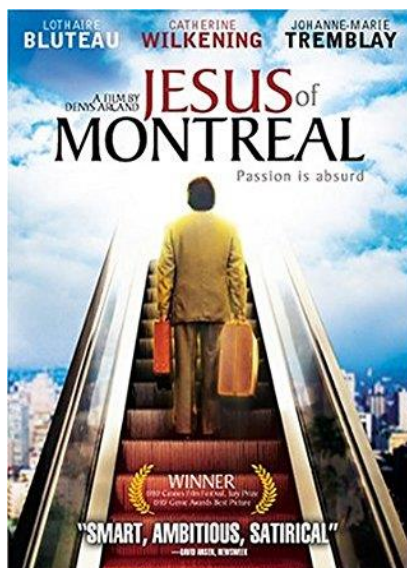
4pm Sunday 4th March @ Boronia Park Uniting Church

George Monroe has had a lifelong ambition to achieve one of the great American Dreams: to build his own home, a refuge set on a cliff at the end of the sea. But it's a dream that he has put off again and again while he's sunk lower and lower--ending up divorced, overworked and estranged not only from friends and family, but from himself. Now he has hit rock bottom and there's nowhere to go... except out onto the edge. His neighbours despise his sagging, dilapidated shack. His teen-aged son would rather stare into space than raise a finger to help him. His ex-wife, who once shared his dream, is now emotionally distant from him. Local city officials want to sabotage his plans. It seems there is no one left with any faith in him. But George is determined to build this house--even if it means refurbishing his entire life. He begins the project alone, but soon attracts a disparate group of people. What begins as a way for George to redeem his own dreams turns into something much bigger.



Jesus of Montreal

4pm Sunday 18th March @ St Charles Borromeo, Ryde



A modern-day Passion Play becomes a re-enactment of the life and death of Jesus Christ in more ways than one with this critically acclaimed drama from Quebec filmmaker Denys Arcand. Lothaire Bluteau stars as Daniel Coloumbe, an intense young actor in Montreal who is hired by church fathers to restage and update the city's annual Passion Play, which over the course of the past 40 years has begun to seem hidebound Daniel hires a group of struggling young actors that become devoted to him and his creative vision as he devises an extremely avant-garde production that takes Christ's rebellious teachings literally. Revolving around set pieces reflecting passages from Christ's life rather than a traditional re-creation of events, Daniel's revisionist work also incorporates blasphemous ideas about his subject, questioning his true nature. Daniel's play is a critical smash and wows mesmerized audiences, but greatly disturbed church officials order the labour of love dismantled. Real life begins imitating biblical events as the actors become cast-outs and Daniel smashes up an audition in which the actress portraying his Mary Magdalene (Catherine Wilkening) is asked to disrobe by a prurient producer.