

Story and Symbolism for Window No. 1

CREATION

AN ONGOING STORY

This Window depicts the 'Unfolding of the Creation of our world
of the cosmos.

..... with reference to - the Christian 'GENESIS' Story.

- the local Indigenous 'TJILBRUKE' Dreaming Story, as a mark of respect and honouring of the original inhabitants of the area, the Kurna People.
- and more recent scientific insight and understanding.

VISUAL ELEMENTS and SYMBOLISM

- SPIRALS – Breath of God, Spiritual Energy
- SUN – Light born of Darkness, the Big Bang, heart of the Universe.
- NIGHT, DAY, MOON, STARS, CLOUDS – first days of Creation : GENESIS Story.
- AUSTRALIAN GLOSSY IBIS - Tjilbruke local Indigenous Dreaming Ancestor.
- EARTH, AIR, FIRE AND WATER – the Elements of Creation.
- BRIGHTON SAND DUNES – We are fortunate that the 'Friends of Minda Dunes' group are preserving these dunes 'as they were at the time of European Intrusion, 1836.' They are an almost 6000-year-old beach-dune ecology.
- RAINBOW RIBBON/ SPECTRUM OF COLOUR is the dominant and multi-layered symbol emerging in the design from the sun, symbolising THE SPIRIT of GOD
 - God as Creator
 - Holy Spirit
 - Spirit of Life (Colours represent all human experience and emotion)
 - Spirit of Christ
 - Spirit of Love, incarnate in us all.
 - Alpha and Omega.
 - God in us, us in God.

Together, these can be understood as the cosmic Christ.

.....This ribbon of colour then flows through all 7 of the windows,
'creating', 'infusing', 'making sacred' and 'animating' ALL THAT IS !

* I gratefully acknowledge permission from the Kurna Elders to incorporate their sacred Tjilbruke Dreaming Ancestor symbol into the St. Jude's windows.

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