



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA  
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**Sixth Sunday in Lent—Palm Sunday**  
**24th March 2024**

Christians often describe the season of Lent as a journey of sorts, with its final destination being Holy Week. The events of Holy Week recount the so-called ‘passion narratives’ in the New Testament Gospels that relate to the suffering (*passio* in Latin), death and burial of Jesus Christ.

Thus, Holy Week marks the last week of the Christian season of Lent – the week leading up to Easter. Here’s a rundown of what it all means.

**Palm Sunday – entrance into Jerusalem**

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when Christians commemorate Jesus’ ‘triumphal entry’ into Jerusalem where the Gospels tell us he was greeted with crowds waving palm branches and crying ‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ (Mark 11:9-10).

(Ironically, these same voices that greet Jesus as Messiah and King will be the same voices that shout ‘Crucify him!’ just a few short days later on Good Friday.)

**Maundy Thursday – the Last Supper**

Maundy Thursday marks the Last Supper that Jesus shares with his disciples, his betrayal by his disciple Judas Iscariot, and his arrest at the Garden of Gethsemane. Often Maundy Thursday services will include an act of foot washing, which commemorates Jesus washing the feet of his disciples as an act of service on the night of his arrest (John 13:1-20). Maundy Thursday reminds participants of the ‘new commandment’ (*mandatum* in Latin) that Jesus gave his disciples to love one another as he has loved them (John 15:12) – a love that is most readily seen in Jesus willingly giving up his life on the cross on Good Friday.

**Good Friday – Jesus’ agony on the cross**

Good Friday commemorates Jesus’ trial before Pontius Pilate, his sentence of death, his torture, and his crucifixion and burial. It is called ‘good’ Friday in the obsolete sense of the word ‘good’ – connoting something ‘holy’ or ‘pious’ (‘Holy Friday’), which is striking as ‘Good Friday’ is the most sombre day for Christians, when the agony, death and burial of Jesus is remembered. For many Christians, Good Friday is a day of fasting, with the faithful attending a church service where they will meditate on and venerate the cross of Christ.

**Holy Saturday – visiting the tomb of Jesus**

The Triduum of Holy Week concludes with Holy Saturday, often with a late-night Easter Vigil service, which is really two parts. First, a liturgy that recalls the vigil, the ‘keeping watch’ of Jesus’ female disciples at the tomb of Jesus, which begins in darkness where a new paschal or Easter fire is kindled. This, then, is followed by the joyous celebration of the first Eucharist of Easter, which will often include the baptism of new converts and the renewal of baptismal vows by the faithful.

**Holy Week moves from the enthusiastic shouts of ‘Hosanna’ to the sombreness of Holy Wednesday and Maundy Thursday, to the horrors of the agony and death of Jesus on Good Friday, to the joyous celebration of the first Eucharist of Easter.**

It is an emotional week for Christians, but one that anticipates the hope and glory of the resurrection of Christ at Easter, which is at the heart of the Christian Gospel and the centre of Christian faith and worship.

*Bob Derrenbacher, Dean of Trinity Theological School, Melbourne. (adapted)*

## Dates for your Diary

**24th March—Palm Sunday, at St Michael's 9.30am.**

**One service only in the parish, followed by m/tea**

**28th March, Maundy Thursday, 6.00pm at St Michael's**

**29th March—Good Friday— 8.00am, St George's. & 9.30am, St Michael's.**

**30th March — Easter Eve—6.30pm St Paul's**

**31st March —Easter Day — 8.00am St George, & 9.30am St Michael's**

**21st April—St George's Patronal Festival, 2.00pm.**

4th May—Artisan Market

Please start potting up plants for our plant stall at our **Artisan Market 4th May**, and please label if possible. Always a great attraction and money spinner!

### **Mother's Day Raffle—drawn at Artisan's Market.**

Suitable contributions are sought, Suzie DL has begun to put the contributions into hampers. We hope to sell some tickets in Appin Street for a few weeks prior to the Artisan Market where the raffle will be drawn.

Books of tickets are available now.



### **ABM EASTER APPEAL. This Easter, we welcome you to contribute to the vital work of the Anglican Board of Mission's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants.**

These are small grants, usually less than \$20,000, which support the ministry and mission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Recent grants have supported ministries as varied as a women's bible camp in the Northern Territory, school chaplaincy in a Western Australian Aboriginal Community College, teenage pregnancy support in central New South Wales, and help with transport for **Aboriginal ministry in the Diocese of Willochra.**

### ***FUEL CRISIS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA Update 21 March 2024***

Dear Neil,

As shared two weeks ago, [Mission Aviation Fellowship] MAF in Papua New Guinea is currently facing a critical aviation fuel shortage, posing a significant challenge to our ability to serve remote communities.

To allow us to continue to serve the remote people of PNG, fuel has been purchased from New Zealand, however this comes at a significant cost increase, incurring double the cost compared to local prices. A fuel surcharge of 15% has been added to normal fares and charter prices, however with the crisis ongoing, this will not cover the true cost.

A 200 litre drum of fuel that used to cost AU\$530, now costs over AU\$1000- and MAF PNG needs 500 drums of fuel a month to keep our planes in the sky.

## WHAT'S ON & DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### Monday in Holy Week, 25th March 2024.

Isaiah 42. 1-9; Psalm 36. 5-11; Hebrews 9. 11-15; John 12. 1-11.

### Tuesday in Holy Week, 26th

Isaiah 49. 1-7; Psalm 71. 1-14; 1 Cor 1.18-31; John 12.20-36.  
Pangerang at St Michael's

### Wednesday in Holy Week, 27th

Isaiah 50. 4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12. 1-3; John 13.21-32.  
9.30am Craft Group—St Michael's Hall.

### Maundy Thursday, 28th

#### 6.00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Eucharist— St. Michael's

Exodus 12.1-4 [5-10] 11-14; Psalm 116. 1-2, 11-18;  
1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17, 31b-35

#### Good Friday, 29th—8.00am, St George's. & 9.30am, St Michael's

Isaiah 52. 13 - 53. 12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10. 16-25; John 18.1-19.42.

### Saturday in Holy Week (easter Eve), 30th

Ezekiel 37. 21-28; Psalm 85. 8-13; John 11. 45-57.

#### Easter Eve Service, 6.30pm St Paul's

### Sunday 31st March 2024,

#### First Sunday of Easter—Easter Day

8.00am, Eucharist @St. George's, Taminick

9.30am, Eucharist @St. Michael's, Wangaratta.

Acts 10. 34-43; Hymn to the Risen Christ; 1 Cor. 15. 1-11; Mark 16.1-8.

Neil, please continue to pray for this situation in Papua New Guinea and feel free to share the information with your church, friends and family so they can pray as well.

***If you. or anyone you know. would be able to give a tax deductible donation to help cover the increased costs of sourcing fuel from New Zealand, you can do so here. <https://maf.org.au/png-fuel-crisis/>***

Thank you for your prayers,

Dr Chris Barnes

CEO, MAF Australia



## Sunday 24th March 2024

- ◆ **The World:** Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia.
- ◆ **Australia:** Ambassadors, Diplomats and Trade Missions.
- ◆ **The Church in our nation:** Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).
- ◆ **The Anglican Church of Australia:** The Diocese of The Murray:  
Bishop—Keith Dalby (*on leave*) Administrator: The Venerable Simon Waters  
Clergy and People.
- ◆ **Our Diocese:** Bishop Clarence Bester (*Michelle & family*).  
The Parochial District of Yackandandah:  
P-i-C: Matthew Healy (*Katherine Presley*) (*Elizabeth, Madeleine*).  
Priest Assisting: Elwyn Enos (*Riya Mathew*).  
Asst Priest: Lesley Lewis (*David*).  
Parish leaders and communities of: Holy Trinity, Yackandandah; St Mark's,  
Kiewa; St Andrew's, Dederang; St Paul's, Allans Flat; St Aidan's, Tawonga.

The Diocesan Newspaper: The Advocate: David Kerr—editor. Pray for all who are involved in any form of media communicating in our communities.

- ◆ **Our Parish:** Parish Council.  
Pray for each other that our Holy Week will be a good preparation for Easter.
- ◆ **Those in Need:** Margaret G. Zoe. Robert P. Nina Colson. Melanie. Wayne. Warren G. Kaye McKenzie. Josef.
- ◆ **Year's Mind: 24th—30th March:**  
[24/03] Lorraine Boling, 2016. Elizabeth Wilcox, 2005.  
[25/03] Evelyn Pursill, 1994. [26/03] Christine Denton, 2013.  
[28/03] Charlie French, 1997. [28/03] Florence Toll, 1992.  
[30/03] Maud Paterson, 2012. [30/03] Sarah Humphreys, 1984.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.  
**And may light perpetual shine upon them.**

### **Prayer of the week** (*pray daily*)

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory. **Amen.**



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