

CHRIST CHURCH—GEELONG
AN ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA



SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
PALM SUNDAY

24th March 2024

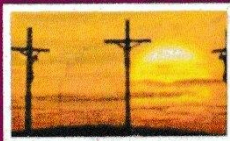
MARCH 2024

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

ANGLICAN PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH - GEELONG



Palm Sunday 08.00 & 10:00
Palm Sunday Services with procession



Monday, 25th March 7:00am - Holy Eucharist
7:00pm - Stations of the Cross



Tuesday, 26th March 7:00am - Holy Eucharist
7:00pm - Tenebrae Service



Wednesday, 27th March 10:00am & 7:00pm -
Eucharist



Maundy Thurs, 28th March 7:00pm - Eucharist,
Washing of the feet, stripping of the altar



Good Friday, 29th March 12:00pm - Way of the
Cross with Holy Eucharist



Holy Saturday, 30th March 7:00pm - New Fire,
Vigil Service and Renewal of Baptism promises



Easter Sunday, 31st March Service from 8am - 9am
10:00am - 11h00 with short procession

Dear people of God,

Holy Week greetings! As we begin the Passion week we are reminded of the solemnity of the services in this week. They are meant to help us revision the events that took place more than 2000 years ago. The Triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the cleansing of the temple, the Institution of the Eucharist and Washing of the Disciples' Feet, The Arrest until the crucifixion and the ultimate resurrection. The Liturgy during this time of the year is meant to sturdily take us through this period of Passion with so much care. These services take place once a year and as such we have to treat receive them as they come. They may be a bit unusual and longer than our usual Sunday ones. They are full of deep meaning that helps reignite the faith in us and to always be reminded of how the Saviour had to endure in order to save us.

As we journey through this season of the Passion of our Lord, let us do so prayerfully and allow the Holy Spirit to deepen our understanding and commitment to the next level. Due to the nature of the services and their purpose and/or duration I had to move the Tenebrae Service from Thursday to be a stand alone one on Tuesday evening. Tenebrae, an ancient Good Friday service, increases darkness by gradually extinguishing candles to symbolize the coming darkness of Jesus' death. And at the end of the service the last candle is rekindled to demonstrate that the light of Christ will not be overcome by darkness. Come one, come all on Tuesday at 7pm to witness this beautiful service with rich and deep theology. You will realize that the evening services are all taking place at 7pm and not at 7.30pm like in the yester years. Please use the Holy Week and Easter Services Poster to plan your Holy Week accordingly.

Our Good Friday Service will start from 12noon here at Christ Church and it will include the Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament. For those of you who can walk please gather at St Mary's Basilica from 10.45 for a procession through town that will finish at around 11.45 at the Market Square Mall on Moorabool Street. It is a good gesture to join the ecumenical efforts especially

on Good Friday as we are reminded that Christ died for all of us despite our colour of skin, ethnicity, gender and denominations etc. I look forward to celebrating our first Easter with you at Christ Church this time around. Happy Easter to you all. If you are travelling at this time of the year, safe travelling mercies. Keep the faith until we all celebrate with Alleluias the triumph of our Saviour over death.

In Christ's Humble Service
REV LANKIRI THABA, VICAR

NOTICES

Easter Fundraisers - Please support the Christ Church raffle. Tickets available from Sue Murrant and Ruth Christian. Excellent Easter prizes! \$2.00 a ticket for three for \$5.00 and seven for \$10.00.

Easter shopping. Save time and stress by buying your Hot Cross Buns and chocolate through Christ Church. Hot Cross Buns available in half dozen packs from Routleys and Easter chocolates from Freckleberry. Delivery during Holy Week. Order forms available today. See Sue Murrant for further queries.

Flowers for Easter. We are looking for donations towards the purchase of flowers for Easter Sunday! Please speak to Jan if you are able to help.

Lenten Appeal. From today we have a beautiful cross at the front of the church. This cross represents the celebration before Easter to remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem just a few days before His Crucifixion. It was made for us by the Leopold Men's Shed. In the spirit of Lent we fast and some of our homeless or less fortunate friends in Geelong fast every day . So we are asking if you would like to bring to church some non perishable tins or food to fill the pantry with love for Easter . Fill the baskets under the cross.



Footy Parking – thanks to everyone who helped with parking at the Cats first 2024 Home game – it was a bit hectic as we parked more cars than in any game for the past 10 years! A great start for 2024 on and off the field! The next Cats home game against North Melbourne is on Sunday 14th April, starting at 1pm.... so Footy

Parking will start at about 11am that day. It's still not too late to join the FP team for 2024 – our recruitment terms are very reasonable (though the player payment plan is perhaps not the greatest!). Contact Phillip on 0448118302 for more details! Go Cats!

Meditation— *Please note that Meditation will not be on Tuesday, 26th March due to Holy Week Services. We will resume on 9th April at 7.15pm).*

EASTER SUNDAY — 31ST MARCH 2024

Said Eucharist at 8am, Sung Eucharist at 10am
Please note there will be no 5.15pm Service on Easter Sunday!

READINGS

**Acts 4:32-37, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1—2:2,
John 20:19-31**

Have a blessed Holy Week and a happy Easter!

Please note there is a Hearing Loop installed in the Church that provides a wireless signal picked up by the hearing aid when it is set to 'T' (Telecoil).

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We acknowledge the Wadawurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the lands on which Christ Church and its building now stand.

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