



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

5 April 2023

Sixth Sunday in Lent

PALM SUNDAY

Parish  
Link

Rev'd Anne writes...

Palm Sunday is a day of joy for the disciples, as they accompany Jesus into Jerusalem, heralding him as their King. The crowd gathers and joins in the festivities. But for Jesus, that lonely ride into the Holy City must have been with immense sadness. This week that we have entered is a time to reflect on the Passion - a time to look at Jesus' life, a perfect example of goodness, and how he was misunderstood in his mission from God. We look, too, at our own actions as Christians - have we always followed The Way, The Truth and The Life, to the best of our ability?

I pray that you will take time to reflect on the readings of this week.  
Blessings, Anne

### Week 6

Creating a Sacred Space: use your artistic gifts to create something new.



All of us have been gifted with creativity and imagination, yet we rarely use it in our spiritual observances. Some of us are unaware of our creativity. Others are unsure how to create with the purposes of God in mind. Prayerfully ask God to stir your imagination to create something that flows out of the unique creativity with which God has gifted you. It could be a poem, a piece of art, a photo, a collage, something you knit, carve or sculpt. Or it could be an entirely new art form that is uniquely you.

Palm Sunday

Hymns: Introit see *booklet* • Processional see *booklet*

Offertory: 357 • Communion • Final: 332

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month retiring collection for parish outreach**

## Special Prayer

Sentence: At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2.10–11

## Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross: in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer at the time of choosing an incumbent: Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose wisdom, discernment and patience, and give to us warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

## First Reading: Isaiah 50.4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens — awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew, Chapter 26, beginning at Verse 14

## Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

For the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*At the end:* For the Passion of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, of your tender love towards us you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## Years Mind

Frances Joyner, Irene Watson, Anne Johnston, Jess Hodges, Samuel Scott, and Patrick Robinson, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## Prayer Points

*The Church:* St Paul's Inverleigh with St John's Bannockburn and Epiphany Church, Meredith (Timothy Smith); The Diocese of Armidale (Bp Rod Chiswell, Clergy & People); Girls' Friendly Society (Alison Benfield, Chair).

*The Parish:* Give thanks for our choir and those who lead them.

*The World:* Give thanks for the witness of Christians around the world.

*The Nation:* Pray for all paramedics, doctors and nurses.

## ABM Pew Reflections

**Palm Sunday:** We have probably all met someone who, like the unpleasant Uriah Heep in David Copperfield claims to be 'the 'umblest person going'. Jesus, on the other hand, is a wonderful example of genuine humility not because He hides His gifts but because unlike Heep He is not falsely humble. Reflect on your life right now. Are you someone who sees others as equals no matter their circumstance? • Pray that you can see and treat everyone as an equal. • Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East

**Good Friday:** Paul reminds the congregation in Corinth that it is God's power and wisdom, not their own which creates and sustains saving faith. Many have thought the Gospel story to be counterintuitive and I have been one of those who lived life with the folly of self-reliance, however I came to believe that relying on my own strength and wisdom was not a virtue. Paul still speaks to us today with words of encouragement, to make us bold; not self-confident, but confident in the message that Jesus is the wisdom and power of God. During this Good Friday, take some time to listen with the ear of your heart, as you reflect on Jesus as the Power and Wisdom of God and the great suffering that Jesus endured for us. • Pray for the healing of the wounded women and children who have experienced domestic and family abuse. • Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. Pray for all pilgrims and locals who worship there this year. Remember those Palestinian Christians who are unable to gain official permission to be able to attend services there.

## Daily Readings

Monday	Isaiah 42.1-9	Ps 36.5-11	John 12.1-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 49.1-7	Ps 71.1-14	John 12.20-36
Wednesday	Isaiah 50.4-9a	Ps 70	John 13.21-32
Thursday	Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14	Ps 116.1-2, 11-18	John 13.1-17, 31b-35
Friday	Isaiah 52.13-53.12	Ps 22	John 18.1-19.42
Saturday	Job 14.1-14	Ps 31.1-8	Matthew 27.57-66



If you have anything you would like included in the Parish Link Notices, please let Cecilia know in writing by Thursday at [anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com](mailto:anglicans.boxhill@bigpond.com)



There is **no 8.00am service** on Easter Day.  
730pm Holy Saturday, Prayers at the Tomb  
9.30am Easter Day, Holy Eucharist

Also, because of Good Friday, the **office will be open on Thursday** this week.

## EASTER DAY

New this year is the idea of an Easter morning tribute. As we take communion/blessing we will have the opportunity to place a flower or piece of greenery on a specially made cross (a wooden cross covered with wire). Please bring a flower or greenery on a stem to place on the Easter cross. We will have greenery/floral supply available for those who need it.



Thanks to William Orange for the supply of palms, and to Charles Blakeman and Sophia Errey for the palm crosses.

## ORPHANAGE/SCHOOL IN BOR

Thank you very much to everyone who donated generously to our appeal for the orphanage/school in Bor. I have deposited \$1,025 cash donations into the orphanage account, and other donations have been made by credit card or on-line. Anyone who made a cash donation last Sunday who would like a receipt, please let me know how much you donated. All donations are tax-deductible.

The **bank account** listed in last week's Link is the Parish account - money paid into that account will be transferred to the orphanage account. If anyone would like to make a donation direct to the Bor Orphanage account, the account details are:

Bank: ANZ      Name of account: Abaar Orphanage  
BSB: 013-225      Account number: 280731691

## BULB FORMS and FUND RAISING

Our church receives 40% of any sales made so this is an easy fund raiser. The bulbs are premium top of the range quality and guaranteed to flower. Easy gardening with colourful results. Any queries, ask Hilary.

Cut off date 6 April.

Queries? Chat to Hilary. 040 0635600



## Carbon Fast

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

for Lent

### Fast from Screens

- Go outside and pay special attention to the beauty and intricacies of Creation
- Find alternative activities in a evening – like a games night instead of streaming a movie.

**Prayer:** God, grant us the courage to do our part in loving our neighbours as ourselves by being an example of hope and love in our own lives, as well as using our voice to advocate for climate justice in our local area and round the world. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

### ELECTION OF SYNOD MEMBERS

It's time to elect two Lay members from our congregations to represent our Parish at the New Synod meeting in October. This vital role enables you as members of the Diocese of Melbourne to have your thoughts considered in the wider forum. Synod involves three consecutive evenings (not all compulsory and some may be by Zoom) and a Saturday at the Cathedral. It's interesting, and a great place to meet other Anglicans fulfilling their roles in the governance of the Church. The election will be held on this Sunday, **2nd April**. Nomination forms are available from the Acting Vicar.



**Church open** for private prayer during Holy Week -  
12noon until 2pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

### VOICE to PARLIAMENT: CONVERSATIONS with CANON GLENN LOUGHREY

Bishop Paul Barker invites you to join him in a conversation with Canon Glenn Loughrey on the Voice to Parliament Referendum. All welcome.

#### Tuesday 2 May

10am St Stephen's & St Mary's Mt Waverley

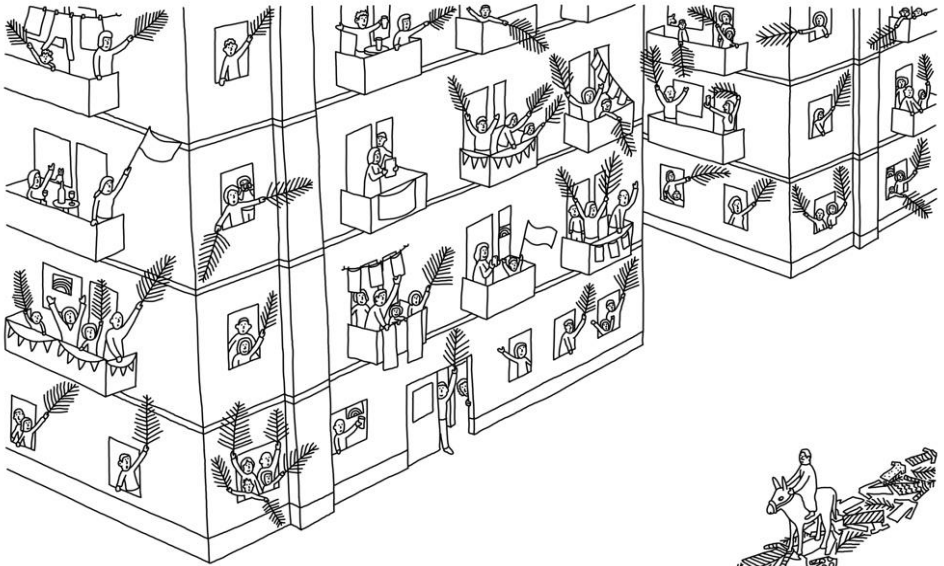
2pm St James Dandenong

7.30pm St Paul's Frankston

All are welcome to attend. No RSVP necessary.

# TO MAKE YOU SMILE...

On Palm Sunday our priest gave out miniature palm crosses and suggested:  
"Put this cross in the room where your family argues most. When you look at it, the cross will remind you that God is watching."  
As I was leaving church, the woman in front of me walked up to the priest, shook his hand, and said, "I'll take five."



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## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY 2.4.23

#### Sixth Sunday in Lent, Palm Sunday

8.00am Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist  
11.30am Mandarin service  
2.30pm Dinka service  
2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Peter's*  
4.30-5.30pm Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*

### MON 3.4.23

Vicar's day off  
9.30-10.30am Tai Chi *hall*  
6.30-8.30pm Tai Chi *hall*

### TUES 4.4.23

8.30am-1.30pm Office open  
12.00-2.00pm Church open  
9.00-4.00pm Men@Work  
6.00-8.00pm Bellydancing, *hall*  
7.30pm Holy Communion

### WED 5.4.23

10.30am Eucharist  
12.00-2.00pm Church open  
9.30-11.30am Play group *kindergarten*  
10-11.30am Wellways Tai Chi *hall*  
7.30pm Tenebrae

### THU 6.4.23

8.30am-12.30pm Office open  
12.00-2.00pm Church open  
6.30-9.30pm Crossways ESL, *hall*  
7.30pm Institution of Last Supper

### FRI 7.4.23

9.30am Service of Reflection  
5.30-9.30pm Mandarin Prayer Group

### SAT 8.4.23

10.30am-1.30pm SAIL *on holidays*  
7.30pm Prayers at the Tomb

### SUNDAY 9.4.23

#### EASTER DAY

Eucharist, 9.30am Eucharist  
11.30am Mandarin service  
2.30pm Dinka service  
2.30-4.30pm Prayers in Mandarin, *St Peter's*  
4.30-5.30pm Farsi Service, *St Aidan's*

## For the Diary

### April 2

Election of Synod reps

### April 6

Final day for bulb fundraiser

### SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK an EASTER April 4-9

**Tuesday** 7.30pm Holy Communion

**Wednesday** 10.30am Holy Communion;  
7.30pm Tenebrae

**Maundy Thursday** 7.30pm Institution of  
the Last Supper, and Stripping of the Altar

**Good Friday** 9.30am Service of Reflection  
**Holy Saturday** Eve 7.30pm Prayers at the  
Tomb

**EASTER DAY** 9.30am Choral Eucharist

### April 11

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm

### April 30

Celebration of St Philip's Day

### OUR INFORMATION

**FIRST AID KIT** – Located in the office and kitchen.

**TOILETS** – Located in the Church Hall and in the church building through the church doors front right.

**WHEELCHAIR** – Located near the toilet for the disabled upstairs.

**FIRE & EMERGENCY** – Please make yourself aware of the nearest escape route in the event of an emergency or fire.

**OH&S** – Please ensure that any incidents/accidents are reported to the Vicar or Wardens and incident report completed.



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### Mission Statement

Sharing the Good News

Telling the story afresh

Expressing God's love

Serving the community

Nurturing and sharing faith

Equipping to serve

### Vision

To ensure that there continues to be a living, committed, communal Anglican presence of liturgical celebration, nurture and outreach in Box Hill.

### Reporting Child Abuse

All child safety concerns must be reported to

Kooyoora Professional Standards

1800 135 246

## Roster for Sunday 9.30am service

	<b>Today 2.04.23</b>	<b>Next week 9.04.23 EASTER DAY</b>
SIDESPEOPLE	Rosemary S, Noel W	Dianne A, Rob K
SERVERS	Michele M, Rosemary S, Kim C	Judy J, Michele M, Kim C
READERS	Rosemary S, Edwin C, Kim C	TBA
INTERCESSOR	Sophia E/Jan G	Michele M
COUNTING	Michele M, Garry P	Margaret R, TBC
MORNING TEA	<b>Elizabeth B</b> , Laurence L, Lyn B	<b>Rosemary S</b> , Peter W, Barbara M

St Peter's is part of the Anglican Church of Australia and the worldwide Anglican Communion. St Peter's church is on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation and we acknowledge them as the traditional custodians of this land.