

Anglican Parish of Woy Woy

Weekly Bulletin

14 April 2019

6th Sunday in Lent-Palm Sunday

In the coming week - Today

Noon. Parish Lunch-The Bayview
5.00pm Sunday Night Live-St Andrew's
Dinner-Pelicans

Monday 15 April

7.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday 16 April

9.00am Craft Group-The Cottage
7.00pm Parish Council-The Cottage

Wednesday 17 April

10.00am Communion-Peninsula Village
7.00pm Lenten Study-Rosemary Bond

Thursday 18 April

8.30am Maundy Thursday Communion-St Luke's
10.30am Coffee&Chat-Ruby's Umina
2.00pm Lenten Study-St Andrew's
7.00pm Maundy Thursday Communion-St Andrew's

Friday 19 April

8.00am Veneration of the Cross-St Andrew's
10.00am Veneration of the Cross-St Luke's
3.00pm Stations of the Cross-St Luke's

Saturday 31 March

10.00am. Working Bee-St Luke's
7.00pm Lighting of New Fire-St Luke's

Next Sunday 21 April - Easter Day

8.00am Communion-St Andrew's
10.00am Communion-St Luke's
4.30pm Messy Church-St Andrew's

Welcome to everyone visiting our churches!

Our services are all slightly different, but each offers a friendly space in which you can worship God and be part of God's community.

St Andrew's at 8am: Holy Communion, is a less formal worship service, each Sunday except the second Sunday of the Month when we observe **Morning Prayer**.

St Luke's at 10am: Holy Communion is a more formal style of worship. Holy Communion is also celebrated at St Luke's on Thursdays at 8:30am.

St Andrew's at 5pm: Sunday Night Live or 4:30pm: Messy Church (3rd Sunday of each month) is a space for families with children and the young at heart to join in informal and fun worship, discussion and activities.

If you need a **gluten-free wafer** at Communion, please tell the person who welcomed you at the front door before the service.

We pray in silence before worship

Before worship speak to God.

During worship let God speak to you.

After Worship speak to each other.

Both of our churches are equipped with an audio loop. If you use a hearing aid, use the 'T' switch to connect.



Dear Friends,

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week - the last week of Jesus earthly life and the vital link between Lent and Easter. It is a week punctuated by several liturgical observances that correspond with the events leading up to, and including, Jesus death and resurrection. To experience this week to the full we are invited to immerse ourselves fully within it, and be present to all liturgies on offer as one rolls into the next.

Today sets the theme for this holiest of weeks. Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday, recalls Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem as the long awaited Messiah. The shouts of 'hosanna' would just five days later become the shouts to 'crucify him', a sobering reminder of humanity's fickleness. Luke's Passion narrative gives us a foretaste of what is to come this week when we read John's longer version.

After this morning we gather again on Maundy Thursday for the first of three very powerful liturgies that comprise the heart and soul of Holy Week/Easter. The word 'Maundy' is an old English word that means 'mandate' or 'commandment'. Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment to love one another as he has loved us, by this will all know that we are his disciples if we have love, one for another.

Maundy Thursday is marked by three liturgical actions, the first being the washing of feet, recorded in John's Gospel alone, it is central to that supper the night before Jesus' death. The washing of feet reminds us of our calling as Christians to be a people of humility and service to others. The second is the institution of the Lord's Supper, which we read in

the Synoptic Gospels. This Last Supper takes place within the context of a Jewish Passover meal and becomes for us the very first Eucharist.

The third action is the stripping of the altar. We will denude the sanctuaries, of both churches, of candles, linen, and other ornamentation. This signifies the sense of desolation Christ felt when he was abandoned by his nearest and dearest in Gethsemane. This powerful moment introduces Jesus passion - what will become his darkest hour.

Good Friday recalls Jesus' trial and his death on a cross. This day, although dark and tragic, is good because of what it meant for you and for me. The church is stark and bare having had its adornment removed the previous night. We focus on the cross as we contemplate the crucified God, who died that we might have life in his name. We participate in the passion narrative of John's Gospel, taking our part with the crowd, reminding us of what we, as a fickle humanity, are capable of. Good Friday is inclusive of a liturgy for the Stations of the Cross. We will walk The Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrows) with Christ to glean a sense of his passion.

The starkness and darkness of Good Friday gives way to the rich symbolism and colourful celebration of Easter. Our churches are resplendently adorned with flowers, finery and ornamentation as we celebrate Christ's resurrection glory. We begin our Easter celebration as always with the lighting of the new paschal (or Easter) candle. The candle burns brightly in the darkness, reminding us that the light of Christ cannot be extinguished by an often dark world.

The candle richly symbolises Christ's resurrection from the dead, and reminds us that death has lost its sting because Christ is risen, and the powers of darkness have been vanquished. This candle will be lit at every Eucharist of the Easter Season, every

liturgical feast - Pentecost, Trinity, Patronal Festival, All Saints, All Souls. It will be lit at every baptism, wedding and funeral in this place.

We are reminded that the light of Christ burns brightly at our beginning, our ending, and all the milestones of life in between. We are reminded that in endings there are new beginnings, and that is what gives us great hope in Christ.

At the height of Easter we renew our baptism promises as a fitting conclusion to Lent. We commit to these promises anew and afresh because we know that we have fallen short of them and we have failed to live by them and by God's ideal for us in Christ. It is once more God's invitation to you and to me to be drawn into a deeper Christ-likeness and to join in that life that God offers us.

So brothers and sisters in Christ, I invite you to immerse yourselves in the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. May we die with Christ to be raised to newness of life with and in him.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Michael

From the Parish

Easter Sunrise Service

The Brisbane Water Minsters Association invite you to a Sunrise Service at Umina Surf Club at 6am on Easter Morning.

Working Bee - St Luke's

There will be a Working Bee to clean the Church at 10am on Saturday. Please come along if you are able to help.

Prayer for our Parish

Heavenly Father, we bring before you our parish of Woy Woy.

We give thanks for what has been good in the past and ask for forgiveness for the things that have brought grief and pain to ourselves and others. Strengthen our faith and give us the courage to look forward to the future, depending on your Holy Spirit for guidance and wisdom. Unite us in the truth and fill us with your love so that we may love one another well. Give us a vision for the extension of your kingdom here on the Peninsular, and teach us to praise you in everything.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour. Amen.

Parish Lunch

Today is our monthly Parish Lunch at The Bayview. Come along and join us.

Sunday Night Live Dinner

This evening following the Sunday Night Live Service our families are going to Pelicans in Woy Woy for dinner. Everyone from the parish is invited to join us. Please let Ruth Simon 0407 498 566 or ruon123@gmail.com know if you would like to attend.

Tuesday Bible Study

The group will not be meeting this week or next. We will resume on 30th April.

Why not plan to join the group then? Enquiries to Rosemary Gillham 0408416181

We pray in silence before worship

As you prepare for this morning's service please pray for yourself and those around you. You might like to reflect on this thought for the week:

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

The 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.

Today's readings

Isaiah 50.4-9a	Psalm 31.9-18
Philippians 2.5-11	Luke 23.1-49

8.00am.	Keith King
10.00am	Ruth Simon

This morning's hymns

333 All glory, praise and honour
342 When I survey the wondrous cross
341 My song is love unknown
350 *There is a green hill far away*
348 Ride on, ride on in majesty

For our prayers this week

Please pray for:

Disability Services offering flexibility, choice and support as individual as you are.



Wider Community:

The First Peoples of the Diocese. Charitable organisations. All those who are suffering because of the drought.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Guadalcanal. The Anglican Church of Burundi. The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. The Church of the Province of West Indies. Diocese of Northern Territory.

In the Diocese of Newcastle:

Our Bishops, Peter, Sonia and Charlie. The priests and people of Southlakes and Swansea.

In the Parish of Woy Woy:

We pray for our ministry team, Fr Michael, Anthea and Sandy, and we pray for ourselves and the work we do in the mission of this parish.

For those seeking God's help:

Olga Arkell, Shannon, Hendrina Collison, Brett Donnelly, Jean Doré, Carol Fraser, Jenny, Bill Gates, Sandra Heath, Elaine Rand, Lucy Roy, Lorraine, Mary, Rebecca, Joy Woodward.

Would those who wish to include names in the above list, please ensure that permission has been obtained from the person or their carer.

Readings for this week

Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Psalm 31.9-18

(To be said by alternate half verse)

9 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:

my eye wastes away for grief, my throat also and my inward parts.

10 For my life wears out in sorrow,
and my years with sighing:

**my strength fails me in my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

11 I am become the scorn of all my enemies:

and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

12 I am a thing of horror to my friends:

and those that see me in the street shrink from me.

13 I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:

I have become like a broken vessel.

14 For I hear the whispering of many:

and fear is on every side;

15 While they plot together against me:

and scheme to take away my life.

16 But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:

I have said 'You are my God!'

17 All my days are in your hand:

O deliver me from the power of my enemies

and from my persecutors.

18 Make your face to shine upon your servant:

and save me for your mercy's sake.

The Gospel: Luke 23.1-49

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.' Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.' But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this

place.' When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.'

Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!' (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.' But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that

their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?'

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the

Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

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For next week

Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43

Hymn to the Risen Christ

1 Corinthians 15.19-26

Luke 24.1-10

Hymns

380 Yours be the glory

96. Sing praise to the Lord!

390 Alleluia, alleluia

MP1105 See, what a morning

147 To God be the glory

Notices

ABM Envelope - Good Friday

In today's Bulletin you will find an Envelope to support this year's ABM Good Friday project.

St Luke's rehabilitation centre is well-recognised within Lebanon for serving the mentally challenged children of the community. It runs a vocational workshop and training programme that incorporates a variety of activities that support underprivileged youth and children with disability. The centre is also well known for its high quality and tasty pastries, sweets and chocolates that they sell not only in Lebanon but in neighbour countries like Jordan.

Your generous donation can help the centre in procuring a chocolate manufacturing machine that will be used to provide their disadvantaged students the possibility to become active contributors to their community through handmade chocolate that they can produce and sell in Lebanon.

Generosity

Thank you

This week we say thank you to **the Happy Hour and Senior Citizens' teams** who reach out to the elderly and those not able to attend Sunday Services. Thank you for making these such welcoming get togethers.

Samaritans

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items and place them in the baskets provided near the door of the church for the work of the **Samaritans** organisation in our diocese.

Direct giving

Thank you for your generous financial giving to the mission of our parish. We encourage parishioners to give directly to the '**Anglican Parish of Woy Woy**' account: BSB 032-527 ACCOUNT 228059.

Reminder

If you would like a notice in the bulletin please give information to office staff by Thursday for inclusion in the bulletin the following Sunday.

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9.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Friday

Refreshments are served after each of the services. We would love you to join us! At St Andrew's, refreshments are served in the foyer, and at St Lukes in the church hall.

At the end of the service, please introduce yourself so that we can welcome you properly. Ask for our Welcome Pack, which offers more information about who we are and what we do.