

Prayer points for this week:

- + We pray for the nations of the World and their leaders. We prayer for their efforts to restore peace in Ukraine.
- + We pray that The LORD would turn Mr Putin from his evil ways.
- + We pray for the Federal, State and Local Governments, that they would rule with mercy for the good of all people.
- + We pray for the Church Universal, and in particular for the Anglican Church. We pray for the Archbishop, Bishops and Clergy of the Perth Diocese.
- + We pray for a new Priest to serve in the Parish of Swan.
- + We pray for parish families impacted by Omicron, and other illnesses.
- + We pray for the families of former parishioners who have passed away.
- + We pray for Eliza and Leo, who were baptised at St Mary's and All Saints on April 2. May God bless their families.

A Word from The Locum

I met with Bishop Jeremy on Thursday to update him on ministry in the Swan Parish. One of the matters I raised with him was my term as locum. I have three Sundays left with you, unless the Archbishop extends my term. I have asked for it to be extended to the end of June. Bishop Jeremy is supportive of that request. I hope that I may be able to give your further news soon.

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VALE NORMA EVANS: IT is with great sadness that we report the passing of Norma Evans, a long-time parishioner at St Mary's. Norma and husband John had overseen the St Mary's Sunday School for many years and Norma was also a member of the Parish Council. John died several years ago. A memorial service will be held in St Mary's on Monday, April 11, at 3pm and will be live-streamed to relatives and friends in the UK. All parishioners, particularly those who knew Norma or knew of her work for the church, are invited to attend the service.

MARLENE NEW 'BOTTLE-O': Following an item in PnP last week on the push to collect recyclable bottles and cans, Marlene Perriman has volunteered to collect them at St Mary's. Mike Salmon had previously volunteered to do the same at All Saints. Marlene requests the bottles be rinsed, placed in plastic bags and left at the Minchin Centre. Business-style cards promoting the initiative are available at both churches.

ROSTERS: With the new quarterly roster period starting next Sunday (April 10), St Mary's parishioners are urged to register their interest in one of many duties that have to be filled every week. Please see Tom Winterbourn after this morning's service if you are prepared to help.



Passion and Purpose

The weekly bulletin of the Swan Anglican Parish



Ngaala kaaditj Noongar moort, keyen kaadak nidja boodja

Welcome to our service to celebrate the fifth Sunday in Lent, April 3, 2022

Please join us for fellowship and morning tea after the service

Sentence: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. Psalm 126.6

Prayer of the Day: O God, The Redeemer of all who trust in You: Heed the cry of Your people, and deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve You in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen

This week's hymns:

- 547 Be Thou My Vision
- 660 Myrrh Bearing Mary
- 712 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
- 16 Ashes (SM); 525 One More Step(AS)

This week's Bible readings:

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3; 3-14

John 12: 1-8

Next week's hymns:

- 77 Palm procession (AS), 348 Ride On (SM)
- 457 Make Way (AS), 272 Come Thou (SM)
- 517 Alleluia Sing to Jesus
- 724 Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna

Next week's Bible readings (Palm Sunday):

OT Zech 9.8-10

Psalm 24

Philippians 2: 5-11

John 12.12-16

Next week's rosters (April 10,)

All Saints, Sunday, 7.30am:

Pre-cleaning: Rosalyn Tay-Brighton

Sacristan: Shirley Reynolds

LA: Erica Hill

Readers: Kaye Healy and Sara Henry

Intercessions: John Dendy

Morning tea: Shirley Reynolds

St Mary's, Sunday, 10am:

LA/sacristan: Sharon Zuiddam

Intercessions: David Zuiddam

Host/covid cleaner: David Zuiddam

Greeter: Julian Abbott

Readers: Kaye Healy, Rachael Kelly

Overheads: Timothy Zuiddam

Morning tea: Zuiddam family

Pre-cleaning: Sarah Simpson

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the final Sunday in Lent and the beginning of Holy Week. It commemorates the arrival of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem before His crucifixion.

According to the Scriptures, Jesus chose to ride a donkey as a sign of humility with townspeople throwing clothes and palm fronds in front of him as a sign of homage – a traditional custom at the time for people of great respect.

Within days, Jesus would be dead, dying on a large wooden cross on Calvary, only to rise again three days later.

Next week we will celebrate this monumental chain of events which changed the world.

Palm Sunday Communion services will be held at 7.30am in All Saints and 10am in St Mary's.

On the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Evening Prayer services will be held in St Mary's starting at 6pm.

On Thursday, we celebrate Maundy Thurs-



ARE YOU READY FOR

HOLY WEEK?

day in St Mary's at 7pm. Maundy Thursday is the day of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and established the ceremony known as Eucharist



The Last Supper.

It also marks the day when Jesus was betrayed by Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane.

On Good Friday, the holiest of days, there will be an open air service of Holy Communion at All Saints, starting at 9am. Passion readings will be read by three parishioners from each of the two church congregations.

The Resurrection is celebrated on Easter Sunday (April 17), with Communion services in All Saints at 7.30am and 10am in St Mary's. Please try to support these special Holy Week services.

The traditions of Easter

EASTER EGGS: According to tradition, these are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb; a new life.

Decorating eggs at Easter dates back to at least the 13th century.

The Easter egg tradition may also have been derived from the end of Lenten fasting. Eggs were originally forbidden during Lent, along with other dairy products, flour etc (used up on Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day). But hens don't stop producing eggs during Lent so a larger than usual supply would have been available at the end of the fasting period.

It was also customary to hard boil eggs to preserve them until they could be eaten around

Easter time. It was traditional to decorate the eggs and use them as gifts at Easter. Originally they were decorated with



dye, but modern custom is to use chocolate eggs wrapped in foil or plastic eggs filled with chocolates.

HOT CROSS BUNS: These originally recognised Jesus' crucifixion and to mark the end of the Lenten fasting period. They were decorated on top with a cross made from flour paste, representing the cross on which Jesus died. And the spices used in them were said to be symbolic of the spices used to embalm Jesus after His death.

Prayer for a new parish priest

Bountiful God, please 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 to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake.

TINNED FOOD: Swan Anglican Support Service, which provides food for those in need every Saturday in the Minchin Centre (1-3.30pm), is constantly in need of food items. Any help with items such as pasta, pasta sauce, soup, baked beans, spaghetti, tin complete meal, tin vegetables, tin fruit, tin tomatoes, tin tuna and tin spam, or a financial donation to buy food, would be appreciated. A couple of items donated each Sunday would make a world of difference. SASS is also looking for volunteers to work once a month. If you can help, please speak to either Erica Hill, Gaye Moses, John Dendy, Renee Colvin, Ros Tay-Brighton, Gillian King, Janet Hewett, Coral Shaw, Goula Jeffery or Marlene Perriman. Thank-you if you have helped in the past.

PALM CROSSES: Parishioners are invited to come along to the Minchin Centre at 6pm next Wednesday, April 6, to join Gwyne Marshall in making palm crosses for our Palm Sunday services. Bring some scissors and your own nibbles to have with tea and coffee.

LENTEN STUDIES: We are nearly at an end. Rob and Kaye are attending a wedding on Saturday (April 9) so Rob suggests one or two participants can pick a Psalm from the study and lead the All Saints discussion on that day.

COVED RESTRICTIONS EASED: You no longer need to scan or sign in attending church. However, we must still wear masks and abide by social distance requirements. Please care for others and stay home if you are unwell. At this stage we will also continue to take Holy Communion in one kind.