



The Uniting Church in Australia
Warwick, Killarney & Freestone Uniting
Parish

Sunday 2nd April 2023

Palm Sunday



PRAYER OF HOPE

Father, Palm Sunday is a reminder of the unexpected, yet fully anticipated, King of Kings. Jesus did not look like the Messiah Your people hoped for. The way He entered the Holy City of Jerusalem on that day, riding a young donkey as a significant sign of peace and fulfillment of prophecy, did not align with their expectations of a military conqueror.

Much of our daily lives don't align with our expectations, Father. So much of our lives don't make sense. This Palm Sunday, let us embrace the unexpected entrance of our Saviour, Jesus. He is Peace. Let us apply this incredible truth to our lives.

Peace mattered to Jesus. He came to bring us Peace. He is peace.

Father, how quickly we forget the Peace we possess in Christ! Remind us, minute by minute, as we navigate difficult days and trying times. Father, we need Peace to live life to the full, as Jesus died for us to live.

[Palm Sunday Prayers of Triumph and Praise \(crosswalk.com\)](https://www.crosswalk.com)

Welcome

Welcome to worship! From hosannas to the Cross and the wonder of the resurrection, come and join us as we place ourselves on that journey and make it part of our journey too.



HOLY WEEK

Worship Services

Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday

- 8:30am Killarney Holy Communion
- 9:30am Warwick

Thursday 6th April Intergenerational Tenebrae

- 7:00pm Warwick

Good Friday 7th April:

- 9:00am Killarney*
- 7:00am Warwick*
- 7:00pm Freestone*

Saturday 8th April Memorial

- Warwick 9am to midday

Resurrection Sunday 9th April

- 8:00am Killarney
- 10:00am Warwick*

***PLEASE NOTE
DIFFERENT TIMES!!**

Readings:

Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 118:1-2,19-29
Philemon 2:5-11
Matthew 21:1-11

Sunday 9th April Resurrection Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14 – 27:66
or Matthew 27:11-54



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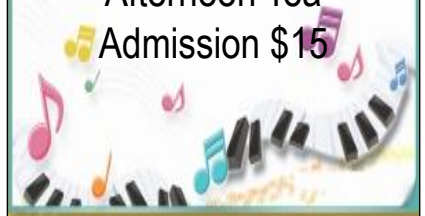
Today 2nd April, midday

This group of single people enjoy a meal and a chat together.

Cost: \$15

CHORAL SOCIETY Presents 'Easter Song'

Sunday 2nd April, 2pm
Warwick Uniting Church
Afternoon Tea
Admission \$15



EASTER CRAFT DAY

Wednesday 5th April

9am to 3pm

Killarney Uniting Church Hall

Bring a hat.

Morning tea and lunch provided.

Cost: a donation

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lesterwm@activ8.net.a

Meditation on Matthew 21:1-11...Palm Sunday



Last week we focussed on the story of the raising of Lazarus after he had been in his tomb for four days.

An amazing story! But it also heralded another resurrection from death that would occur a very short time later. So, this week, we see Jesus on the road into Jerusalem towards his agonising death.

Jesus enters into Jerusalem for his last time, riding on a donkey, being hailed as a religious celebrity, the promised Messiah...the one they expected would toss out the Romans and establish a kingdom in Israel as one in King David's line. A very large crowd are there to welcome him into the city waving palm branches and placing their cloaks ahead of the donkey to ensure its safe footing .

Jesus enters the city amidst the crowd shouting "Blessings on the One who comes in the name of the Lord"

He's riding humbly into the capital on a lowly colt! Not on a fine steed at the head of an army. He is entering on a donkey, a symbol of peace. How wrong was their pre-conceived ideas of God's Messiah!

The religious readers were getting ready for trouble....plotting how they could stop this rebellion before it went any further. Here's this man who questions their teachings and criticises their Temple worship. I wonder if we sometimes think the same when someone dares to point a finger at how we live and what we believe. How well do we handle criticism of what we proclaim and what we do in the name of Jesus?

Jesus is well aware of what is to follow. The plan is under way! He arrives on a donkey fulfilling the Scripture coming straight from the Prophet Zechariah. He is on his way as God who has come close to us: who is about to do for us what we are powerless to do for ourselves! Ride on, ride on...in lowly pomp to die!
Shalom, Jean



MEMORIAL SATURDAY
Saturday 8th April
9am to midday
Warwick Uniting Church

An invitation to bring flowers in memory of a loved one. Time to pray and reminisce.

The flowers will fill the Church on Easter Sunday to be taken home after Worship.

GRIEF AND LOSS COURSE

The current course has finished, and our prayers go with those who participated.

There will be another Grief and Loss Course this year starting May 9th, 2-4pm if we have enough people.

Please let Jean Reid or Barbara Cutmore know if you are interested.



CARE CORNER

- Give thanks to God Give thanks for the different ways we can experience the Easter journey.
- Pray for those bringing the blessing and memories with their flowers on Saturday.
- Give thanks for our Grief and Loss leaders and pray for those who have finished the course that comfort and healing may continue to grow.
- Pray for all who are not well.
- Give thanks for our Children & Youth Ministry through mainly music, Girls Brigade, Young Women and Sunday School and pray for rest and renewal on our leaders.
- Pray for the advancement of our affordable housing plans.

PHOTO A WEEK CHALLENGE

Our Communications Task Team are inviting you to provide a photo or prayer that you feel captures the focus for the week.

Send to communications@wkuc.org.au and we'll put it in the Notices for others to enjoy!

Use the lectionary for the week.

THIS WEEK:

Today Sunday 2nd April

Hospitality: Group 1

Flowers: Daphne Porter

Monday 3rd April

8:00-midday Ray's Roustabouts

10:45am Akooramak Service

Tuesday 4th April

Wednesday 5th April

8:00-midday Ray's Roustabouts

9:00am Easter Craft Day Killarney

1:00pm Wesley Bowls

Thursday 6th April

1:00pm St Andrews Bowls

7:00pm Tenebrae Service, Warwick

Friday 7th April Good Friday

7:00am Warwick

9:00am Killarney

7:00pm Freestone

Saturday 8th April

9am-12midday Memorial Saturday

see notice page 3 re-flowers.

Hospitality: Group 2

Flowers: Marg Wells



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