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THE BIBLE

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
20TH MARCH 2016

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IN NEWS

*All that's going on
around St Andrew's*

FROM THE THE ACTING RECTOR

REV PETER WATSON

🕊 Acting Rector

According to the Christian Calendar this Sunday is called Palm Sunday. That name is based on the tradition that on that day, the followers of Jesus and other pilgrims who were going into Jerusalem laid their garments and palm branches on the road. Some garments were also laid on the donkey. The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as recorded by the Gospels is full of deliberate actions and meaning.

Jesus was seated on a donkey and on their garments and rode over the branches as he entered the city. In fact, Jesus disciples had collected 2 donkeys for him; (he must have pre-arranged things) a donkey and her colt. It seems that Jesus deliberately sat on the foal not the mother. Besides fulfilling the precise words of Zechariah 9:9 Jesus was also making it plain that he was not arriving in Jerusalem as a warrior king but as a peaceful religious pilgrim.

In Matthew's account, there are quotes from 3 Old Testament books; Zechariah, Isaiah and the Psalms. Matthew was making it clear to his readers that this action by Jesus was the fulfilling of prophecy and messianic expectation. Jesus, the long awaited Messiah

(God's anointed One) has come to worship God in the House of God.'

He had come to the place where God had been worshipped by his people for hundreds of years. To this day, it is believed that Mt Zion, right in the centre of the platform where the Temple of Herod once stood, is the place where Abraham was told to sacrifice his son Isaac. Now a mosque sits on top of the Mount! The symbolism is as powerful as it could be. John the Baptist had pointed Jesus out, to his followers as; 'Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'

So Jesus came to Jerusalem as a religious pilgrim to celebrate with all the other pilgrims that year, the Festival of Passover. He had done that throughout his life and especially during his 3 year public ministry. This year was to be different.

This year he would be the sacrificial victim/ innocent lamb, slaughtered for the sins of the people.

This week's Palm Sunday sermon will be taking us on the journey with Jesus into Jerusalem.

May I offer the suggestion that if we have mislaid the Lenten Reading Plan, or maybe they've slipped away, take them up for these next 5 days as we head towards Good Friday

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and Easter Day. I suggest this is one good way to prepare our collective spirits to worship, praise and thank Almighty God our Heavenly Father for his overwhelming generosity to us in sending Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

Here they are from Matthew:

- ➡ Monday 21st March - Matthew 26:17-46
The Last Supper and Gethsemane
- ➡ Tuesday 22nd - Matthew 26: 47-68
Jesus arrest and trial before Sanhedrin
- ➡ Wednesday 23rd - Matthew 26:69 - 27:10
Peter's denial and Judas' betrayal
- ➡ Thursday 24th - Matthew 27:11-31
Jesus trial before Pilate
- ➡ Friday 25th - Matthew 27:32-56
The Crucifixion of Jesus

The Easter weekend narratives are familiar to us and yet each year they have for me a freshness that renews and strengthens faith and belief. It's not the freshness of reading them for the first time. It's that of familiarity with something that is owned and precious.

We will gather at the foot of the Cross on Friday and whilst the suffering of the Saviour is appalling, nonetheless, we can rejoice because we know why it is called Good Friday. Easter Day is something else. Here is the

astonishing witness of Mary Magdalene and the Apostles that they met up with him again;

'He is Risen.'

Your brother in Christ,

Peter Watson

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made,
and you forgive the sins of all
who are penitent: create and make
in us new and contrite hearts, that we,
lamenting our sins and acknowledging
our wretchedness, may obtain from
you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

➤ **Parish Annual General Meeting**

Mon 21st Mar - 7pm
In the Church

➤ **Easter Services**

Good Friday 25 Mar

8:30am Traditional
10am Contemporary + Kid's Ministry

Easter Sunday 27 Mar

8:30am, 10am, 5pm, 7pm regular services

COMING UP

➤ **Environmental Action Group Information Evening**

Thu 31st Mar | 7:15pm - 8:30pm
In the Kelman Room

Speaker: Bruce Forwood - 'Making Our Homes
and Buildings Environmentally Friendly'

Flyers on the display cabinet at the rear of the
church. Contact eag@standrews.net.au

➤ **Belonging Course**

Sun 3 Apr | 3:00pm - 4.30pm
over afternoon tea in the Kelman Room.

A great "fast-track" way to meet other
newcomers and the staff team and to find
out what St Andrew's is about.

Contact james.smith@standrews.net.au

FOR THE DIARY

➤ Wed 25th May |
Church-Wide Prayer Meeting

OTHER

➤ **AGM Election Nominations**

Nominations for Parish Councillors, Wardens,
and Nominators are still able to be received.

If you would like to nominate someone speak
with them to confirm they are willing to be
nominated and then send an email to
santino.dimarco@standrews.net.au clearly
stating who you are nominating and for which
role.

Please note that if you nominate someone, you
must also be present at the AGM.

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PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

We have been advised that the Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) will be meeting again to consider our Development Application this **Thursday 24th March at 1pm** at Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers (818 Pacific Hwy Gordon). We would like as many people as possible to show support of the redevelopment by being present at the meeting. Please come if you're able and please pray for a positive outcome.

PLEASE PRAY

☞ Churchwide

Please pray for those struggling with depression and anxiety as well as those who are having chemo or radiotherapy treatment. Pray also for those who are supporting family members in these circumstances. Pray for wisdom and patience for carers, professional support, effective treatment and God's grace to enable trust in his faithful love and promises.

☞ 10am

Please pray for Carly Hall in the later weeks of her pregnancy after an early labour scare last week. Pray that she is able to have the help she needs to rest and peaceful trust in God's care and timing for a safe delivery of this baby, free from complications.

MISSION & AID

BISHOP MASIMANGO KATANDA

☞ Congo

Pray for Bishop Masimango Katanda in the Anglican Diocese of Kindu in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Pray for him in his various responsibilities in the Diocese and beyond. Pray for wisdom and energy as he seeks to teach and encourage those around him.

Praise God for the provincial meeting of the Anglican Church of Congo that was held in February and pray that the various resolutions will be implemented well in the Diocese.

Pray for the Bible school students who are on placement for 3 months in selected parishes. Pray that God will give the students the opportunity to learn about pastoral ministry. Pray for their safety and for the parishioners will be feeding them during this time.

Pray for the pastors who are ministering in the context of poverty and deprivation and are unable to send their kids to school. Pray that God will empower them spiritually and provide for their material needs.

*Words you'll need for
today's contemporary services*

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE PRAYERS

CONFESSION

Most merciful God,
we humbly admit that
 we need your help.
We confess that we have
 wandered from your way:
we have done wrong,
and we have failed to do
 what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us:
wipe out our sins and teach us
 to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit
 of the Spirit
that we may live as
 disciples of Christ.
This we ask in the name
 of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory, are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

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THE ST ANDREW'S CHURCH PRAYER

(Congregation reads *italicised text*)

*Dear Lord, our Creator and our Redeemer,
please enable our church to become
all that You want us to be.*

☛ *Above all, teach us to worship you.*

In large and small gatherings, in heartfelt prayer, in knowing and obeying Your Word, and through our music, help us to put our hope in Your coming kingdom and to live for Your glory now and always.

☛ *Merciful God, inspire us to love one another in practical ways.*

May we value each other's company and friendship, and, mindful of Christ's sacrifice, teach us to care deeply for those in need in our church family and the wider community, so that no one around us would suffer unassisted.

☛ *Enable us, Lord, to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ in our words and actions.*

Give us more people gifted for the task of evangelism, and enable all of us to share our faith whenever opportunity allows.

☛ *Sovereign Lord, add to our number many who come to know Your grace.*

May our buildings and ministry teams expand to welcome them, so that you are honoured throughout our community.

☛ *Gracious God, thankful for your blessings make us a deeply generous church.*

Help us to meet and expand our annual budget and to increase our giving to overseas mission and aid.

☛ *Lord of the world, may we be international in our concern.*

Enable us always to support and pray for Your people throughout the world, and may our church over time be blessed with the rich diversity of nationalities in our region.

☛ *Our great God, fashion us to become 'a light on a stand'.*

Help us to offer a centre of community for Roseville and beyond. Give us grace to serve with local churches and to share the good things of St Andrew's with everyone.

Above all, may we offer to others an example of lives lived in the power of Your Holy Spirit, after the pattern of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in honour of you, our Creator and our Redeemer. Amen.

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT DETAILS

➤ Supporting the General Ministry

Supporting the general work of St Andrew's:

Anglican Parish St Andrew's
BSB 704 998 | A/C 100 005 413 *

*This is our preferred method to receive
your regular support.*

Alternatively cash/cheque contributions can be made
via the offertory collection during each of the services.

➤ Supporting the Property Redevelopment

To support the St Andrew's Property Redevelopment,
tax-deductible contributions can be made via:

St Andrew's Anglican Church
Roseville Donation Fund
BSB 704 998 | A/C 100 010 195 *

Please include your surname and the initials "PV"
(for Property Vision) in the reference field.

Donations by cheque should be made to
St Andrew's Roseville Donation Fund.
Please mark the envelope with your surname and "PV".

If you would like to support the Property Redevelopment
but **do not** require a tax deduction, please contact
the Executive Pastor, Santino Dimarco.

(* this BSB may be displayed as Indue Limited which is
part of the Diocesan banking arrangements)

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