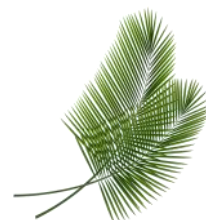




WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF TAREE



Sunday Services - Taree & Old Bar

ST JOHN'S 294 Victoria St. Taree 9am - SUNDAY 4pm - SUNDAY

OUR LADY OF FATIMA 18 Hall St. Old Bar 11am - SUNDAY

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How quickly things can change. In the course of one week the crowds move from hailing Jesus as the King of Israel to screaming for him to be hung on a cross as a shameful blasphemer. This week's gospel traces this path. Within the story we see the weakness of humanity - our capacity for betrayal, abandonment and denial in the face of fear - and we contrast this with the obedience and sacrificial courage of Jesus to die to rescue us and bring us into the fullness of life. Rose-Marie Sutherland, our resident Poet, has beautifully captured this journey and the challenge it lays before us.

Rev Natalie

COUNTED IN THE CROWD?

Can these be the same crowds
Who lately shouted in the city streets
Such glad "Hosannas" to the King?
The ones who walked that great
Triumphant path, with palms and garments spread,
Their Lord and Saviour following?
This heartless rabble ...with
It's screamed abuse, and staring, hate-filled eyes?

Have some remained indoors,
To hid themselves away from these grim happenings?
Are they to timid to appear?
Or can it be, that lost
Within the crowd are those, so horror-filled,
They are made helpless by their fear?
These followers of His,
With anguished hearts and feeble, trembling knees?

Times have not really changed!
Do we who follow in the Master's steps
With joy, along Love's perfect way,
Speak out aloud for Truth?
And when we see injustice reign supreme,
Do we stand up to have our say?
Or when the moment comes
Are we, to sadly, never counted there?

By Rose-Marie Sutherland



Prayers

WORLD: People & communities affected by violence & conflict, racism & discrimination, oppression, poverty, natural disasters. Please pray for President Zelensky, the people of Ukraine, Aung San Suu Kyi & for the detained peoples of Myanmar, Lebanon, the Philippines & Papua New Guinea.

CHURCH: Bishop Peter, Assistant Bishops Sonia & Charlie; Joanne Martin, Bronte McDonald; Manning Valley Anglican College - Darren Parkes, Greg Anderson; the Parish of Nelson Bay - The Reverend Brett Watterson, Di Anderson, Anne Lye, Kyle Taylor, Lissy Vitali-Ross; the Parish of Stockton - Michael Marklew, Stephen Shrubbs, The Ministry Team. Diocese of Wangaratta (Bp Clarence Bester).

The Church of Pakistan (United); National Council of Churches in Australia .

COMMUNITY: For the homeless, and agencies supporting the vulnerable. For the victims of abuse and violence. For those affected by the impacts of floods & other challenges. The First Peoples of the Diocese especially the Awabakal, Biripi, Darkinjung, Geawegal, Kamilaroi, Worimi & Wonnarua peoples.

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS: Marilyn Simpson, Bill & Jill Green, Suzanne W., Jeanette, Donovan, Leonie, Rose-Marie, Suzanne C., Diane, Vera, Wendy McKeogh, Norrie Spicer, James, Jamison, Ian, Joan, Alex Platt & Margaret McDonald.

PRAYERS FOR ANIVERSARIES: Kevin Douglas, Joan Martin, Coral Beisler, Vi Whaley & Ted Strangwidge.

PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED:

DIARY DATES

Thurs 28 March	6.00pm	Maundy Thursday	St John's
Fri 29 March	10.00am	Good Friday	St John's
Sun 31 March	6.00am	Lighting of the New Flame	St John's
Sun 31 March	9.00am	Easter Celebration	St John's
Tues 2 April	3.15pm	Blue Cross Leaders Meeting	BC Shop
Mon 9 April	4.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Thurs 11 April	10.00am	Mothers Union	Latham Centre

PALM SUNDAY

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:

**God of all,
you gave your only-begotten Son
to take the form of a servant,
and to be obedient
even to death on a cross:
give us the same mind
that was in Christ Jesus
that, sharing in his humility,
we may come to be with him in his glory,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50.4-9a

A reading from the book of Isaiah

⁴ 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 wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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; ⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹ 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31.9-18

- 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.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2.5-11

A reading from the book of Philippians

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Mark 14.1-15.39

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Mark
Chapter 14 commencing at verse 1.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ² for they said, 'Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.' ³ While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴ But some were there who said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵ For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.' And they scolded her. ⁶ But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷ For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹ Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹ When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. ¹² On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' ¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the

owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.' ¹⁶ So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. ¹⁷ When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.' ¹⁹ They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, 'Surely, not I?' ²⁰ He said to them, 'It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.' ²² While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.' ²³ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴ He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.' ²⁶ When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷ And Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered." ²⁸ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.' ²⁹ Peter said to him, 'Even though all become deserters, I will not.' ³⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' ³¹ But he said vehemently, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And all of them said the same. ³² They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' ³³ He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴ And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.' ³⁵ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.' ³⁷ He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸ Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' ³⁹ And again he went

away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹ He came a third time and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.' ⁴³ Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' ⁴⁵ So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. ⁴⁶ Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to them, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? ⁴⁹ Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.' ⁵⁰ All of them deserted him and fled. ⁵¹ A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, ⁵² but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked. ⁵³ They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. ⁵⁴ Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. ⁵⁶ For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷ Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, ⁵⁸ 'We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands." ' ⁵⁹ But even on this point their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?' ⁶¹ But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?' ⁶² Jesus said, 'I am; and "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power", and "coming with the clouds of heaven." ' ⁶³ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴ You have heard his blasphemy!

What is your decision?' All of them condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵ Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, 'Prophecy!' The guards also took him over and beat him. ⁶⁶ While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷ When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, 'You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.' ⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying, 'I do not know or understand what you are talking about.' And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. ⁶⁹ And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, 'This man is one of them.' ⁷⁰ But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, 'Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.' ⁷¹ But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know this man you are talking about.' ⁷² At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' And he broke down and wept.

¹⁵ ¹ As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ² Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' ³ Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' ⁵ But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. ⁶ Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷ Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸ So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹ Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' ¹⁰ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹² Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' ¹³ They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' ¹⁴ Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after

flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. ¹⁶ Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷ And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸ And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' ¹⁹ They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰ After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. ²¹ They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²² Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. ²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' ²⁷ And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!' ³¹ In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³² Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. ³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' ³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' ³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'



Maundy Thursday
28 March 2024 6pm

Good Friday
29 March 2024 10am

Easter Day 31 March 2024
Lighting the New Flame 6 am
followed by BBQ Breakfast
Easter Celebration 9 am

Annual General Meeting


TODAY

2pm Latham Centre

Combined Easter Picnic & Concert

Sunday 31 2024 4-6.30pm
@ River Stage
Music and Children's activities
BYO food to share, chairs, blankets etc
Taree Churches



ANGLICAN WOMEN

DIOCESAN QUIET DAY


at St John's
45 Sturgeon St. Raymond Terrace,
with The Reverend Canon Stephen Niland
Tuesday, 26 March, 2024
9:30am until 3:00pm
Please bring your own lunch

"lavender represents silence, purity, devotion, serenity, grace,
and calmness"

Theme: "What does the Lord require of you"
Micah 6:8

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ALL WOMEN OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH WELCOME FRIENDS AND VISITOR



The Old Bar congregation
invite you to join them for
Morning Tea 10am
Thursday 28 March, 2024
FLOW Bar
31 David Street, Old Bar

Join us for our
POT LUCK DINNER
TONIGHT
@5.30pm Parish Hall



HOLY EUCHARIST READINGS

SUNDAY 24th March – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 31.9-18;

Philippians 2.5-11; Mark 14.1 – 15.27

SUNDAY 31st March – Easter Sunday

Acts 10.34-43, Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24;

1 Corinthians 15.1-11; John 20.1-18

WELCOMERS

Sunday 24 th March		Sunday 31 st March	
9am	Bruce Walker David Denning	9am	Col Rose David Denning

READERS

Sunday 24 th March		Sunday 31 st March	
9am	Hugh McCrindle	9am	Sandra Langford
4pm	Greg Anderson		

MORNING TEA

Sunday 24 th March		Sunday 31 st March	
Margaret + Les Griffis		Doreen Sinclair + Bruce Walker	

BRASS CLEANING for March

Margaret Kelly



PALM SUNDAY

On Palm Sunday, as we begin the journey into Holy Week, our Palm Gospel readings bring to us a picture of Jesus' identity as the King who comes to save us. Many of Jesus' contemporaries longed for a king who would save them from the Romans. But Jesus is a king who saves us in a deeper and more personal way, as he gives his life out for love for us on the cross. In this Palm Sunday scene we see a contrast between Jesus and earthly kings. While the former ride into battle on great chargers, Jesus is a humble king, whose steed is a donkey. No earthly trappings of power for Jesus, nor for us as we follow him. Let us be refreshed on Palm Sunday in our call to follow Jesus in humility, love, and life-giving service.

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The Anglican Parish of Taree works to build Faith & Hope in our community despite the struggles around us. Your help to continue this work is essential so please give what you can.

Gifts can be offered for the Parish or for Mission in 2 ways:

- ◆ Directly into the appropriate baskets before or after each service OR
- ◆ By Electronic Funds Transfer

Many People are finding that this is an easy, fuss free way to maintain their support.

Donations this way can be easily arranged by speaking to your bank directly or set it up through internet banking.

Bank: Westpac
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Reference: Parish or Mission recipient eg: ABM

*Some give freely yet grow all the richer;
others withhold what is due,
and only suffer want.*

*A generous person will be enriched,
and one who gives water will get water.*

Proverbs 11:24-25

The Anglican Church of Newcastle takes allegations of misconduct and abuse seriously.

We welcome and encourage everyone with concerns to come forward.

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