

All are welcome here. Jesus welcomes everyone so we reckon we will too.

# St Nics News Easter 2023



## HOLY WEEK AND THE TRIDUUM

### THE THREE GREAT DAYS

Passion (Palm) Sunday,  
Maundy Thursday, Good Friday,  
Easter Day

Here are some thoughts about the great season of Easter into which we shall be entering. **Christian poets have said that the liturgical year is like a wedding ring we wear to remember our covenant with the Christlike God. From Passion (Palm) Sunday to The Paschal Triduum, these three great days of the Christian Passover, is the jewel in the ring.**

#### The Christian Passover

Lent is preparation for the Triduum, the Christian Passover. Eastertime is continued celebration of this greatest of festivals. The three days begin on Holy Thursday at sunset and conclude on Easter Day at sunset. **We count the Triduum days in Jewish fashion from sunset to sunset, to correspond with three of the biblical days of creation.** These three days are the sixth day, when God

finished creation; the seventh day, the sabbath when God rested; and the first day, when God began creating. On the sixth day Jesus dies. On a sabbath Jesus lies buried in the tomb. On a first day, Jesus is raised in glory. **This is why we take three days to observe the Christian Passover. We witness a new creation. Christ crucified, buried and risen is the mystery of the Triduum.** In those who are baptised, we celebrate the same body of Christ who struggles and suffers and dies, who is buried in the oblivion of death, before being raised from the chaos and darkness of death into inextinguishable light.

#### Present Tense

Nowhere in the liturgy of the Triduum is there any suggestion that we are trying to re-create first century Jerusalem, or pretending we are there again at the original events. That is not the liturgy's goal, and it shouldn't be our goal either. Something even more wonderful than that is happening in the Passover liturgy. **The boundaries between past, present and future get rolled up into heaven's timeless today.** This is the day of salvation! This is the night when light is created, the rainbow appears, Isaac's life is redeemed, the Red Sea opens, the Jordan parts, and the three children in the fiery furnace sing God's praises. This is the most blessed of all nights, chosen by God, when we witness Christ rising from the grave, taking our hand and drawing us with him.

#### Time Stands Still

Church bells are silenced in this time. The point is that time stops. In medieval villages

only a few rich people had timepieces, so the paschal silencing of church bells had consequences. Business-as-usual was brought to a halt. The Christian Passover cannot be understood apart from keeping watch, waiting, anticipating. **The Paschal Triduum requires of us a liturgical piety that prods us to put everything else aside - even time itself - in the presence of the awesome mystery.**

### One Three-Day Liturgy

The Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death, and the Great Vigil and First Eucharist of the Resurrection are a triptych opening out before us - a land of wonders into which we enter. **Holy Thursday's Eucharist has no dismissal rite. Good Friday's liturgy has no greeting or dismissal. The Easter Vigil lacks an entrance rite.** Passover begins the evening of Maundy Thursday, and the church remains together to see it through to its triumphant conclusion. Triduum is not far removed from other human adventures - weddings, family reunions and funerals often unfold over a series of days. There are shared meals, occasional lulls, naps, shifting moods, quiet times and raucous ones, all leading up to the main event. The ideal is to enable the whole parish community to join in conclave together for these three days each year.

### Fast and Feast

Fasting is one way we keep watch, especially on Good Friday. It is something we do when our stomach is in knots, when we are overwhelmed with emotions. **The paschal fast unites home and church, until at dawn on Easter Day we pass over from fasting to**

feasting - breakfasting, literally 'breaking fast' together.

### Maundy Thursday

Holy Thursday takes its popular name from the mandatum, the mandate of Christ to the church, the new commandment given to the company of disciples: 'Love one another, as I have loved you'. We sit at table with Christ, who feeds us with his own hand: 'Do this to remember me'. This is the night for touching flesh, for foot-washing. **Our way is to be Jesus' way, the way of humble service of all. And it is not just that we are to be Christ for others. It is that others - all others - are Christ for us.** In them all, beautiful or ugly, the divine image clear and sparkling or smashed into a thousand pieces, we see God - reverently and gently responding with loving service. There is and can be no re-enactment of the Last Supper. This liturgy is the Christian Eucharist, not a Jewish Passover seder. We wash more than the feet of twelve Jewish fishermen. We keep watch with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament: 'Could you not watch with me one hour?' The answer was No. Now it becomes Yes!

### Great and Good Friday

Not Doom and Gloom Friday, but Great and Good Friday! On this day we look into the eyes and heart of *Love* - Love at the heart of the universe, Love creating all things and holding creation in being, Love that is always becoming flesh and dwelling among us full of grace and truth, Love that goes to the cross rather than abandon us, Love that suffers and dies and rises eternally. **The Good Friday liturgy celebrates the Cross, the tree of life.** On a dung heap outside the city walls, in a

place of rejection and ridicule, in the poor weak crucified Christ we encounter the power and wisdom of God as nowhere else. At this place of enlightenment we hear the Passion according to John, we pray for God's world and church, we kiss with our lips and touch with our eyes the wood of the cross, making Eucharist together and receiving Christ crucified and living in Holy Communion.

### Holy Saturday

We may read Evening Prayer for Saturday together. Many hands and hearts have already been working in harmony. We clean and polish and flower and restore the interior of the church – both ourselves and the building! We tidy up the church grounds. We prepare the altar with cloths and candles. We lay other tables for our Easter breakfast together. We polish the sacred vessels until they sparkle. We wash crystal decanters for water and wine, and the cruets containing the newly blessed Oil of the Sick and the Holy Chrism for anointing baptismal candidates. We prepare the great Paschal Candle, surrounding it with flowers. We store the red Passiontide vestments, and set out gold vestments for Easter. We practice the many scripture readings for the Great Vigil, and rehearse the ministers and servers for the greatest liturgical drama of the year. There is no worthy celebration without careful preparation! All are welcome. You are invited. There are jobs for children and adults and the elderly. We need each other on Holy Saturday just as much as we do for on Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

### Easter Day

**This is our night of nights, our day of days.** We gather together before dawn. It requires some effort! In the dark, fire is kindled. We trace in sacred scripture the story of God's marvellous dealings with humankind. Gradually, the day dawns, until we see the whole sacramental universe. The sun rises as usual after the crucifixion. We baptize, making new Christians by water and the Spirit. We renew our own baptismal vows, marvelling at the wedding ring on our finger: we are Christ's own forever! Around the table, we make Eucharist together. We glimpse the raised Christ in the breaking of bread - still with the scars of the passion, blessing us with torn hands, walking with us on bleeding feet. **Here, against all the odds, where two or three or several hundred are gathered together, is Christ the First and the Last, the Alpha and Omega, the Crucified and Living One.** Finally, we breakfast together – breaking the Lent fast with croissants and eggs and bacon and orange juice and champagne.

**Christ is Risen!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Practise resurrection and every blessing for the Easter Season,

*The Revd Dean Griffiths*

## Easter Breakfast

It is not too late to sign up for breakfast following our Easter Vigil service at **6am on Easter morning. Come and celebrate the Risen Christ** with cereal, delicious croissants and fresh fruit.

We would love to see you there.  
The sign-up sheet is on the back shelf.

## Recycling hub

Collections: monthly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday  
**Our next Hub is Saturday, 15 April, 9-11am.**

Our April theme is **Respect**: In our journey to more intentional caring and respect for God's Creation, we are inspired by the traditional owners of the land and their cultural and traditional practices of respecting, protecting and managing land for a more sustainable future. Let's all think about each item that we put into landfill and discover ways to redirect our own household waste to more appropriate destinations.

The Recycle Right website is a fantastic resource: [www.recycleright.wa.gov.au](http://www.recycleright.wa.gov.au) or contact Marian (0403 026 717) for more information.



## CARAD

We continue to collect food for CARAD in the trolley at the back of the hall. Recently they sent out a newsletter detailing how financial contributions would also be greatly appreciated.

*"CARAD does not receive any core funding. Donations from kind-hearted West Australians are how we are able to provide the services that we do. Simply, without CARAD's support our clients would have nowhere else to go".*

You can donate online via their website, or place it in an envelope in the offertory, marked for CARAD.



## Mother's Union

All MU members are reminded about our next meeting which will take place on Monday 17th April at 10am, commencing with our Wave of Prayer service and following Morning Tea, our guest speaker, Elizabeth Feigh, visiting from Minnesota, USA will speak about her church's support for African Women.

# No more Anglicare donations bin

Anglicare are closing their Op Shops, to be completed by June this year. As a result, they will no longer be providing a bin for us to keep on the patio for donations. Our bin has been removed and we would encourage all parishioners to find alternative donation sites for clothes and housewares. Thank you for all the donations over the past few years!

## A prayer for a new incumbent:

Bountiful God,  
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.  
Amen.



*We invite you to  
celebrate the*

## *Coronation of King Charles III*

*with a High Tea*

*on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May*

*at 3pm*

*in the Hall at St Nic's.*

**Tickets \$20 and will include**

**7 different items of food and**

**a glass of champagne,**

**together with tea & coffee.**

*Come and enjoy the  
afternoon of music,*

*fun, fellowship and*

*raffle prizes*

All money raised will go towards

Mothers' Union Overseas and

Northern Outreach Fund.

**Contact: Helen Krynen 0412810545**

# Bible Readings:

<b>Palm / Passion Sunday</b>	<b>02-Apr-23</b>	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66
<b>Maundy Thursday 7pm</b>	<b>06-Apr-23</b>	Exodus 12.1-14 Psalm 116.1-2, 11-18 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 John 13.1-17, 31b-35
<b>Good Friday 9.30am</b>	<b>07-Apr-23</b>	Isaiah 52.13-53.12 Psalm 22 1 Corinthians 1.18-31 John 18:1-19:42
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	<b>09-Apr-23</b>	Genesis 1.1-2.4 abbreviated Genesis 7.1-9.13 abbreviated Isaiah 54.9-14 Ezekiel 36.24-28 Zephaniah 3.14-20 Romans 6.3-11 Matthew 28.1-10
<b>Easter Morning</b>		Acts 10.34-43 Psalm 118.1-2; 14-24 Colossians 3.1-4 Matthew 28.1-10
<b>Easter 2</b>	<b>16-Apr-23</b>	Acts 2.14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1.1-12 John 20.19-31
<b>Easter 3</b>	<b>23-Apr-23</b>	Acts 2.14a, 36-41 Psalm 116.1-4, 11-18 1 Peter 1.13-25 Luke 24.13-35
<b>Easter 4</b>	<b>30-Apr-23</b>	Acts 2.42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2.1-10 John 10.1-10
<b>Easter 5</b>	<b>07-May-23</b>	Acts 7.55-60 Psalm 31.1-5, 17-18 1 Peter 2.11-25 John 14.1-14
<b>Easter 6</b>	<b>14-May-23</b>	Acts 17.22-31 Psalm 66.7-17 1 Peter 3.8-22 John 14.15-21
<b>Ascension Day</b>	<b>18-May-23</b>	Acts 1.1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1.15-23 Matthew 28.16-20
<b>Easter 7</b>	<b>21-May-23</b>	Acts 1.6-14 Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 5 John 17.1-11

# Thank you's:

## *Palm crosses*

Thank you to Maaka Turner and her team from the Tuesday Craft Group and also Jenny Barkhouse and her team of ladies from the 7:30am service, who have all contributed to the making of our Palm Crosses. The Parish really appreciates your kindness and support. These palm crosses will be used at our Palm Sunday services on Sunday 2nd April.

## *Simnel cake*

We would like to thank Karen Severin and Lilian Hillyer for making the delicious Simnel Cakes that we were able to enjoy on Mothering Sunday, following both services. World Day of Prayer Service

## *World Day of Prayer*

Thank you to everyone who attended the WDP service at St Nic's on March 3rd. It was a wonderful service with about 50 people, many from our neighbouring churches coming together to learn about and pray for the people of Taiwan. Special thanks to Michelle Szymanski who led the service, Karen Severin for the beautiful flowers and altar decorations, Jenny Barkhouse for the artistic bookmarks as gifts for all who attended, and also Jim Turner and David Ng for manning the screen and sound desk. Your support was much appreciated.

## *Roseworth Primary School*

Thank you to everyone who donated to help financially struggling families send their children to school camp. This year \$900 was donated, which means that 3 children can attend who would otherwise be unable to. Annette Defosses (School Chaplain and our Deacon) and all the school community send their grateful thanks to our Parish for the support!

# Quiz

## Parish Council Update

Parish Council met on Tuesday, 21 March, and the following key points were discussed:

1. List three Hebrew names for God.
  2. List three names by which Jesus referred to himself.
  3. Name one messianic prophecy from the Old Testament and the book in which it is found,
  4. Name one priest from the Old Testament and the book in which he is found.
  5. List all 10 plagues of Egypt, in order.
  6. List all the 10 Commandments.
  7. A guilt offering required what animals and was it mandatory or voluntary?
  8. Which sect denied the concept of life after death and resurrection of the body and also denied angels and demons – was it the Pharisees or Sadducees?
  9. Name a beatitude.
  10. Name a parable.
  11. Name a healing Jesus performed.
  12. Who was rebuked by a donkey?
- Mothers' Union are kindly donating 2 walkers to be used by anyone visiting the parish who may have difficulty transporting their own walker from home. The walkers will be kept at the back of the worship space so they are easily accessible. **If you would like to use one of the walkers, please arrange for someone to meet you at your car with the walker when you arrive at church.** When using the walkers, you should take all care to ensure your own safety.
  - Our Treasurer reported that our expenditure for February was \$14,300 however our income was only \$11,800. Our deficit for this parish financial year is now \$8,400. We also have \$7,800 due to be paid for faith giving, which would bring our deficit for the year to \$16,200. Currently, it costs approximately \$35 per parishioner per week to financially support the parish, however we are only receiving an average of \$25 per parishioner per week. **We ask that you prayerfully consider your financial commitment to the parish.**
  - The **repairs and maintenance** issues in the Rectory are progressing in preparation for a new priest to occupy it.
  - General discussion was held regarding **planning for Easter services and beyond.**
  - **If you have any questions** regarding this or any other issue of interest to you, please speak to any of your Parish Councillors.

# Parish Diary

Top tip: you can view an up-to-date calendar of all Parish activities on our website:

Email office@stnicolasanglican.org

Part-time Admin Assistant: Alex is only able to check emails and respond to messages on Tues & Thurs mornings.

Parish Office: 9448 1421

Instagram & Facebook: StNicolasCD

Wardens: Ed Scott & Marian Green

Website: stnicolasanglican.org

Weekly Service Times:

**Wed** Eucharist at 09:15  
**Sun** Eucharist at 07:30 & 09:30

Youtube: St Nicolas Carine Duncraig

Offerings: Anglican Parish of Carine Duncraig,  
BSB 706-001, Account 30003057

Containers for Change Scheme ID:  
C10316184

<b>02-Apr-23</b>	Sun	<b>Eucharist</b> - PALM / PASSION	07:30	Church & Hall
		<b>Eucharist</b>	09:30	
<b>04-Apr-23</b>	Tue	<b>Craft and Chat</b> (weekly)	13:30-16.00	Hall
<b>05-Apr-23</b>	Wed	<b>Eucharist</b>	09:15	Church
		<b>WAGS (weekly)</b>	11:00-14:00	Hall
<b>04-Apr-23</b>	Thur	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>	19:00	Church
<b>07-Apr-23</b>	Fri	<b>Good Friday Service</b>	09:30	Church
<b>08-Apr-23</b>	Sat	<b>Cursillo</b>	08:00-09:00	Church
		<b>ASG</b>	12:00-16:00	Hall
<b>09-Apr-23</b>	Sun	<b>Eucharist</b> - EASTER	06:00	Church & Hall
		<b>Eucharist</b>	09:30	
<b>10-Apr-23</b>	Mon	<b>Friendship Group</b>	19:30-21:30	Hall
<b>11-Apr-23</b>	Tue	<b>Craft and Chat</b> (weekly)	13:30-16.00	Hall
<b>12-Apr-23</b>	Wed	<b>Eucharist</b>	09:15	Church
		<b>WAGS (weekly)</b>	11:00-14:00	Hall
<b>14-Apr-23</b>	Fri	<b>Heartmoves (weekly)</b>	09:00-10:00	Hall
<b>15-Apr-23</b>	Sat	<b>St Nic's Recycling hub</b>	09:00-11:00	Front porch
<b>16-Apr-23</b>	Sun	<b>Eucharist</b> - EASTER 2	07:30	Church & Hall
		<b>Eucharist</b>	09:30	
<b>17-Apr-23</b>	Mon	<b>Mother's Union</b>	10:00-12:00	Hall
<b>18-Apr-23</b>	Tue	<b>Craft and Chat</b> (weekly)	13:30-16.00	Hall
<b>19-Apr-23</b>	Wed	<b>Eucharist</b>	09:15	Church
		<b>WAGS (weekly)</b>	11:00-14:00	Hall
<b>21-Apr-23</b>	Fri	<b>Heartmoves (weekly)</b>	09:00-10:00	Hall
<b>22-Apr-23</b>	Sat	<b>ASG</b>	10:30-14:30	Hall
<b>23-Apr-23</b>	Sun	<b>Eucharist</b> - EASTER 3	07:30	Church & Hall
		<b>Eucharist</b>	09:30	
<b>25-Apr-23</b>	Tue	<b>Craft and Chat</b> (weekly)	13:30-16.00	Hall
<b>26-Apr-23</b>	Wed	<b>Eucharist</b>	09:15	Church
		<b>WAGS (weekly)</b>	11:00-14:00	Hall
<b>28-Apr-23</b>	Fri	<b>Heartmoves (weekly)</b>	09:00-10:00	Hall
		<b>Hexagon &amp; Patchwork</b>	10:30-15:00	Hall
<b>30-Apr-23</b>	Sun	<b>Eucharist</b> - EASTER 4	07:30	Church & Hall
		<b>Eucharist</b>	09:30	

Save the date: Annual Meeting of Parishioners: Sunday 11 June.