

ST MATTHEW'S GRAPEVINE



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*In the heart of Albury
Welcomes all people*

APRIL 2019

Fr Peter writes :

Dear People of St Matthew's

*I danced in the morning when the
world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the
stars and the sun,
I came down from heaven and I
danced on the earth;
At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*



Sydney Carter's hymn is among the most popular in our churches at Easter and yet has far more controversial beginning than most people would imagine. Its author such a wide view of spirituality and such contempt for organized religion that he is actual on the banned list in many places and his quite recent death hasn't resulted in a reputational resurrection for many of us his wide questioning and broad community appeal makes him an indispensable addition to any Easter service. Sydney Carter thought of the themes of new life and hope springing from the ashes as well beyond any particular religion but having echoes in most of them. He also saw the themes of injustice and authority as intertwined with our human experience and some of his other holy week poems like Good Friday have been branded as unsuitable and I also consider indispensable as opening up some questions and perspectives to let some fresh air and sunlight on some fairly tired themes.

Lent at St Matthews is raising exactly those fresh questions. Liturgies and Lenten acts of penitence haven't delivered a better church or a kinder community and have given too many dead ideas places to hide. Spring cleaning is a good Lenten theme particular since the word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word meaning spring. We are fortunate to have had a range of community commentators and political leaders to stretch our spiritual imagination. It happens against the bracing background of reality where the slaughter in New Zealand, the push and shove of political life and daily imperatives of survival in community ask us deeply political questions. It was wonderful to see our friends from the local mosque at St Matthews and to accept their invitation to join them in Friday prayers at their mosque up the road with Fr Martin from Sacred Heart.

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ur holy week services with Palm Sunday featuring Fr Rod Bower and Maundy Thursday with the washing of hands and in partnership with Carevan leads onto Good Friday with 9am Passion readings and hymns, the ecumenical Stations of

the Cross that we have rewritten to bring it up to date in partnership with Catie Inches-Ogden and Fr Martin and then our traditional 3pm concert of sacred music including best loved parts of the Messiah. Easter Day at 9am is a family service with something for everyone, our wonderful choir, trumpets, opera singers, balloons and chicks with a theme of new beginnings for all people of every faith and background. Everyone is very welcome.

Upcoming highlights

Tunes on Tuesday at 1.10pm for April we have Lachlan McIntyre (Voice) on the 6th and Samuel Giddy (Organ) on the 23rd March.

Evensong on 7th April at 5pm

Opening of Field of Remembrance – 16th April at 2pm with the closing on the 26th April at 11am

Lux Alba concert – Saturday 27th April at 2.30pm

Join us for the **Albury Chamber Music Festival Concert Series** on the following dates at St Matthew's: Sunday 28th April, 2pm—Cellist Zoe Knighton; Sunday 23rd June, 2pm—Mezzo-soprano Sally-Anne Russell with Helena Kernaghan (piano); Sunday 8th September, 2pm—Harpist Marshall McGuire. Single concert tickets for \$40/ \$30 concession or buy a series subscription ticket for \$105/ \$80 concession. Find out more at <https://www.alburychambermusicfestival.com.au/concert-series/> Buy your tickets online, or in person or over the phone from the Albury Entertainment Centre box office. Ph.02 6043 5610. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door. Tickets for students/under 18s are available at the door only for \$10.00, with identification.

Fr Peter



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The organ. Donations are required so that work can be done on the organ

Finances. Our income is down but the costs keeping going up.

A lawnmower, a blower, and a whipper snipper have been donated. thank you to the donors

Air conditioner. Have decided to turn the air conditioner off.

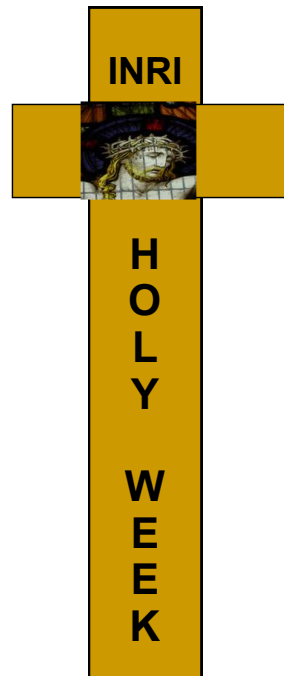
52 Parishioners have completed their working with children forms

Food Room. 27 hampers, 173 meals, 318 drinks were handed out in February

Op shop takings for February \$445.

Dates for your diary 20th, 21st & 22nd September for the 25th anniversary of the re- opening of the church.

Kaye Kennedy Secretary



PALM SUNDAY 14 April

9.00am Eucharist with guest speaker Fr Rod Bower

Wednesday

10.30am Senior Easter Service

Maundy Thursday

6.00pm Simple Lenten Meal followed by

7.00pm Eucharist with washing of hands and stripping of Altar

Good Friday

9.00am The Passion Hymns and Readings

10.30am Sharing the walk of witness, the Stations of the Cross. Starting at St Marks Church – Northern Albury and concluding at Sacred Heart Church

3.00pm Music for Reflection 'From Darkness to Light'

Easter Sunday

9.00am Family Communion Service with Baptism, followed by Easter Egg Hunt

9th March—High Tea at Adamshurst



10th March—Lent 1—Guest Speaker Hugh Mackay



17th March—Lent 2—Guest Speaker Helen Haines



MEDITATION

A DEMONSTRATION IN JERUSALEM

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil and asked, “Who is this?”

The crowds answered “this is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee”.

(St Matthew 21:10-11)

All four gospel writers describe the same basic events associated with Palm Sunday. Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey while the joyous crowds acclaimed “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest heavens” - and spread palm branches and cloaks along the way.

The crowds shouted these words because they saw Jesus as the person for whom they and their predecessors had waited for hundreds of years – the one who would fulfil the prophecies and follow in the steps of King David. The one who would drive out the hated Romans and give them greatness. (**“I will make his kingdom strong...and continue it to eternity”- 2 Samuel 7:12-14**)

The crowds were both right and wrong. They were right in acknowledging Jesus as their King, the Christ, the Messiah. Zechariah 9:9-10 stated 500 years before these events, **“He will proclaim peace to the nations-his rule will extend to the ends of the earth.”** But they were wrong in thinking Jesus would achieve this by using force. The reason He rode a donkey and not a horse was that donkeys were seen as animals of poor people, meek and lowly, whereas horses were often used by their riders to make political statements with warlike intentions. This misunderstanding by the people led their public acclaim to change to public condemnation. As the week went on, triumph turned to betrayal, prayer to agony and compassion to death. The grim reality which lay ahead was the arrest, ridicule, torture, and execution of Jesus.

What occurred on that Palm Sunday was rather like a modern day demonstration. Jesus entered the city to show that He was the king and saviour of mankind – a king of compassion, not a king to be feared, not one to destroy governments or undermine their authority, but one who expected that governments would recognise the higher authority of God. The events of Palm Sunday have reminded people through the centuries that victories and triumphs based on false popularity or misunderstanding quickly pass, and that despair and disillusionment follow.

God makes a claim on each one of us – to see Jesus as the King of divine love, compassion, justice and goodwill. We are called to share and to reflect this belief in peaceful, loving service to Him.

“He tends his flock like a shepherd. He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart” Isaiah 40:11

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.”

From the Sermons of Father Colin



Children's Church in April

The theme of today was 'New Life'. The service was held in the Rectory, as usually happens during Lent. We had a fun service, with 12 children, their parents and carers, and several visitors, which made for a jolly time. Rev. Catherine took the Communion service, and called on the children to help say the first part of the responses, and help generally with the Communion. Rev'd Catherine read a story about a caterpillar, who desperately wanted to fly, and asked God for wings, and was told he had to go to sleep in a cocoon for several weeks, while his wings grew. Eventually he was released from the cocoon, and flew, as a beautiful butterfly with New Life. The children were told that this is a bit like Jesus at Easter, Jesus was put in a tomb, but rose to new life on Easter day. Later, the children enjoyed creating colourful butterflies, on sticks. Craft and morning tea was held in the Sun Room of the rectory, so we all were able to mingle and watch the craft, while having a drink and nibbles. Rowena Ginns provided the happy music, and our usual great helpers were on hand to assist with craft and morning tea! We thank Matthew Paul and David for setting up the rooms for us.

N.B. As our next scheduled Children's Church service falls on Easter Day, there will be a children's Easter segment at the 9am service, and all are welcome — **there will not be a 10.30 service.**

Julie Scott Children's church spokesperson for M.U. Albury.



Left: Hugh Mackay and Cathy Carden; Centre: Wari , Aprile, Joyce, Hugh Mackay, Mon, Buddhi & Fr Peter; Right: Hugh Mackay and Vick with some of Children's Church kids



Left: Mohammad, Fr John, Fr Peter, Helen Haines & Syed; Centre: Remembering victims of NZ Massacre; Left: Jim, Helen Haines, Fr Peter and Pauline



Left: Helen Haines & Marion; Centre: Barbara & David with friends big and little taking down the donations to be blessed; Right: Angie Barney



Left: Sylvia and Bert Williams; Centre: William Ashton BAKIC-LITTON baptism; Right: Shirley Gray



Join us for the 2019 Albury Chamber Music Festival

Concert Series

The Albury Chamber Music Festival is proud to present *Sundays at St Matthew's* – a series of three afternoon concerts featuring some of Australia's finest chamber musicians – cellist Zoe Knighton, mezzo-soprano Sally-Anne Russell and harpist Marshall McGuire. The series returns this year with three very special performances and for the first time, the offer of a [subscription series ticket](#) for just \$105.00/ \$80 concession. That's more than 10% off the total price for all three concerts! Don't miss out on this wonderful subscription package!

Concert one – Zoe Knighton (cello) - Sunday 28th April 2019, 2pm @ St Matthew's Church, Albury. Tickets \$40/ \$30 concession

Concert two – Sally-Anne Russell (mezzo soprano) - with Helena Kernaghan (piano) - Sunday 23rd June 2019, 2pm @ St Matthew's Church, Albury. Tickets \$40/ \$30 concession

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24 March—Lent 3—Guest Speaker Justin Clancy & Lauriston Muirhead



St Matthew's Pastoral Care Team 2019

The Pastoral Care Team meet each month to organise and provide support to the members of our congregation and those who are no longer able to attend church. We follow up requests for support by visitation, phone calls or sending a 'thinking of you' card. Retirement Village and Nursing Home Services are held each week, providing the opportunity to outreach and interact with our elderly.

This year, we hope to further involve people from St Mark's North Albury in our Pastoral Care work.

Kindness rugs, made and donated by members in our Parish and Community are distributed, as needed, to the sick and lonely. This is an ongoing process.

Comfort Cards and 'Thinking of you cards' are sent each month.

We have developed forms to assist people in preparation for their funeral called 'Give Your Family Peace of Mind'. These forms are available to all, and are located in the leaflet rack at the back of the church.

We attend and assist with Funerals and Memorial Services, for people we have visited.

Each of our team are currently completing/have completed the requirements for the Bishop's Licence. The Diocese has mandated that all people involved with Pastoral Care, hospital visits and/or gives home communion, need to have a Bishop's licence by 7th May.

A Senior's Easter Service will be held at St Matthew's, Wednesday 17th April at 10:30 am. Residents in our local retirement villages and nursing homes are invited to attend and all are welcome to join in this specially designed service in preparation for Easter Week.

If you are new to St Matthew's, please complete the 'Welcome Information' on the pew sheet.

If you know anyone who is sick, in hospital, needs help or would like to be visited, please contact the Parish Office 02 60213022.

Thank you.

Annette Gorham, on behalf of the Pastoral Care Team:

FOR THE KIDS



Q. Why did the scarecrow win an award? A. He was best in his field

Q Why did the orange take a prune to a party? A. He couldn't find a date

Q. How do you get Easter bunnies out of their hole? A Tell them a hare-raising stories

H U M O U R

THE IRISH NEVER HESITATE TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR FELLOW MAN, AIR PASSENGERS, IN THIS CASE!

SHORTLY AFTER TAKE-OFF ON AN OUTBOUND, EVENING AER LINGUS FLIGHT FROM DUBLIN TO BOSTON, THE LEAD FLIGHT ATTENDANT NERVOUSLY MADE THE FOLLOWING PAINFUL ANNOUNCEMENT IN HER LOVELY IRISH BROGUE:

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'M SO VERY SORRY, BUT IT APPEARS THAT THERE HAS BEEN A TERRIBLE MIX-UP BY OUR CATERING SERVICE. I DON'T KNOW HOW THIS HAPPENED, BUT WE HAVE 103 PASSENGERS ON BOARD, AND UNFORTUNATELY, WE RECEIVED ONLY 40 DINNER MEALS. I TRULY APOLOGIZE FOR THIS MISTAKE AND INCONVENIENCE."

WHEN THE MUTTERING OF THE PASSENGERS HAD DIED DOWN, SHE CONTINUED, "ANYONE WHO IS KIND ENOUGH TO GIVE UP THEIR MEAL SO THAT SOMEONE ELSE CAN EAT, WILL RECEIVE FREE AND UNLIMITED DRINKS FOR THE DURATION OF OUR FLIGHT."

HER NEXT ANNOUNCEMENT CAME ABOUT 2 HOURS LATER:

"IF ANYONE IS HUNGRY, WE STILL HAVE 40 DINNERS AVAILABLE."



RECYCLING WITH PANACHE !!



ON THE RECORD

Baptisms

We welcome into Christ's family

3 March	Harrisyn Jarrod PANTLING
9 March	Leo Edward POULTON
16 March	Bobbie-rai Tereza BALLARD Lilly Else JOHN
23 March	William Ashton BAKIC-LITTON Andrew Charles KNIGHT



Weddings

We congratulate those joined together in Holy Matrimony

No weddings in March



Funerals

We pray for those who have died and extend our sympathies to those

who mourn

13 March	Valerie Elizabeth HOWARD
14 March	Maxwell Arthur PETTS
15 March	Joanne GUZIAK

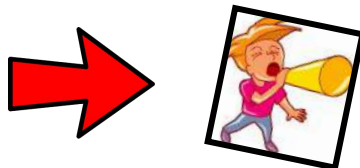


Years Mind—

We pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time

April

Allan James WEIDNER (1st), Lou NICHOLSON (2nd), Brendan David JONES (2nd), James MITCHELL (3rd) Peggy Jean GORDON (5th), 'Ros' Rosalind Myee COCKS (6th), Sheila Georgina ELLIS (7th), John Arthur APPLEBY (7th), Eva Edith COBCROFT (9th), Brian Albert ROBERTS (11th), Harold James William PURSS (12th), Benjamin Winston BAILEY (13th), Margaret PIESSE (15th), Dillon WHITE (16th), David Ernest GRANT (16th), Nina Edith BERRY (17th), Dorothy Zillah CLARKE (19th), 'Rex' Allan JENKINS (19th), James Archibald KENNEDY (20th), Coral YARRINGTON (21st), William John FORBES (21st), 'Jack' John Maxwell TYRRELL (21st), Laurence Henry ALLOTT (Priest)(21st), Mervyn ELSENHAUER (22nd), Thomas FILIPOVIC (22nd), Dulcie May NICHOLS (22nd), Madaline KARAFFA (23rd), Peter BLEASDALE (24th), William COLEMAN (25th), Marlene Janice KENNEDY (25th), Stephen SEYMOUR (25th), Norman John NICHOLS (26th), James Lester JACKSON (26th), Albert DAWSON (28th), Joan DAWSON (28th), Florene Helena KOTHE (29th), 'Jean' Alice HEINJUS (29th), Ivy Irene SMITHENBECKER (29th), Ern BLEASDALE (30th), 'Bob' Robert LAWSON (30th), Roberta Margaret SLOANE (30th)



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8:00 am. Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY

10:30 am. Eucharist

THURSDAY

No services

FRIDAY

10.00 am. Eucharist at Riverwood (except 2nd Friday). All welcome

SUNDAY

9.00 am. Sung Eucharist

10:30 am. Children's Church 3rd Sunday every month

5.00 pm. Evensong (only 1st Sunday of every month)

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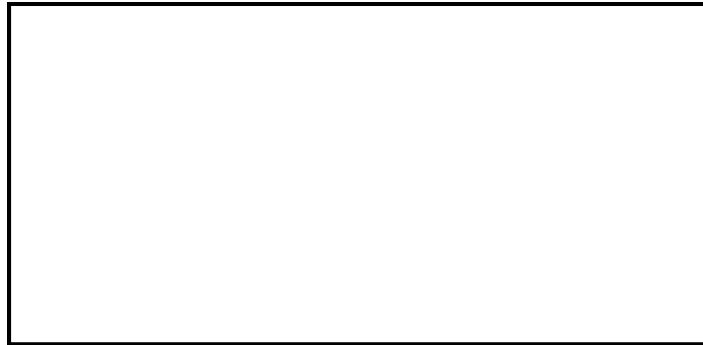
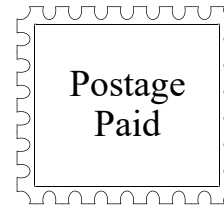
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