



Father Paul writes – 29th of March 2026 Palm Sunday

A warm welcome to you as we come together to begin the events of Holy Week, with the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem. It will be a time to re-enact Jesus' entry with the blessing of palms and then processing into the church where we will continue the service in the church itself.

It is where we align our own identities with that of Jesus where we celebrate his triumphant entry into Jerusalem but then walk with him to the cross on Good Friday. Like Jesus, to be faithful followers by taking up our cross, it means we will feel this to the depths of our humanity, with the drama of the coming week.

Today marks the beginning of the most sacred week of the Christian Year with Palm Sunday. On Tuesday, I will attend a Chrism Mass at St Peter's Cathedral at 1 pm, where I with clergy from the Diocese renew our ordination vows. You are all welcome to attend this service. There is the mid-week Eucharist on Wednesday at 10 am as usual but then on Maundy Thursday, we will move into what is called the Easter Triduum. "Triduum" comes from two Latin words (*tres* and *dies*) that means 'a space of three days'. It commences with the Maundy Thursday Liturgy and concludes on Easter Sunday, with the celebration of Christ Risen.

I encourage you to participate in worship during each of these three days; otherwise, we cannot become fully involved in the emotion and spirituality of the occasion. If we simply skip from Palm Sunday to Easter Day for example, it's like reading the first couple of chapters of a book and then going to the final one. And so, I hope you are able to avail yourself of the opportunities for worship during this Holy Week in order to draw closer to Christ.

On Maundy Thursday, the service which celebrates the institution of the Lord's Supper will be at 7 pm. The service will be followed by a prayer vigil in St Stephen's Chapel until 10 pm with Compline. The prayer vigil is an opportunity to be with Jesus as he spent time in the Garden of Gethsemane before his arrest.

On Good Friday, the liturgy remembering the Passion of our Lord will be at 10 am followed by Hot Cross Buns in the meeting room. At 3 pm, there is a Good Friday Meditation Concert at St Peter's Cathedral, which is free and another at St John's Halifax Street at 7 pm, featuring the Serendipity Ensemble, again free.

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the Risen Christ with a service at 9 am. This service will begin outside as we light the Paschal Candle and carry this into the church, representing the light of the Risen Christ. This will be followed by a BBQ breakfast, of which you are all invited. A full list of the services from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday, are listed separately in the pew sheet.

The ABM Lenten Appeal this year is supporting three countries, Myanmar, Kenya and Vanuatu in providing clean water, safe toilets and essential hygiene facilities. The Good Friday Appeal this year will support the Diocese of Jerusalem and its role in helping the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Jordan. Run by the Anglican Church the Institute is a school which helps the deaf, the deafblind and hearing children learn side by side. Our collection on Good Friday will go to this appeal.

Our new Archbishop of Adelaide, Brad Billings will be the celebrant at our one and only service on Sunday the 19th of April at 10 am. Archbishop Brad will confirm two candidates, Alice Davidson and Ted Jennings. Ted will also be baptised. Please mark this date and time in your diaries and come along to support Alice and Ted and to meet our new Archbishop. There will be a special morning tea after the service so please bring a plate of food to share.

St Saviour's has gained two dates so far for running the BBQ at Mitre 10 on Unley Road at Unley on Saturday the 11th of April and Saturday the 9th of May. This is being seen as an outreach but also as a fundraiser for St Saviour's. There will be a roster available from today to fill in, if you are able to help on the day.

Your friend and priest,

Fr Paul