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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

6th Sunday in Lent



Hosanna!

PALM SUNDAY P&W PLAYLIST

Palm Sunday

29 March 2026

Notes from Yukiko's Desk

Dear AGAC whanau,

We are about to embark on Easter journey. Holy Week is more than Palm Sunday and Easter—it's a transformative journey.



This Sunday, we will begin our service by processing with palm branches, singing *Hosanna*. Then, we will read the story of Jesus' Passion, this year from Matthew's gospel. It is important to understand that we are not just telling the "story" of what happened to Jesus in history. Rather, we are invited to enter the story and contemplate our own place within this story of love, sacrifice, and redemption.

Our oldest traditions for celebrating Easter involve what we call the **Triduum** - starting at sunset on **Maundy Thursday**, moving through **Good Friday**, and ending with the great **Easter Vigil** at sunset on Saturday night. This three-day worship was one continuous service - more like a retreat than a sequence of separate worship events. That is why our own observations on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday have no blessing or dismissal.

Finally, I would also like to remind you that Holy Week is not meant to be observed in isolation. It is a communal experience that draws believers together as we walk the path of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. Coming together for shared reflection, prayer, and fellowship fosters a sense of unity and strengthens the spiritual bonds within a community. If you can, please consider going on the full Easter journey with us from Maundy Thursday through to Easter Day. The three services work together as a unity and complement and complete each other. I look forward to walking Holy week together with you. *Yukiko*

News and Upcoming Events

Our next **Settler's Morning Tea** will be happening on **15th April** Wednesday **at 10 am** at Settler's Lounge.

Massey Uni campus on Holy Wednesday

Some of us are going to be at Massey University campus on **Wed 1st April (11-12:30)**. If you'd like to join us on that day, please let Yukiko know. You can also support us by **donating some hot cross buns or Easter Chocolates**. If you can do that, please bring ones this Sunday or talk to Yukiko.

St. Michael's in Greenhithe turning 70!

On 12th April we are celebrating this special milestone. We will gather for the service at 9 am, and a special morning tea around 9:30. Someone in Parish kindly offers to organise a cake. It would be great if people from Holy Cross can join the celebration.

St. John's Ambulance's AEDs refresher course this Sunday!

It would be great for us to learn how to operate AED so we feel confident operating it in an emergency. This will happen after the Sunday worship around 12 pm.

SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPIONS WORKSHOP 2026:

At ***All Saints Ponsonby***, 284 Ponsonby Road, Ponsonby on ***Saturday 2 May*** from 9am to 2pm.

This year, we will be looking at food sovereignty, the effect that climate change will have on our current food systems and how we, as both the church gathered and the church scattered, can respond well. This workshop is offered as part of the partnership

between A Rocha Aotearoa and the Anglican Diocese of Auckland, supporting churches to grow in their care for creation. Yukiko is planning to attend it. If you are interested in the workshop, please let her know.

Installation of the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally

This past week (25 March - the Feast of the Annunciation) saw the installation of the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury. Please pray for our worldwide communion of Anglican churches, and for Archbishop Sarah as she steps into this daunting and important role.



Easter Services AGAC



Palm Sunday Service 29 March

9 am St. Michael's

10:30 am Holy Cross

Maundy Thursday@ Holy Cross 2 April

6:30 pm Soup and Bread meal

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service

Good Friday: 3 April

9:30am Combined denominational
Easter walk, begins from Holy Cross
and finishes at the Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday: 5th April

9 am St. Michael's

10:30 am Holy Cross

All Welcome !

Helpers wanted for the above Services

- **Two readers of the Scripture** and **several singers** who can lead singing "Holy Darkness for **Good Friday** Service.

- Bring large **flowers** (e.g. hibiscus, dahlias etc.) that we can use to flower the cross on **Easter Sunday**.

If you would like to attend the soup meal on Maundy Thursday, please let Yukiko know.

We pray for:

- The conflict between Israel, America and Iran and all the other countries now embroiled.
- Sarah Mullally, who was installed for the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, on 25th March.
- our street homeless whānau in resisting the proposed move on orders; this Sunday communities all over Aotearoa will take action – united together against the Move-on orders.

This Week's Bible Question

What question did the people of Jerusalem ask when Jesus entered?

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| A. Who is this? | B. Where is He from? |
| C. Why is He here? | D. What does He want? |

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: Hosanna

Gospel: For everyone born, a place at the table

Offertory: Were you there

Recession: All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Sentence for the day

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

Readings for this week

1. Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

2. Matthew 27:11-54

Matthew records Jesus' trial, his crucifixion and death.

Collect for the Day

Faithful God,
With palms lifted and voices raised,
we welcome Christ among us.
As we rejoice in his coming,
open our hearts to the deeper journey of this holy week.
Teach us to follow Jesus not only in moments of praise,
but in paths of humility, obedience, and love.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Liturgical Colour: Red

This Week's Bible Question Answer: A

Rosters for this week

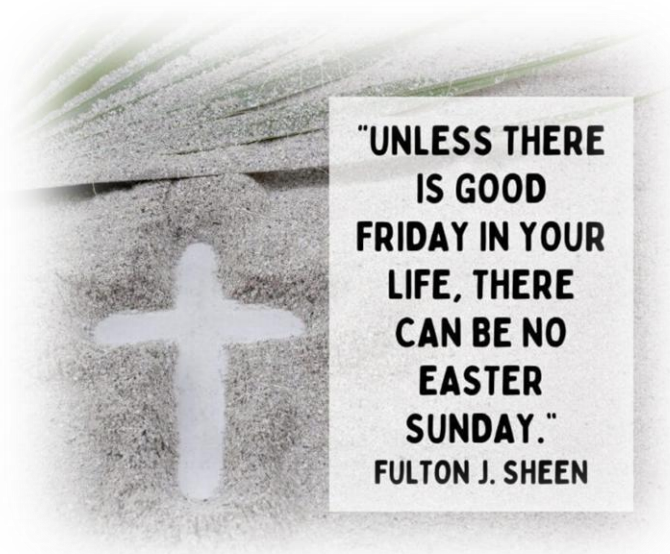
St Michaels

This Week

Prayers	Bruce
Readings	Brian
Presiding	Les

Holy Cross

Sacristan	Alison C
Welcomer	Barry
1 Readings	-----
2 Readings	-----
Presiding	Yukiko
Prayers	Beatrix
TV Setup & Slides	Patrick
Morning Tea	Dorothy & Ria
Music	Stephanie & Trish G



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Feedback welcome:

If you have feedback on any aspect of our church activities, please contact the wardens, Dorothy & Trish – contacts as above – or via the office at the email above.

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