

Anglican Parish of Parkes

St George's
PARKES

St Stephen's
PEAK HILL

St Stephen's
BINDOGUNDRA

Holy Trinity
REEDY CREEK

Sunday, 25 March, 2018
Palm Sunday


Our **Vision** is to be a growing faith community of lives transformed by Christ.

Our **Mission**: We are followers of Christ, who, with God's help, are encouraging Spirit-filled people to share and teach God's word.

Upcoming events:



BILLETS NEEDED!

 If you would be able to billet a Capernwray student or would like further information please speak to Father Ron.

Billets will be needed from Saturday, 5th May to Saturday, 12th May.

Mission partner: Sarah & Stephen Morse

Sarah & Stephen Morse
(our Mission Partners)
Will be attending services on
Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th April

News for You

Welcome to St Georges and we give thanks that you could join with us. If you are visiting today, we hope that we met your need and that you felt welcomed by our congregation. If you are looking for a new family to join fill out connect form and tick a box and be assured of a visit by Fr Ron.

This Week:

Monday

26 Mar Toy Library, 3:30-6:30pm
Upper Room Disciplines 3pm

Tuesday

27 Mar Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Scripture at Parkes Public School, 10:30am
Little Acorns, 10-12 noon

Wednesday

28 Mar Holy Communion, 10am

Thursday

29 Mar Scripture in each public school, 12:15 to 2:30pm

Next Week:

St Georges, Parkes

Saturday

31 Mar Holy Communion, 6pm

Sunday

1 Apr Holy Communion, 7:30am
1 Apr Holy Communion, 9:30am

St Stephens, Peak Hill

Sunday

1 Apr Extended Holy Communion, 9:30am

St Stephens, Bindogundra

Sunday

1 Apr Holy Communion, 11:30am

Parish Events:

March

25th Lent Studies, 2pm
27th Leaders Meeting, 7:30pm
28th Lent Studies, 6pm, PH
29th Maundy Thursday, 7pm
30th Good Friday, 9am
31st Service of Light, 6pm

April

7th Soul Café, 2pm to 5pm
8th Cursillo Sunday
28/29 Sarah & Stephen Morse visit

From the Rectory:

Passion Week is so called because of the suffering and agony of Christ. Passion is defined in lay terms as "strong and barely controlled emotion." Our minds cannot fully comprehend, nor our hearts understand what was done on our behalf. God longs to be with us, in restored relationship forever, so He purposefully and passionately shed His blood so that we might live.

At church this week we were encouraged to read through Mark 14:1-15:27. As we walk through the text and consider the passion of our Saviour, let us sit with Him and remember all He endured for us. I'd love to hear from you throughout the week about your reflections and how you have responded to Him.

Most of us have seen the movie "Passion" and have heard the reports from critics and fans. But I am struck by the number of individuals who claim that it is too violent. "Why all the violence? Was it really necessary?" or "It's very uncomfortable to watch." It made me think about Christ's actual crucifixion. Why all the violence, God? I know Jesus had to die for me to be forgiven, but did it have to be so ugly? Did God had to have a reason?

I don't know. But I can't help thinking that there would be no way to overdo the picture of the pain and violence. And it should make us very uncomfortable.

Blessings

Father Ron



