

weekly bulletin

5 April 2020



Growing in Christ | Showing Christ | Going Christ's Way

Bible readings:

Palm Sunday
Psalm 118; Isaiah 50:4-9a
Phil 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-11

Weekly reflection

This week we celebrate Palm Sunday as we enter Holy week in the lead up to Easter. However, it is hard to celebrate when we are isolated from each other and maybe a bit uncertain of what the future holds.

Jesus knows about uncertainty as he arrived that day in Jerusalem on a Donkey. He knew that troubled times lay ahead for him and that his very life may well be in the balance.

Jesus turns his face towards the trouble and obediently goes towards the cross and his impending death in order that we might face the future with hope and the promise that our God goes with us.

May we take strength and courage from our Saviour who goes before us, who smooths our paths even in times of trouble and assures us the He continues to walk with us all of our days.

Grace and Peace.
Rev. Andrew

Please pray for:

- those who are unwell or having ongoing treatment - Brian R, David W, Stan O'B.
- people recovering from operations Russell G.
- For the family of Isobell K, as they grieve her passing during the week.
- for members in nursing homes and their families who feel further isolated from them at this time Del A, Claire M, Margaret R, Lorraine I, Margaret A, Joyce H.
- the congregation of Rockhampton South UC and their Minister, Rev. Scott Ballment.
- the Moderator and General Secretary of the Uniting Church in Qld as they respond to the current crisis.
- please pray for our frontline medical staff who are putting their own health at risk as they care for the sick at this time.
- prayer for those people who have lost their jobs and are not eligible for job keeper wage subsidy especially migrant workers
- pray for those people who don't have access to our health care system.

Contribute:

Email notices.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com by 7pm Thursday with notices for next week's bulletin.

Ways to keep in touch

During this time of no gathering, it is more important than ever to keep in touch with each other.

Here are some options that you might consider.

1. Weekly worship online.

Our worship services are being recorded and uploaded online to our website at oxleydarrauc.org.au. Please share this website with as many people as you can. It is also on our Facebook page.

For those without internet access, DVD's of the service are being produced. Please contact Rev. Andrew to get a copy delivered.

2. Call someone.

Make it your aim to call at least one person from church every day. Our church directory was recently updated. If you would like an electronic version, please contact Rev. Andrew.

3. Keep up to date via email.

If you have an email address that we don't currently have or an updated address, please let us know. Send an email to communications.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com to be added to our email distribution list.

4. Don't sit in silence.

Give Rev. Andrew or Sharyn Sinnamon a call (0410064675) and let us know how things are going for you.

Devotional resources

The following resources are freely available to be used at home as you continue to spend time with God.

- Lenten Bible studies by Rob Duncan, which I have attached to this email. These are a great resource and easy to use.
- Lectio 365 follow this link for a free online daily devotional that can be downloaded as an App to your phone or tablet.
- Seasons of the Spirit, Palm Sunday activities are attached to this email. Please read the material and make a palm cross together and share the daily readings for Holy Week.

Giving in a time of Isolation

Giving of our resources for the work of God in our world is an ongoing covenant we make with God. During this time, when we cannot make our physical offering via the collection plate, you might consider giving via direct debit, even if it is only during this current crisis. The details for our bank are as follows.

Account Name: Oxley-Darra UCA
Parish Offerings Account
BSB: 064 011 (Commonwealth Bank)
Account Number: 1003 2190

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