



From Rev Canon Maree

† **Holy Communion:** Home communion will be given today. Please pray for our extended faith community.

Rev Canon Maree



Also this Week:

Wed	Lollypops playgroup on holidays
Fri	Rev Maree's day off.

† Mission for April : Church Army

Reading for Easter	Sunday Gospel only	
Readings for April 28	Acts 5 : 27 - 32	Psalm 118 : 14 - 29
	Revelation 1 : 4 - 8	John 20 : 19 - 31

Coming:

Services for Holy week

Palm Sunday prayer walk. We will start in the church at 5pm and walk to 4 places close by and end by having a meal at the Lambton park hotel.

Monday Chrism Mass in at the cathedral starting 10am with reflections followed by morning tea and then the chrism mass

Maundy Thursday start with gathering up the back 6pm service starts at 6.30pm with Eucharist and foot washing then silence till around 9am

Good Friday 9am reflection at the cross.

Easter Sunday 9am holy communion with Baptism

Many Blessings from Rev Maree

BUSH CHURCH AID (BCA) will be celebrating 100 years on 26th May. A celebration will occur throughout Australia. Newcastle celebration will be on Sunday May 26 2019 at Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle 6.00 pm Choral Evensong followed by 'bring and share' light supper with a presentation of BCA Centenary videos. Guest Speaker to be announced



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Today's Scripture Readings – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50 : 4 -9a	Psalm 31 : 9 – 18
Phillipians 2 : 5 – 11	Luke 22 : 14 – 23 : 56

PRAYERS OF THANKS

I often end my prayers with this: "thank you Lord, for putting up with me!!" I say this in my prayers as token of Love to my Lord and saviour. I remember his great sacrifice and Love toward me and all people and all creation. Often, as I say these words, I will picture the Lord smiling at me. And maybe just nodding knowingly sometimes because I have missed the point, yet again! I think of myself as a stubborn one among God's children and when I think of my stubbornness and sometimes anger and hurt I am filled with regret. Then I remember that God does not want me to have regrets. And in my prayers and my daily life, I have this wonderful loving sensation. And I imagine that He knows full well how I feel. And I say again "thank you Lord for putting up with me!"

This day, palm Sunday and then Holy week and Easter I imagine the love poured out by the Son of God in ways which make me reel with sadness and love! I am so grateful that no matter how many times that I doubt or fear or have pride God beckons me and says come to me "you that are weary and heavy with your burdens remember how much I Love you."

I love you so much that I opened my arms so wide that I was nailed to a cross. I love you so much that a cold dark tomb could not hold me, and I broke the darkness with my love for you! And then I lay my head down and I whisper "thank you for putting up with me God"

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As we move into Holy week I reflect “except that a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone.” But if it dies it bears much fruit”. The journey into Holy week and Good Friday is an invitation to take the seed of life which is ours and allow it to enter the darkness of its inner life . We face our pain and weakness our grief our woundedness and our woundings. This week above all weeks as we entrust this “seed” of life to Jesus, we will be held by the One who knows us so well, our God. For many this is overwhelming and hard to believe. And after this darkness comes the light of Easter. We will celebrate that Christ does all that He has promised.

Christ is Risen! We will sing. He is Risen indeed! And we will go to our community to our families with joy and faith and Christ will go with us.

Blessings for a Happy and Holy journey. Canon Maree and Terry

BAPTISM

We welcome on EASTER SUNDAY 21st April

Riley Robert Shane Preston and his family Tracey Ann Preston and godparents Todd Heath, Shane Fulcher, Karen Hunt, Tarsha Baeck and Brenda Heath.

Blessings and prayers for this very special day.

Please join the parish in morning tea following the service.



EASTER RAFFLE

Our Easter raffle will be drawn today at the Easter Day Morning Tea.

LAY TRAINING DAY

Saturday 25th May hosted by the Diocese at Bishop Tyrrell Anglican college

Time 9am for cuppa

Program 9.30-3pm

There is NO COST FOR THIS DAY AND LUNCH IS PROVIDED Just bring notebook/pen

This is open for lay leaders, lay liturgical assistants and all who are interested

Please respond by email to amandazaicos@newcastleanglican.org.au or

events@newcastleanglican.org.au and provide your name, Parish, email and any dietary requirements. This looks like a great day! Please attend if you can.



ANZAC DAY 25th April. 2019

Services for our local sub branch Lambton New Lambton

7am service at corner Tauranga and Hobart Road.

7.30am short wreath laying at New Lambton RSL gate Lambton road

8.45am wreath laying Lambton Park Memorial gates

9.45am wreath laying and Last Post Lambton park memorial swimming centre

March to Lambton Bowling Club

11am Main service at Lambton Bowls Sports and Recreation Club



ELECTION DAY MARKET

Yes after last month's hugely successful market day, it is happening again on Saturday May 18th

We will once again have:

BBQ

Brik a brac

World famous Lewis cakes

Rare vinyl records & DVD's from yesteryear and much more.

URGENTLY NEEDED

Bric a brac, Books, Plants, cakes, slices, biscuits.

If you can help in any way please contact Rev Maree or Daphney Whelan or Gina



FASHION MORNING

Divalinas Wallsend Shop on Saturday 4th May

Yes it's a Fund raiser but come along to the shop and have some afternoon tea and fun as well.

There are prizes a raffle and specials on the day. A percentage of sales go to our fundraising.

