

Saint Mary's Church, Gordonton. Sunday 5 April



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The “Virtual Vicar” In Touch: Palm Sunday



Jesus Is Lord

This Sunday we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as king. The people of Jerusalem saw Jesus as an earthly king who would defeat the oppressive Roman Empire. Their vision of him was limited by their own finite and worldly needs. They failed to understand that Jesus had come to triumph over a much greater enemy than Rome—an enemy whose defeat would have an impact far beyond the boundaries of this life. Jesus came to overthrow the enemy of our souls—Satan. He came to defeat the power of sin and death. Jesus came not as a political conqueror, but as the Messiah-King, Saviour of souls, and giver of eternal life. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the crowds refused to see him as he truly was, but instead placed their personal desires on him. Who is Jesus for you? Is he merely someone to satisfy your wants and goals, or is he your Lord and Master who gave up his life to save you from your sins?

God bless - David



+ Prayer Points +

- For those who have lost their jobs, or those who face economic insecurity.
- For all to draw closer to God, for families to turn to the Lord with their needs.
- For those affected by domestic violence, and those who are helping abuse victims, particularly during this lock down.



Please look up these readings for this Sunday as part of your spiritual devotion:

Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-9

New Testament: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11



³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

(Ephesians 1:3-6)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

