



WELCOME TO THE PARISH of East Lake Macquarie

We acknowledge the first nations' people of the Awabakal & Darkinjung nations, traditional custodians of the east side of Lake Macquarie. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging. We commit ourselves to the ongoing work of healing and reconciliation.

Today's Reading

- **1 Samuel 16: 1-13**
- **Psalm 23**
- **Ephesians 5: 8-14**
- **John 9 1-41**



Service Times & Locations

**Church of the Transfiguration,
Merrigum St, Windale**

- *Sunday 8:30 am*

All Saints, 24 Church St, Belmont

- *Sunday 9am Eucharist*
- *Wednesday 10:00 am*

St Peters, 28 Josephson St Swansea

- *Sunday 10:30 am*
- *Friday 9.30am*



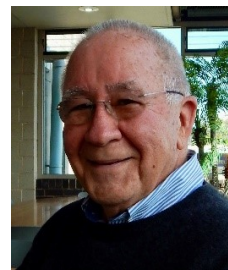
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EAST LAKE MACQUARIE Parish Council 2023

| Wardens | |
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| Helen Edwards | Rector's Warden |
| Adrian Price | Church Warden |
| Nancy Lott | Church Warden |
| Parish Council | |
| Chris Charlton | Treasurer |
| Ameera Hale | Secretary |
| Deidre Hughes | Missions |
| Kevin Brennan | |
| Pam MacAskill | |
| Rosemarie Moloney | |
| Fiona Tinney | |
| Geoffrey Wooden | |
| Alison Wooden | Clergy |
| John Carroll | Clergy |

HOLY WEEK ROSTERS

We need people to add their names to the reading and other rosters for Holy Week services please.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY ELECTION DAY - Saturday 25 March

We have a great opportunity to raise some extra funds on the day of the state election at the Polling Booth at Belmont church. We are holding a BBQ and a cake stall. We are looking for people to assist with the BBQ and to assist and donate cakes, slices etc. on the cake stall.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

| ACTIVITY | DAY | DATE | TIME | CENTRE | DETAILS |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Mothering Sunday | Sunday | 19 March | Services | All centres | |
| Belmont MU Meeting | Tuesday | 21 March | 1.30pm | Belmont | Guest speaker Elizabeth Bissaker |
| Palms Needed | Saturday Sunday | 25 March 26 March | Arrange with Fr Peter | Drop off at All Saints Belmont | Needed for Palm cross making on 27 March |

FOR YOUR DIARY

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|---|----------|----------|----------|-------------------------|---|
| State Election BBQ & cake stall fundraiser. | Saturday | 25 March | 8.00am.. | Belmont (polling booth) | We need people to assist with BBQ and donations for the cake stall. |
| Palm Cross WORKING BEE | Monday | 27 March | 10am | All Saints Hall Belmont | ALL WELCOME & Morning Tea |
| ELMAC MEN's Lunch | Tuesday | 28 March | 12 noon | @ Pelican RSL. | Please let Fr Peter or Rev John know if you are joining us. |

SUNDAY CLERGY ROSTER

| DATE | WINDALE | BELMONT | SWANSEA |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|------------------------------|
| 19/3 Lent 4 | Rev Robyn | Fr Peter | Rev Alison |
| 26/3 Lent 5 | Fr Peter | Rev Alison | Fr Peter |
| 2/4 Palm Sunday | Rev Robyn | Fr Peter | Rev Alison. Bp Charlie Visit |

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

For the world: For leaders of all countries that they will govern with compassion, fairness and integrity for their people. For those in our world who suffer under political regimes. For refugees and displaced people that they will find safety and peace.

For the Church: For the Anglican Church in Kenya. Pray for all agencies that are run by Newcastle Diocese, especially aged care, schools, charity organisations. For our Bishops Peter, Charlie, Sonia. For the parishes of Cardiff, South Lakes and Toronto. For our new Parish Council.

For the wider Community: Pray for the upcoming NSW election, for those running for government. Those suffering from addiction to drugs, alcohol and gambling, and their families. For doctors, counsellors, psychologists who care for them.

People who have asked for our prayers: Chris, Patricia, Maree, Briar, Sylvia, Ruth, Betty.

Please contact Narelle if you would like to add someone on the prayer list.

Prayer of the week

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our

READINGS – 26 March

5th Sunday in Lent

- EZEKIEL 37.1-14
- PSALM 130
- ROMANS 8.6-11
- JOHN 11.1-45

ABM *Reflection on today's readings*

A few weeks ago, I got off the tram to walk down to the shops, in his usual spot was a homeless man, whose name I'm ashamed to say I don't know. While I gave what change I had I was reminded of Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need ..." (GNB) is, at times difficult to reconcile when confronted with the problem of homelessness endemic in many large cities. For me, Psalm 23 reminds me that God's love is for all, pulling me out of the self-absorption and apathy that's all too easy for us to fall into this time of year and to try to find ways to love my neighbour practically. For me this reading reminds me that while I'm loved by God, 'he' loves all of his creation, and calls on us to act with love for all our neighbours helping them and acting with love and charity for those most in need.

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We welcome and encourage everyone with concerns to come forward.

TO REPORT A CRIME TO NSW POLICE RING 131 444 OR RING 000 IN AN EMERGENCY

TO CONTACT CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE RING 132 111 OR TO CONTACT THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIRECTOR

Phone: 1800 774 945

Write: Director of Professional Standards – PO Box 494, Newcastle NSW 2300

Email: dps@newcastleandlican.org.au

HOLY WEEK & EASTER



2nd April >> PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

- 8.30am WINDALE – Palm Sunday Liturgy
- 9.00am BELMONT - Palm Sunday Liturgy & Procession of Palms
- 10.30am SWANSEA - Palm Sunday Liturgy

3rd April >> MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK - Eucharist

- 10.00am BELMONT - Eucharist

4th April >> TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

- 6.00pm BELMONT - Stations of the Cross

5th April >> WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

- 10.00am BELMONT - Eucharist

6th April >> MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 5.30pm SWANSEA - Maundy Thursday Liturgy
- 7.00pm BELMONT - Maundy Thursday Liturgy
Followed by Watch at the Altar of Repose until midnight.

7th April >> GOOD FRIDAY

- 9.00am BELMONT – Good Friday Liturgy (No Eucharist)
- 9.00am SWANSEA – Good Friday Liturgy (No Eucharist)
- 3.00pm WINDALE – Stations of the Cross

8th April >> HOLY SATURDAY

- 7.00pm BELMONT - Lighting New Fire & 1st Mass of Easter

9th April >> EASTER DAY

- 8.30am WINDALE – Easter Family Eucharist
- 9.00am BELMONT – Easter Family Eucharist
- 9.30am SWANSEA – Easter Family Eucharist

For further information, contact Fr Peter on - 0451 677 701 or elmacpriest@gmail.com

BELMONT MOTHERS UNION MEETING

Tuesday 21st March at
1.30pm at All Saints,
Belmont.

Our special guest will be
our new Diocesan MU
President Elizabeth
Bissaker.

All MU members welcome.

Mission Boxes

The Mission Secretary is
now collecting all mission
boxes during the month of
March. Could you please
either give them to Deidre
at Belmont or return them to
her via the clergy.

Deidre: 0408428085

Palms needed
for Palm Crosses
& Palm Sunday.
Please Ring
Fr Peter
0451 677701
if you can help.