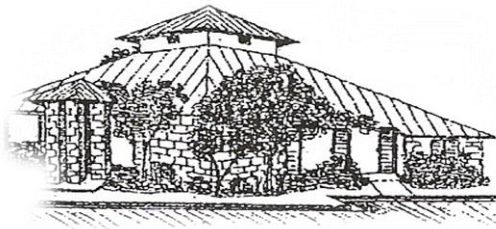


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KEEPING IN TOUCH

WELCOME! *We welcome all visitors with us today, and pray your time with us will be a blessed one.*

Please stay and share morning tea with us after the Service.

Kirwan's Mission Statement

To be a people of God led by the Holy Spirit to practise and spread the love of Jesus Christ in the world

14th April, 2019

Worship Leaders for Today

Preacher: Rev Ev Blackman

Reader: Bev Blackman

Lectionary readings

Palm Sunday

Is 50: 4-9a

Ps 118: 1-2; 19-29

Phil 2: 5-11

Luke 19: 28-40

Richard's Ramblings

Some of you are my Friends on Facebook. I always vowed that I wouldn't make my Wall visible to a congregation or Presbytery Ministers or the Moderator (The Wall is a Facebook term, the space where you post stuff, carefully considered and researched earnest threads, or off the top of your head thoughts about the weather or footy or whatever, or - and this is why I vowed not to let it be widely seen - in my case, ill-considered rants). But this afternoon I let my Facebook Friends know the perfectly innocuous (unintended pun coming up, hadn't thought of this) that I had a flu jab, an inoculation. Extra strength for old geezers, at that.

You have a flu jab to reduce the chances of catching flu, or for it to be a milder case if you do catch it, and to help with "Herd Immunity"; the more people who are jabbed, the greater the community's resistance to the virus and the less it is likely to spread within the community. ("Where's he going with this ...?") Well, there is a theological concept of a form of grace known as "Prevenient" - it precedes human decision. Grace covers sins after they have been committed, and flourishes even in the midst of great evil (Romans 5:20, where sin abounded, grace superabounded"). But

grace also precedes a moment of choice, a Christian response to existentialism. There have been times in my life when I have been faced with an existential dilemma, a choice between doing the right or wrong thing. Sometimes, I got it wrong. The flu jab isn't 100% effective. But more often than not, God's prevenient grace kept me from myself, from my own inclination to selfish sin. St Paul in 1 Corinthians 15 gives God the glory for this, "For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am..." If I don't catch flu this season, it's not because I have a super duper immune system, it's because I had a jab. Similarly, whatever good I might do, or bad I might not do, is not because of super-duper holiness, but simply because of God's prevenient grace. "There but for the grace of God, go I ..."



5.30pm on 14th April

Kirwan UCA Evening Service.

Communion will be celebrated.

David King will be sharing with us on his recent pilgrimage trip to Jerusalem and parts of the Holy Land.

We will celebrate Communion.



**Townsville Palm Sunday Walk -
Walk for Justice for Refugees**

When: 4pm, Sunday 14th April

Where from: meet at the Rockpool.

Where to: Gregory Street Amphitheatre

AITKENVALE UNITING CHURCH Market

day Saturday April 27th 8-12

WHEN?

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 17TH

AT 7.00 PM

WHERE?

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
MARY MACKILLOP PARISH
43 ROSS RIVER ROAD
MUNDINGBURRA

TENEBRAE – WHAT IS IT?

The word **tenebrae** is Latin for **shadows** so this is a service of shadows. In this service we use increasing darkness to dramatize the increasing sadness of Holy Week.

The purpose of the service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events, and it is left unfinished, because the story is not over until Easter Day.

PLEASE JOIN US IN LAMENTATION AND PRAYER AS

Sign-on sheet at the door.
Get in soon! Numbers limited.



Requests from Council of Ministry:

We have had to install a new hot water system in the kitchen for \$1250. That will exhaust most of the maintenance budget so it is suggested that donations are requested. If you are able to help please put a donation in a separate envelope in the collection or hand it to Graham Fraser.

We need more volunteers to mow our large block of land. If you can give time to help with the mowing please let the maintenance folk or council members know.

Also we have a number of items to be repaired or maintained that need a working bee.

One suggestion is that a group of us could meet after the men's breakfast on Saturday 4th May to do the task of clearing the dirt away from the bottom of the church walls.

Please let David B-T know if there is support for a working session after the breakfast.

CALENDARS & ROSTERS:

This Week's Calendar (for Kirwan Uniting Church)

Mon 15th: 9.00am Pastoral Care
10.30am: House of Jonah
7pm: Kiononia Movie Night at Warrina fo

Tues 16th: 9.30am: Craft: Cards & Chitchat

Wed. 17th 5.30pm: Music Group

Thurs. 18th 9.30pm: Regis Aged Care

Golf

Lavarack Golf Club

Date: 27 April 2019 6.30am – 6.45am

Cost: \$20 (Green Fees & Donation)

Morning Tea and Trophy Presentation at Wulguru Uniting Church - 9.45am.

If possible please send names/numbers By 12 noon Thursday, 25 April 2019 to Kay Phone: 0409892795 or email: wazz.kay@bigpond.net.au

You must have your Driver's Licence/Photo ID with you to be signed through the gate at Lavarack.

Please arrive early as we have to hit off well before the club competition.

All proceeds to McKay Patrol

Join us and continue the good work done by Roy Backer for so many years.

To book a stall contact Jayne 0416275790

When: 7:30am, 4 May

Where: Kirwan Uniting Church Covered Area

Cost: \$10 Breakfast

Donation for non-eaters

Come share your experiences of '19 Monsoon Flood/Cyclone Yasi/etc.

Please put your name on the list at church or contact David-Brooke-Taylor (4779 9976.)



11th May Mother's Day's Breakfast