

PILGRIMAGE CULMINATES IN EASTER DAY CAPITAL SERVICE



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With the Diocese marking its 150th birthday this year, Bishop Stuart Robinson has announced that he will walk with a 2 meter cross around the 'parliamentary triangle' before daylight on Easter Day, March 31.

The pilgrimage will begin weeks earlier on Eden Harbour on February 16 then move through Bega, Narooma up the coast to Bateman's Bay then to Braidwood, Bungendore, Goulburn and finally to Canberra. The exact dates for each town on route will be confirmed on this site shortly.

Bishop Stuart says the walk is both a deeply personal call and a rallying cry to the diocese and local communities.

"My aim is to highlight the ministry of Christ crucified and its centrality in all we do. I want the focus to be on Christ crucified, risen, ruling and returning". The cross is a stark symbol of Jesus' selflessness and love and for Bishop Stuart, it is a compelling invitation to share the message of life, salvation and hope with others.

Parishes, local communities and schools enroute will be involved in some way either directly 'walking with the cross' with the Bishop, or including the cross and the Bishop in a range of activities and events. Each walk will begin with prayer and conclude with outreach and evangelistic activities and services in public spaces, followed by hospitality events such as a sausage sizzles and the like.

The parish of Sapphire Coast have planned for Bishop Stuart to arrive at Eden Harbour (over Twofold Bay) aboard the Harbour Pilot's boat to an indigenous and civic welcome and then proceeding on the walk with the cross through the township.

Easter Day National Capital pilgrimage

The Easter Day walk will start in the car-park adjacent to the Diocesan offices in London Circuit, Canberra City, move down Commonwealth Avenue and around Capital Hill before culminating with a dawn service under the large cross overlooking Lake Burley Griffin at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture in Barton.

“I want the people of Canberra to see I have confidence in the Gospel,” he said. “My aim and my dream is for people to place the risen Christ at the centre of their lives.”

Bishop Stuart is inviting other denominational church leaders to participate in the Easter Day National Capital pilgrimage, with a number already agreeing.