

EASTER FOCUSES ON TRUE LEADERSHIP



Wed 27 March 2013

With his six week pilgrimage culminating in Canberra on Easter Sunday, the Anglican Bishop of Canberra & Goulburn, Stuart Robinson, will use his [Easter message](#) to focus attention on the nature of true leadership, “not just because of recent developments on Capital Hill, but because we have new spiritual leaders in the Vatican and in Lambeth where the head of the Anglican Communion resides”.

“It is apt to use the lens of Easter to think more deeply about leadership because the ministry of Jesus radically reframes how we understand the concept”, he said. “Our culture has a tendency to confuse good management with good leadership... From a Christian perspective, good leadership is ‘servant leadership’. Servant leaders should see the tools of management, such as good stewardship, tight procedures and greater efficiency, as a means to further the interests of other people.”

“Good leaders hold two potentially contradictory tasks in balance: stay true to your core values; reinvent your mission for the new context. The greatest leaders answer this conundrum for each new generation.”

Bishop Robinson has spent the past six weeks carrying a 2.5 metre wooden cross from Eden, NSW. He will carry the cross to St John’s Canberra on Easter Saturday and will walk with it around Capital Hill at dawn on Easter Sunday culminating in a dawn service at the ACCC in Barton. Bishop Robinson said the symbolism of this act is highlights the servant leadership of Jesus.

“The story of Easter powerfully reminds us of the kind of commitment required to be a servant leader. Jesus freely chooses to sacrifice his life to save his followers. He literally bears the cross on our behalf. But most importantly, the story doesn’t end there. The truly wonderful message of Easter is that Jesus wins the ultimate battle. Jesus conquers death. This act sets out his plan to rescue us from a world shaped by the forces of evil. Through Jesus’ actions on the cross, we can begin a new life with God, empowered to pursue His plan for a new world of peace and joy.”

"So dawn on Sunday brings us hope. Our true Messiah is here and he will lead us."

The pilgrimage culminates in a walk around the 'parliamentary triangle' before daylight on Easter Day, March 31 followed by a dawn National Capital Easter Service on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin.

150th Cross Walk Pilgrimage

29 March Good Friday:

9am Procession of the Cross into the Cathedral led by the Dean of Goulburn, Phillip Saunders.

10.45am Gathering on the common for Cross Walk to Belmore Park led by Bishop Stuart Robinson for 11am service.

30 March Easter Saturday

From 4pm – Bishop Robinson and Bishop Power walk with cross down Anzac Parade to St John's, Reid.

5pm – 2.5m cross arrives led by Bishop Stuart Robinson at St John's Canberra gathering at eastern lynchgate, walk to fountain lawn for A Liturgy of Waiting. Picnic basket tea (BYO).

31 March Easter Sunday

5am – Walk commences at ACT legislative Assembly proceeds to the ACCC via Parliament House, Capital Hill.

7.15am – Walk finishes with Easter Day dawn service at ACCC, Barton.