

ST SAVIOUR'S KURANDA

Invites you to Worship

SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Sung Eucharist
9.30am Sunday School
5pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY

9am Holy Communion

EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday 9 April
7pm The Eucharist of the Last Supper

Good Friday 10 April
9.30am Family Service

Easter Day 12 April
8am Holy Communion
9.30am Easter Eucharist

(ALL SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION DUE TO THE COVID-19 CALL 4093 8735)

ACTIVITIES

Home Groups
Alpha
A Life Worth Living

POSSUM CORNER OP SHOP

8.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Saturday

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The Uniting Church in Australia
MAREEBA

All welcome to the
Mareeba Uniting Church
'Prayer as Conversation'

www.mareebauc.org.au

Sunday Service: 9-10am
cnr Rankin & Walsh Streets, Mareeba



**ST CHRISTOPHER'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
20 Barang Street, Kuranda
Served by the Tablelands Parish

Sunday Mass: 5pm
Wednesday Mass: 6pm
(first Wednesday of each month)

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**Seventh-day
Adventist Church**
Wirramoo Street, Kuranda

Services held every Saturday
ALL WELCOME

Sabbath School (all ages) 9.30am
Divine Service 11am

St Saviour's Thought for April

This month we reflect on Jesus' words from the Cross on that first Good Friday.

There's a widespread belief that the last words somebody says before they die sum up the total experience of their life. It isn't always true, but when it is, they are often quoted as 'famous last words'. As Shakespeare said, 'The tongues of dying men enforce attention like deep harmony.' According to the four Gospels, Jesus spoke several times when he was being crucified. Considering the pain involved, it's amazing that he was able to speak at all. If you add all the four Gospels together, we have seven famous last words of Jesus on the record; there may well have been more. They are called the 'Seven Words from the Cross'; and each one tells us something about how we should live and hope to die.

The first was spoken, according to Luke, while the soldiers were nailing Jesus to the cross. 'Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing. It was not only the soldiers, each one of us often does things which hurt Jesus. But he forgives us; bringing forgiveness was the purpose of his life and death.'

To the penitent thief, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you; today you will be with me in Paradise.' Here was forgiveness at its most demanding; Jesus forgives someone who may well have been a murderer, but who, at the last minute, showed a flash of faith. Jesus encouraged him with the promise of eternal life.

According to John, when Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' 'And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.' At times of intense pain, most of us are only capable of thinking of ourselves; Jesus was unselfishly caring for his mother and his best friend.

St Mark writes, 'at three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"' Matthew has the same thing in slightly different words. Jesus entered fully into our human experience, even to the extent of feeling as though God had deserted him. Yet the words were a quotation from

Psalm 22, which ends on a Joyful note. It's as though he had to work bravely through his despair in order to return to hope.

'After this,' writes St John, 'when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the Scripture), "I am thirsty.--Psalm 69 includes the words, "When I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink." Jesus, who was fully human, was dehydrated after three hours in the heat of the noonday sun. But he was also fully divine, and he thirsted to obey the will of his Father.'

'When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished. This is a cry of triumph; Jesus seized victory from the jaws of defeat. 'Love's redeeming work is done.'

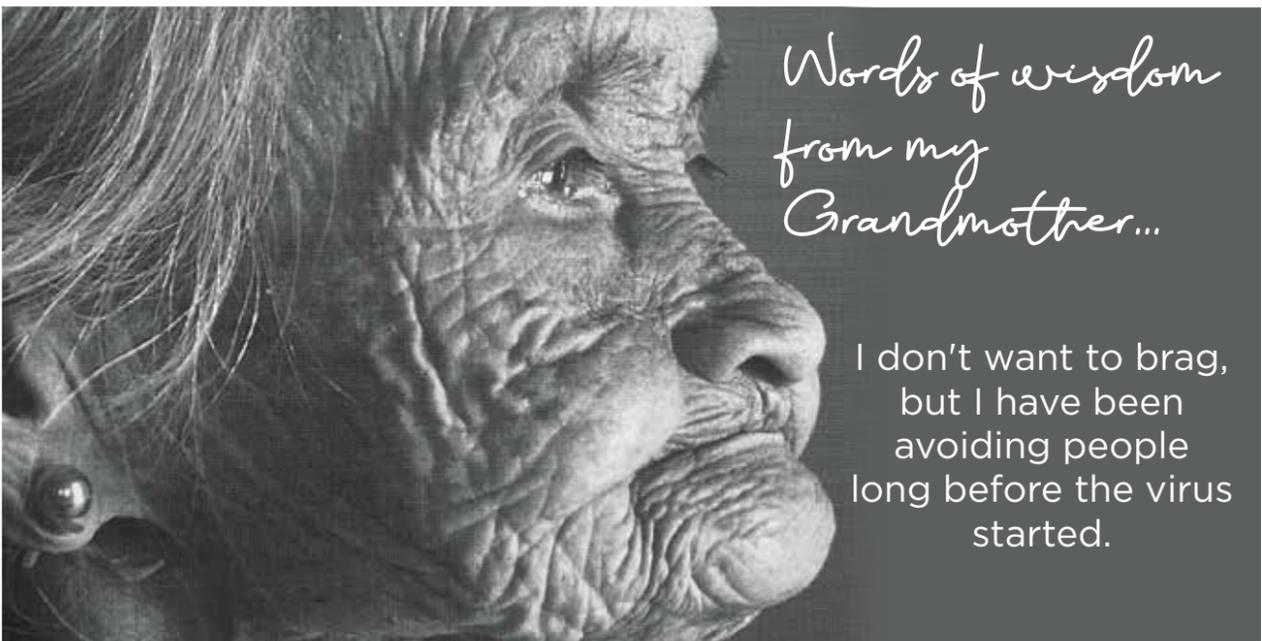
'Then Jesus,' concludes St Luke, 'crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.' This is a quotation from Psalm 31 and may well have been the prayer of faith which Jesus, in common with many other people, used to say just before he went to sleep each night.

Seven famous last words from the cross. Each of them reveals a particular virtue which we can imitate. The first, his forgiveness of sinners. Then his encouragement of the hopeless.

Third his compassion for others, his mother and his friend. Fourth, his courage; and fifth, his obedience to his Father. 'It is finished' reveals his ability to recognize that submission is often the greatest triumph. Seventh and last is his trust in his Father. Could you live like that? Could you die like that? Of course not. But we can try.

News from St Saviour's

Both St Saviour's and The Possum Corner OP shop are taking precautions because of COVID-19, Church Services will cease and the OP Shop Close if and when the Guidelines and Directives from Health Authorities and Government change.



*Words of wisdom
from my
Grandmother...*

I don't want to brag,
but I have been
avoiding people
long before the virus
started.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH FROM THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH

The Pioneers

"Known affectionately among Bahá'ís as 'Mother' and 'Father' Dunn, they carried the Message of Bahá'u'lláh from New South Wales to Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, across the desert to Perth and to tropical Queensland and became the spiritual parents of Australia. After 'Mother' Dunn returned from a lone pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 'Father' was elected a member of the first National Spiritual Assembly of 1945 of the Bahá'ís of Australia and New Zealand in 1934. After

his passing on 17 February 1941, 'Mother' Dunn's dedication to the Bahá'í Faith continued unabated and in 1952 she was elevated to the station of Hand of the Cause of God by Shoghi Effendi, the Guardian of the Bahá'í Faith: 'Father' Dunn was subsequently elevated to the same station posthumously."

(Shoghi Effendi)

Meditations/Reflections: All welcome to meditations on the sacred writings of the great religions, also discussion/devotional meetings, in Mareeba and Kuranda.

Morning Prayers: Each Thursday at 8am, near lower Therwine Street Kuranda followed by coffee. Come join us.

Study Circles: By arrangement, please feel free to enquire.

Devotional Mareeba Saturday 4 April at 12 noon followed by Ruhi study circle.

Also regular events in Cairns, Atherton, Mareeba, Malanda, Tolga, Cooktown and other places.

All enquiries welcome.

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