

## A Special Frontal sets the Theme for Passion Week and Palm Sunday

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*Photo by Joan at Kidman Park Church of Resurrection*

We are so fortunate at Kidman Park Church of the Resurrection to have benefited from the skills of talented parishioners in so many different ways. This is worth pondering on the scripture Exodus 31:3-5.

Today we were reminded of the sewing and embroidery skills of Ruth Kinlough, Ros Eddington and Jess Towers. These ladies have contributed to stunning frontals, eye-catching vestments and meaningful banners which are often a highlight in our church.

Today's frontal, The Passion Frontal, is so dramatic and one of my favourites. The colour is deep red which is the colour of the Passion and the overall theme is The Martyrs. The frontal symbols include the cross of thorns. The "Chi Rho" is

depicted, which is the original Greek way of writing “Christ”. There are palms dipping with the blood of the martyrs and a crowd of witnesses.

As our priest Zinkoo, approached the altar, he walked underneath large palm branches, which was an appropriate reminder of the welcome of Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. These palm branches were then placed behind the altar to add to the theme.

As Zinkoo reminded us in his sermon from Mark 11:1-11, Jesus enters Jerusalem as a King, from walking to riding, on an untried colt, to be sure he was demonstrating that he was a peaceful King. Witnesses rolled out the “red carpet” spontaneously and shouted “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

A triumph way for us to commence Passion Week.

*The work our Parishioners exhibited this holy week reminds us of the encouragement in 1 Peter 4: 10-11...“as each has received a gift, use it to serve ...to him be the glory and power for ever and ever Amen”*