

## GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION OF WITNESS.

(A letter from the Most Reverend the Archbishop, to be read in the Church on Palm Sunday, and Good Friday, 1939.)

In the light of the experience of the last two years, I have carefully thought out the value of the Procession of Witness on Good Friday afternoon for the purpose we had in mind, and because of this I am again asking Church people to make the sacrifice of time, effort and expense involved.

The danger which now confronts us lies in the fact that the wonderful response which was then made may lead some to feel that they will not be missed if they do not take part this year. Unless our numbers exceed those of last year, we shall confess to a waning enthusiasm for the sanctity of the Day of our Lord's death. It is, therefore imperative that we should muster in such force that the whole city will be impressed by our earnestness.

It is most important that the Procession should be marshalled and despatched without confusion. Consequently all who take part should be aware of and bear in mind the following arrangements:—

All should assemble at 4 p.m. in the Domain along the roadway which passes the back of the Mitchell Library and Sydney Hospital. Markers, bearing signs inscribed with the names of the various Rural Deaneries, will be stationed in alphabetical order.

*\* (When reading this letter to his parishioners the Rector will remind them of the Rural Deanery to which they belong.)*

Parishes will assemble in the areas allotted to their respective Rural Deaneries, which will be indicated by the signs already mentioned. The units for the Procession will be Rural Deaneries, not parishes. The order in each case will be.

- (1) All CHOIRS of the Rural Deanery. Parish banners will be carried by a choir *man*, who will lead the members of the choir to which he belongs
- (2) All PARISHIONERS of the Rural Deanery.
- (3) CLERGY of the Rural Deanery.
- (4) The RURAL DEAN.
- (5) MOTHERS' UNION, G.F.S., C.E.M.S., C.E.B.S., MISSIONARY, SCOUTS and other organisations will congregate as separate units. Banners should, if possible, be carried by these bodies. Uniforms and badges to be worn.
- (6) MOTOR CARS. Drivers of cars for the procession will be supplied by their Rector with a distinctive windscreen sticker. This will entitle him to go to his appointed place before the procession assembles, and afterwards to park in St. Andrew's Place or Bathurst Street adjacent to the Cathedral.

\*The police will not allow other cars to park in these areas.

\*Choirs are asked to robe, if at all possible. Each choir should arrange to have a motor vehicle on the roadway, near them, when robing, to convey discarded garments and suit cases to the Cathedral in readiness for their owners at the end of the service there. These cars will follow the foot procession. It is particularly requested that surplices should be worn *only in the Procession*. They should not be worn in the streets or public conveyances when the Procession is over.

All formations will fall-in in fours, and be ready to march off by 4.20 p.m.

\*On arrival at the Cathedral, the Cathedral Choir will proceed into the building by the North door.

\*Parish Clergy and Choirs, with their banners, will take up positions in the grounds, as will also other bearers of banners. They will first fill up available space on the North or Town Hall side of the Cathedral.

\*Other members of the procession will turn to the left after entering the Cathedral grounds and proceed into the building by the South door until it is filled.

Seating accommodation will also be found in the Chapter House for those who desire it. Others will remain in the grounds.

When passing the Cenotaph in Martin Place, men will naturally remove hats, though no reminder of this fact will be given at the time.

The short service in the Cathedral, which will conclude about 5.25 p.m., will be relayed to the grounds by *amplifiers*.

Hymns will probably be played by bands en route; *it is desired that no attempt to sing be made* Behind the Mitchell Library and at the King Street end of the road along which the Procession will assemble, enquiry officers will be stationed to give any information which may be desired. Their presence will be indicated by a sign.

Believe me, your friend and Archbishop,

HOWARD SYDNEY.