

GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION OF WITNESS.

(A letter from the Most Reverend the Archbishop, to be read in the Church on Sunday, March 21, 1937.)

The importance of the Procession of Witness to be held on Good Friday afternoon cannot be over-emphasised. It must be of sufficient size to arrest the attention of the city and fire the imagination of those who see it, otherwise it will not serve the end we have in mind. I may add that I have carefully thought out the value of this Procession for the purpose we have in mind, and it is because of this that I am asking Church people to make the sacrifice of time, effort and expense involved.

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. along the roadway which passes the back of the Mitchell Library, Sydney Hospital and other buildings which have their frontage to Macquarie Street. At intervals, along the grass which borders this roadway on its eastern side, 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:

- (a) 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.
- (b) All parishioners of the Rural Deanery. In this section, members of the Mothers' Union, G.F.S., C.E.M.S., C.E.B.S., and other organisations may congregate together. Banners may be carried by these bodies.
- (c) Clergy of the Rural Deanery.
- (d) The Rural Dean.

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 must leave for the Cathedral *before 4.15 p.m.*

The driver of one such vehicle from each parish may obtain from an officer, stationed near the Rural Deanery sign, a windscreen sticker. This will entitle him to park in St. Andrew's Place or Bathurst Street adjacent to the Cathedral. The police will not allow any other cars to park in these areas.

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

On arrival at the Cathedral, the leading sections of the Procession will immediately proceed into the building by the Northern door. When the Cathedral is full, all others in the Procession will occupy the adjoining grounds.

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, but these hymns will not be sung.

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.