



MARCH ON GOOD FRIDAY FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2019

A delay to set-up the sound system didn't stop hundreds of the faithful joining the march to Black Hill Lookout for the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. The Ecumenical pilgrimage, believed to have been first performed in Ballarat about fifty years ago, recreates the trials of Jesus Christ as he walked to Mount Calvary in Jerusalem.

For many, it is a family tradition. Vanessa Elangoban said she'd been doing it for as long as she could remember. "It is an annual tradition for us, just being with our community and the Catholic community," she said. "Families travel from everywhere, it's good to walk with the family."

Along the way, the pilgrims stop for hymns and to hear the story of Christ's walk, including his falls on the way, and his eventual death, burial and resurrection. It is a visible display of faith, according to Coordinator Tony Beggs – he has been running the event for about twenty years.

"We might have had to take off without sound, but people still enjoyed the walk, it's a statement of belonging to the Christian church," he said.

"The crowd is amazing and when you walk you notice the people just come out of the houses and the crowd swells as we get towards Black Hill."

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