



# St Angela's Primary School

Castle Hill

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Dear Parents,

While this week marks a very different approach to the end of our first Term of the 2020 school year, we have much to be grateful for and to celebrate. We are grateful that we have our good health at a time when across the world the COVID -19 pandemic threatens this for everyone. We are grateful that we belong to such a strong and supportive faith community nourished by the leadership and pastoral care of Father Alejandro and Father Leonidis. We are grateful that our teachers and parents have a strong collaborative partnership that has enabled the smooth transition from 'at school learning' to 'at home learning'. We are grateful that St Angela's students and families can draw on their skills of resilience at a time when they are experiencing so much change and uncertainty - who could have imagined the changes that we have undergone over the last 3 weeks?

One of the biggest challenges for us all at this time is to ensure the wellbeing and happiness of our children who are suddenly exposed to very different routines and restrictions around their everyday activities. Please be assured that whatever it is that you are able to manage in helping your children to learn at home is enough. Every family has their own particular circumstances. When you are communicating with each other please affirm each other in whatever it is that you are able to achieve in a day. This may look different for each child or each family and know that the teachers are appreciative of all that you are doing.

I know that as we move towards the Easter holidays we yearn for time when we can return to our "normal lives," a time when our families can enjoy being together socialising and being in the company of others. What the next weeks and months hold is anyone's guess. We do however know that whatever is presented to us, we have demonstrated over these past 3 weeks that we are a strong community committed to supporting each other and making what would seem impossible actually very possible. Please be assured of the ongoing commitment of the teachers and staff to support each child and each family through these challenging times. I will continue to keep families informed of any changing information about schooling, using email UPDATES.

This newsletter will be the last one for the term, so as we approach the Easter break, I wish all our families a peaceful, safe and holy Easter. This holiday will be different to any that we have experienced before. More than ever it is an important time for children, parents and staff to rest and have a "holiday" from school learning and "at home learning". When the time comes, please take the opportunity for your children to be off their devices. I know

that you will agree that our staff need this well deserved break to "switch off" and so do you - especially if you have been schooling your children at home at the same time as performing your own work or parenting responsibilities. Therefore teachers will not be responding to emails throughout the holiday break. If it is necessary to contact the school in this holiday period please use the school email address.


Finally I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all families for your encouragement and support of the staff, Mrs Yager and me over these last weeks. You will all be in my prayers especially over Easter.

Stay Well and take care

*"Together we can do so much"*  
Leanne Nettleton  
PRINCIPAL

### Advising Student Absences during the COVID-19

Please continue to contact the school office if your child will be away from school, via email or phone call. The State Government has confirmed that students who are at home due to the Premier's advice, and are attempting school work, will be marked as having a 'flexible' timetable / attendance. This will not be counted as an absence. Students not attempting school work will be marked as 'absent'. Students attending school will be marked as 'present'. If parents advise that their child is sick, then that day would be marked as 'sick'.



**Happy Birthday!**

Happy birthday to members of our St Angela's community who celebrate their birthday this coming week:

<b>April</b>	
<b>Tues 7th</b> Mrs Rubelj	<b>Fri 11th</b> Georgia-Rose Scoulou Matthew Karam Vanessa Bell
<b>Wed 8th</b> Lyla Reyes Jayden Thomas Kaija Knevitt	<b>Sat 12th</b> Scarlet Joukhadar Jada Nuevo
<b>Thurs 10th</b> Annabelle Sprem	

**Sent Home This Week:**  
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**Hard Copy:** N/A

## Religious Education

**Sunday, 5 April 2020: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year A**

**Gospel**

[Mt 27:11-54](#)

### **The Passion**

#### **Connecting the Gospel to liturgy**

The two gospels in this Sunday's liturgy move from exaltation ('Hosanna!') to abandonment ('why have you forsaken me?'). The Christian mystery, however, moves from abandonment (dying to self) to exaltation (rising to new life).

#### **to Christian experience**

Christians tend to understand the cross in the narrow terms of an instrument of torture and death. The Liturgy of the Word this Sunday reminds us that the cross is also the means of exaltation.

#### **Understanding Scripture**

##### **Death and exaltation**

This Sunday's first two readings comment on the passion. The first reading is the Third Song of the Servant (see Sunday 2) which brings into focus the physical suffering endured by the Servant. The second reading moves beyond the suffering and death of Servant Jesus to his resurrection and exaltation. The inclusion of resurrection/exaltation themes even on 'Passion' Sunday reminds us that we are not re-enacting Jesus' last days, pretending that Jesus won't rise until Sunday. The liturgy always celebrates the whole paschal mystery - his dying *and his rising*.

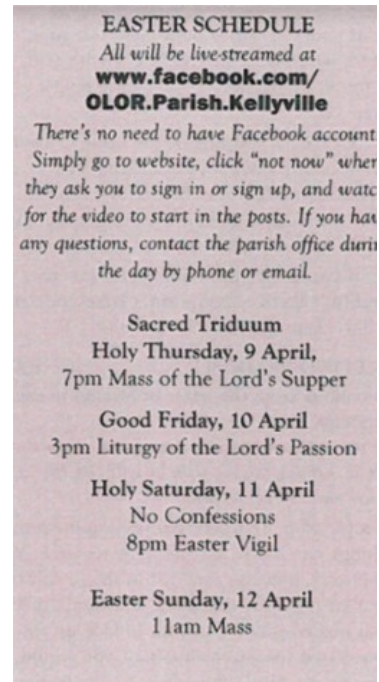
The 'hymn' in the second reading is an eloquent and succinct summary of Christian faith. It has two main sections: (1) the humiliation of Christ; (2) the exaltation of Christ.

1) 2:6-8. The hymn begins with the exalted status of Christ before creation when he 'was in the form of God' and shared 'equality with God.' Then follows a threefold self-abasement: in each stage Jesus willingly surrenders something of himself. First he 'emptied himself' of divinity, 'coming in human likeness'; as human, he is abased yet further by 'taking the form of a slave' - the lowest of humans; finally, he empties himself of life itself, embracing not merely death but the basest form of death as a criminal - 'even death on a cross.' This is an expression of his 'obedience,' thus providing a striking contrast to the disobedience of Adam with which the Lenten season began.

2) 2:9-11. The second part describes the action of God towards Christ. What God does is directly related to what Christ had done: 'because of this' (2:9). The exaltation of Jesus is complete: his name (= status, power) is 'above every name.' This is spelled out concretely: 'every knee should bend' at his name and 'every tongue confess' his Lordship over all. What Adam had tried to seize through disobedience - to be 'like gods' (Gen 2:5) - is 'bestowed' upon Christ because of his obedience (Phil 2:8). Christ's self-emptying results in divine exaltation. Thus, Christ is the pattern of our life (Phil 2:5); sharing in his glory is our hope.

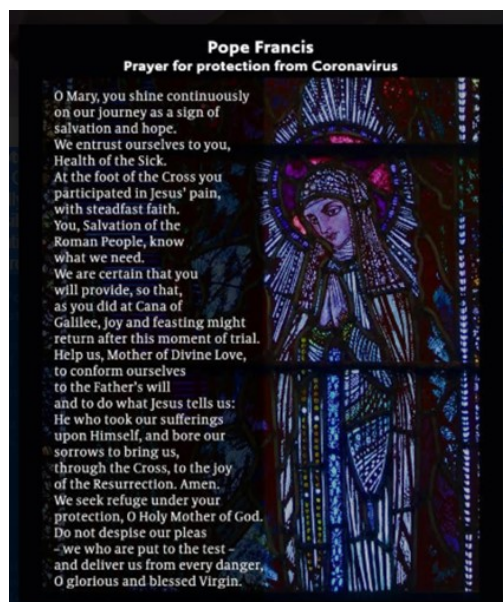
### **OLOR Parish Easter Schedule**

On behalf of Fr Alejandro, we invite all our families to join in the liturgies and celebrations this Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday which are live streamed through the parish [Facebook page](#), details of this and other parish community updates are found on their [website](#).



### **Novena Prayer for Protection from Coronavirus**

"A Novena is traditional Catholic practice – nine days of prayer. If we start this Thursday 2 April, our last day of the Novena will be, appropriately, Good Friday. Traditionally the novena prayer is said at the same time each day over the nine days; so, if you are to participate please select a time that suits you (and possibly your family) and say the prayer each day at that time. The Prayer for the Novena is one composed by Pope Francis to Mary – who "shines continuously on our journey". Some weeks ago the Pope suggested, during this period, we ask for the protection of Mary 'who has a proven track record of healing, protecting and watching over her people'."



Jocelyn Williams

Religious Education Co ordinator