

# ST. PETER'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

As we are in Holy Week I thought it would be important to share with you the story of Holy Week, written by Marita Anderson, so that you may read this with your children during the Easter days to reflect on Jesus' journey and what it means to us in 2021.

**1. Jesus Enters Jerusalem** As Jesus and His disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of his disciples on ahead to a village to find a donkey. They brought the donkey to Jesus and spread their cloaks over it. The people cut branches from trees and spread them on the ground too. They cheered and chanted "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest". **Reflection:** Is Jesus in your life? Do you think about him? Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you.

**2. The Passover** Jesus told two of his disciples to prepare for the Passover feast. At the feast Jesus took some bread, blessed it and broke it. "Take and eat" Jesus said to his disciples. Then he took a cup filled with wine and gave it to them saying "Drink all of you from this, for this is my blood. Do This In Memory of Me". **Reflection:** Have I been a good person to others? Do I share and include others? Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you.

**3. Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane** After the meal with his disciples, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. Jesus was really scared and asked his disciples to stay with him while he prayed. Jesus knew what was going to happen and he asked God if he really had to do this. He knew God would be with him. Jesus checked on his disciples 3 times but they were asleep. Jesus felt disappointed that his disciples were not there for him. **Reflection:** Are you a good friend? Do you let your friends down when they ask you to do something which is difficult for you? Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you.

**4. Jesus is Betrayed by Judas and Arrested** While Jesus was speaking, Judas one of the disciples who shared the Passover meal with Jesus, arrived and with him were a crowd with swords and clubs and soldiers too. Judas had betrayed Jesus. Judas told the Chief Priests, who did not like Jesus, that he would kiss the man they were looking for. Judas went up to Jesus and said "Rabbi". And then kissed him. The soldiers arrested Jesus and took him away. **Reflection:** Do we treat our friends fairly? Do I let others have their say? Am I loyal to my friends and classmates? Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you.

**5. Jesus Is Condemned To Die** Jesus is standing before Pilate. Pilate asks Jesus "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus feels sad. There are angry people who are yelling and saying mean things to Jesus. Some of them tell lies about him saying that he did bad things. **Reflection:** Has anyone ever said mean or hurtful things to you or told lies about you? Do you find it hard to forgive others when you have been hurt? Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you.

**6. Jesus Takes Up His Cross** The soldiers put a heavy cross on Jesus' shoulder. He knew he had to carry that cross a long way and he knew it would be very hard for him. Jesus knows God is with him and asks God if he will help him to carry his cross even though it is too heavy. **Reflection:** Have you ever had something happen that was hard for you? How did you get through this difficult time? Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you.

**7. Jesus Falls The First Time** Jesus was tired as he walked along the road. The stones on the road hurt his feet and the heavy cross kept pushing into his shoulder. People yelled at Jesus and pushed him. Jesus fell down but he never gave up. The love in his heart was stronger than his hurt and pain. Jesus got back up with his cross. **Reflection:** How do you feel when something seems too hard and you feel like giving up? How do you feel when you can't make anyone understand what you are trying to say? Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you.

**8. Jesus Meets His Mother** As Jesus carried his cross, his mother Mary came up to him. Mary was so sad to see her son Jesus in pain. Mary and Jesus can't say anything to each other but Mary consoles Jesus. Mary's love for Jesus kept him going. **Reflection:** How do you feel when you see someone you love in pain? How do you feel when your Mum holds you? Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you.

**9. Simon Helps Jesus Carry The Cross** Jesus was very tired and the soldiers could see that Jesus could no longer carry the heavy cross by himself. The Roman soldiers looked in the crowd and saw a passer-by named Simon of Cyrene who looked strong enough to carry Jesus' cross. Jesus looks at Simon and quietly says 'Thank you'. They continue on the long road carrying the cross together. **Reflection:** Do you go out of your way to help others in need? How do you feel when helping is difficult? Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you.

**10. Veronica Wipes The Face of Jesus** Jesus is hot, tired and sweating. His hair is tangled and he is covered in dust from the long walk. Suddenly a woman pushes her way out of the crowd and stands in front of Jesus. She takes a clean cloth and gently wipes the face of Jesus. Jesus' face print is left on the towel. **Reflection:** Have you helped someone? Have you done something that makes someone feel better? Do you realize what a difference you can make to someone? Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you.

**11. Jesus Falls the Second Time** In spite of the help from Simon of Cyrene, the cross was heavy and the road hard and full of stones. Jesus was unable to hold its weight and so he fell a second time. The noise of the crowd and the soldiers made Jesus feel worse. **Reflection:** Have you ever had a hard time with something? Maybe you can't do something the way you want to? How does your heart feel when this happens? Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you.

**12. Jesus Falls A Third Time** Jesus is so tired that he can hardly take another step. It is hard for him to breathe. He has been walking along the dusty road and he has no energy left. Then Jesus falls for a third time. Jesus asks God to help him and Jesus gets up again though this is very hard for him. **Reflection:** How can we be the helping hand for others? How can we be more understanding of others who find it difficult to do their best all the time? Have you ever persisted and tried again? Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you.

**13. Jesus is Stripped of His Clothes and Nailed To The Cross** When they reached the place called the Skull, the soldiers crucified Jesus there with two criminals. One on the right and the other on the left. Jesus asked God to forgive them. The soldiers cast lots to share out Jesus' clothing. Jesus looks at his mother and tells her to take care of the others. Even though Jesus accepts his fate, there are those around him that are filled with anger and hate. **Reflection:** Can you think of a time when someone hurt you with unkind words or actions? Was it hard to forgive? Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you.

**14. Jesus Dies On The Cross** It was now the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the temple was torn right down the middle and when Jesus cried out in a loud voice he said, "Father into your hand I commit my spirit" With these words he breathed his last and bowed his head. **Reflection:** What sacrifices are we prepared to make for the sake of others? Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you.

**15. Jesus Is Taken Down From The Cross and Placed in the Tomb** Jesus' friends took him down from the cross. They gave him to his mother and she held him. This was a sad moment. Jesus's friends stayed close to Mary. After this they washed him and wrapped him in a clean sheet. They put him in the tomb and rolled a door across the doorway. They had to say goodbye to Jesus. **Reflection:** Do you ever thank others for special things they do for you? Are you thankful for Jesus in your life? Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you.

I pray that you all have a safe and Holy Easter.

### Liturgy Times at St. Paul's Church during Holy Week

#### **Holy Thursday 1st April**

9.00am Confession  
6.00pm Vietnamese Mass  
8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (English)  
9.30pm - 10.30pm Adoration (Spanish)  
10.30 pm One hour of Adoration (Vietnamese)-Thứ Năm tuần Thánh 01-04-2021: Châu Minh Thánh Chúa từ 10.30 giờ tối đến 11.30 giờ bằng tiếng Việt Nam.

#### **Good Friday 2nd April Day of Fasting and Abstinence**

9.00 am Stations of the Cross (English)  
10.30 am Vietnamese way of the cross -Thứ Sáu tuần Thánh 02-04-2021: Đàng Thánh Giá từ 10.30 giờ sáng đến 11.30 giờ bằng tiếng Việt Nam. Dang Thanh gia' trong nha' tho'  
1.00 pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)  
3.00 pm Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross (English))  
- Confession after the service  
5.00pm Vietnamese Passion of the Lord

#### **Holy Saturday 3rd April**

6.00pm Vietnamese Vigil  
8.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass in English

#### **Easter Sunday 4th April**

7.00 am English Mass  
8.30 am English Mass  
10.00am English Mass  
11.30am Vietnamese Mass  
1.00pm Spanish Mass  
5.00pm Vietnamese Mass

## Twilight Sport

Congratulations to MacKillop who won the school sports for the first time since 2010. In the past seven years, all teams have now won the school sports here at St. Peter's. I know there were some very excited children, staff and families after the sports day. Congratulations to all of the children who participated in the sports and a special thanks to Mr. Mogg who ran a very successful sports day.

**Team Results** - 1st MacKillop 982, 2nd Marist 907, 3rd McKay 886 and 4th Goold 858

## Individual Champions

	Girl Champion	Boy Champion
<b>Prep</b>	Adut	Leul & Harvey
<b>Grade 1</b>	Naomi	Yisacor & Kieven
<b>Grade 2</b>	Semahal	Benson
<b>Grade 3</b>	Beisilesoh	Lewhart
<b>Grade 4</b>	Seini & Rebekah	Mang Baw & Jayce
<b>Grade 5</b>	Chloe	Deegan
<b>Grade 6</b>	Mele	Khoi & Jayden



## Easter Liturgy

Thank you to all of the families who attended our Easter liturgy this morning. As always it was a very moving experience, reminding us of God's love for us through his only son Jesus.

## Easter Raffle

Thank you to the many families who have donated Easter Eggs for our annual Easter Raffle. We have never had so many Easter baskets made thanks to the incredible generosity of our families. Thanks also to the amazing parents who gave up their time to come and make up the Easter baskets. I'm sure you'll all agree they looked delicious.



## Prep 2022 Enrolments

If you have a child or family friend who will be 5 years old by April 30, 2022, please collect an enrolment form from the office as 2022 Prep enrolments have been coming in and we don't want to miss out on enrolling all of our siblings first into St. Peter's. We will be holding our next open day for prospective families on Monday April 26, 2021 at 9.30am and 12.30pm. Please feel free to attend and please tell your friends about our amazing school community.

## Term 1 Dates/Events:

<b>Thursday April 01</b>	Easter Liturgy @ 9.15am Easter Raffle drawn 1:30pm School finishes 1:45pm
<b>Friday April 02</b>	Good Friday

## Term 2 Dates/Events:

Dates	Event
<b>Monday April 19</b>	Term 2 Starts
<b>Monday April 19</b>	9.15am Resurrection Liturgy in the school gym
<b>Mon - Wed April 19 - 21</b>	Year 5/6 Camp
<b>Monday April 26</b>	Open Day/School Tour for 2022 Prep Enrolments 9:30am & 12:30pm
<b>Thursday May 6</b>	School Photo Day
<b>Friday May 7</b>	Mother's Day Stall
<b>Monday May 31</b>	School Closure - Staff Professional Learning Day - No school for children
<b>Monday June 14</b>	Public Holiday
<b>Thursday June 24</b>	Learning Conversations
<b>Friday June 25</b>	Term Two Ends at 1.45pm

Enjoy your break,

Karen Bergin  
PRINCIPAL

### MAY OUR CHILDREN FLOURISH

We have zero tolerance of child abuse and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated seriously and reported in line with our legal obligations, our moral obligations and our school policies. Creating child-safe environments is a dynamic process that involves active participation and responsibility by parishes, schools, families and communities. It is marked by collaboration, vigilance and proactive approaches across policies, procedures and practices.



As a Catholic Community we respect the Wurrundjeri people, traditional custodians of the land upon which our school resides, and commit ourselves to reconciliation and justice for all in our community and nation.