



PROUILLE NEWS BULLETIN

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through Holy Week this year, we are exposed to the radical nature of God's forgiveness in the manner in which Jesus accepts his crucifixion and death. Jesus is a victim of great injustice but instead of nursing feelings of hurt, anger, disgust and contempt, he exhibits a strong sense of compassion toward those responsible for his execution when he says, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing".

Jesus' lack of self-pity is further illustrated as he slowly approached his death, crucified between two criminals and mocked by the religious officials and others who passed by. When one of the criminals makes fun of him saying, "Are you the Messiah? Then, save yourself and us!" Jesus has no angry response. Instead, when the second criminal asks, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom," Jesus does not ask him what he has done or how repentant he is, but with compassion responds, "Today, you will be with me in paradise."

The events of Holy Week remind us of our calling to be active Christians in the way we lead our own lives. If we are harbouring hurt within us, Jesus' actions can encourage us towards forgiveness and away from grudges and bitterness. We have all experienced hurt through the actions or words of another and this hurt we might have carried for years and deprived ourselves of the opportunity to embrace peace, hope, gratitude and joy by being unforgiving.



Forgiveness is a decision to let go of resentment and thoughts of revenge. In place of anger, confusion, maybe anxiety or even depression through being swallowed up by our own bitterness or sense of injustice, we can move away from our role as victim

and relieve the power, that the offending person or situation has on our life. As we let go of hurt and resentment and don't allow them to define our life, we open ourselves to find compassion and understanding. Slowly, we embrace forgiveness and begin once more to live a truly Christian life.

Jesus' example to us on Good Friday, clearly defined for us the extent of God's forgiveness and the encouragement for us to do likewise in our own limited human way. But Jesus' example has an after effect as well, for on Easter Sunday he rose gloriously to a new life. No doubt this was the ambition of the three Nations that embraced forgiveness and reconciliation, instead of punishment and revenge. How about us this Holy Week? Is there unforgiveness we still have to deal with, that overshadows our lives?

HOLY WEEK

Next week marks Holy Week. As we say everybody has a cross to bear and this year our cross is living with COVID-19. It provides us with a focus to reflect on. During this week we would reflect on each of these significant events with the children at Prouille. Mr. Catanzariti our REC will lead us with our reflections next week.



COMMUNICATION

Please keep up to date with your communication from school as it will instruct you how to access HBL for your children.

Yours sincerely

Sue Bevan

Ms. Sue Bevan
PRINCIPAL

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE NEWS



Dear Parents

This year, Holy Week ceremonies and Easter Masses will not be accessible as usual. But that does not put a stop to our faith celebrations.

I urge all parents to do all they can to celebrate these special days with their children at home. After all, the home can still be a *domestic church* with a sacred space and parents are the *first teachers* of their children.

Each day next week I will email you ideas and suggestions to celebrate this most sacred time in the Church calendar.



I look forward to hearing from the children the different ways your families will celebrate Holy Week (while still observing Government protocols regarding COVID19)

Take care and God bless,
Mr Mark Catanzariti

COMMUNITY NEWS

To the Dish Community,

In these extraordinary times The Dish is still meeting the needs of the vulnerable in our local community, so I am wanting to update you all on the changes that have been made to The Dish food service.



We all have a duty to follow strict new health guidelines, in particular with our vulnerable friends. We are very grateful that Fusion in Hornsby (5 Jersey St, Hornsby) have agreed to let us share their premises and enable us to still provide a hot nourishing meal at a time when it is needed more than ever.

This enables us to have all food services as takeaway only. We are now distributing pre-packaged hot meals. This ensures our volunteers have a safer and less direct interface with our friends.

What does this mean for you as a volunteer group? Myself and Suzanne Stanton will be attending every service. If 2 people could help serve the food into containers that would be greatly appreciated. You are completely away from our friends in a kitchen. We will no longer be serving soup, just a main course and dessert is required. If you could ensure that food is dropped to the location by 6pm.

We will continue to monitor the Government's advice on all public gatherings and will keep you all updated.

Please contact myself if you have any concerns or questions regarding this matter.

Thank you to you all for your continued support at this difficult time.

Kind regards,

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