



April

Friday 3rd

End of school term

Sunday 4th

Palm Sunday

Thursday 9th

Holy Thursday

Last Day of Term

Friday 10th

Good Friday

Sunday 12th

Easter Sunday

Monday 27th

First Day Term 2

Take a green branch from your garden. Gather the family together and, with each person holding a branch, pray together.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When they were near Jerusalem, the disciples brought a donkey to Jesus and laid their clothes on its back. Jesus sat on the donkey. A great crowd spread their clothes on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who were following were crying out: Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil as people asked, 'Who is this?' and the crowds answered, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Spend a few minutes in silence to think about the Gospel.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Lord, increase the faith of your people and listen to our prayers.

Today we honour Christ our triumphant king by carrying these branches.

May we honour you every day by living always in him, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Make your own prayers for those who are sick or in need. Ask God to protect them.

Finish each prayer with:

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray in the words Jesus himself gave us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Leader: May God bless us and keep us safe.

All In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Place your palm branch beside your bed during the days of Holy Week.



Palm Sunday Mass with Bishop Vincent

Palm Sunday Mass with Bishop Vincent will be live-streamed at 10.00am on Sunday 5 April, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

You can watch the Mass live on YouTube (www.youtube.com/user/ParramattaDiocese) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/parracatholic).



School News

Today parents should have received an email with an attachment from Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Catholic Schools Diocese of Parramatta, informing you that school holidays commence at the end of the school day today, Friday 3rd April. The teachers will be using this time next week to plan and prepare for Term 2 Online Learning. Next week, the school is able to provide supervision for those parents who are working and cannot keep their children at home. There will be no teaching during this time, both at school or online. The new school term will commence on Monday 27th April, however, the online learning platform will continue until further notice.

The staff at OLOL would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their patience and support as we all navigate this new learning environment. We wish all families a very happy and holy Easter.



While Churches remain closed during this Holy time, please find below links for families to use for reflection during Holy Week.

Palm Sunday

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1R2uDBRc_RRuZYU1K6RNIKCDUTqkp9IzugqM3dZ17Vwc/edit#slide=id.p

Holy Thursday

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1f60MyCGUcpA_vzF_OBQvv10bau5kS8QnYqpkGSs6IdQ/edit#slide=id.g81a525cec2_1_0

Good Friday

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/11bv3f19fSrWwBdmXUocNj7tsWa7KO6WrKSJk2mInVYM/edit#slide=id.g82673d6f8c_0_0

Easter Sunday

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1cDdHkY_S6E0JHaeSjq9c4rKFC2earBRQddavw4g27tg/edit#slide=id.g720e92b1ec_0_9

Enrolments

Due to the uncertain times ahead we started this week to accept enrolments for Kindergarten 2021. We encourage all parents to please submit their child's application as soon as possible. The enrolment form can be downloaded from the school website www.ololbhills.parra.catholic.edu.au. Completed forms can be emailed to ololbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au with all the required documentation, originals can be submitted at a later date. (Please note that we cannot accept a Driver's Licence as proof of residence) A utility bill is the preference.

Thank you

Thank you to P&F for providing a lovely lunch for the staff today it is very much appreciated.



Parish News

Arrupe Foodbank– Week 4

A reminder the foodbank is currently in desperate need of non-perishable items. Each week during Lent we are asking for a donation of a different food to donate to JRS Foodbank.

Week 1: Basmati Rice

Week 4: Tinned Tomatoes

Week 2: Tuna in Oil

Week 5: Long Life Milk

Week 3: Cooking Oil

Week 6: Pasta or Spaghetti

There will be a box at the back of the church and the goods collected will be donated to the Jesuit Refugee Service Parramatta. For more information on this Social Justice Service see the website: www.jrs.org.au. The church will open Monday to Friday

Youth Group

For youth in the Parish of Baulkham Hills:

Due to the uncertainty of the current health crisis, youth group will be suspended until further notice.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Youth Minister Paul Fam, on 0407 773 174, or send an email through to youth@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au





Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

3 April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Late on Thursday afternoon, Catholic Schools NSW advised that approval has been received for Friday 4 April to be the last day of formal lessons for the term. Though this will effectively bring forward the beginning of the school holidays for students in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta schools, supervision of students who require it will continue to be provided as needed.

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has been listening carefully to your concerns as we respond together to COVID-19. I appreciate the challenges that many parents have had in juggling work and family responsibilities while at the same time supervising children's learning.

The work of teachers will continue next week. Bringing forward this student vacation period will also allow staff to work together to review, collaborate and make preparations for what is expected to be the continuation of a model of remote learning in Term 2.

Thank you for all your support particularly across the past month. We look forward to keeping you updated over the holiday period and to working with you in Term 2 which will begin on April 27, 2020.

Yours sincerely

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2020 Mathematics in the home #4

Ways to respond to your child's mathematical thinking at home:

Ask your children questions like:

- What were you thinking?
- How do you know?
- Prove it to me?
- Can you show me another way?
- How is this like something else?

Other ways to help your child include:

Use everyday opportunities to make mathematics visible

- Remember your child's learning may look different to yours.
- There can be a number of ways to solve a mathematical problem.
- Don't say "That's wrong", say "How did you get your answer?"
- Encourage your child to talk through their thinking
- Allow your child time to think - don't rush in and give them the answer - wait and listen.

Comparing

When children notice things that are long or short or heavy or light or that hold more or hold less, encourage them to compare other objects.

- What can we find that is longer/shorter/heavier/lighter/holds more/holds less?
- How can we check?



Talking and Describing

When you talk with your children and describe things that are **long** or **short**, or **heavy** or **light**, or that **hold more** or **hold less**, then they will learn and use this mathematical language also.

House Hunt

Find the...

- **longest** or tallest thing in your house.
- **shortest** spoon in your house.
- **heaviest** vegetable in your house.
- **lightest** vegetable in your house.
- cup in your house that **holds the most** water.
- cup in your house that **holds the least** water.

Play Eye Spy

Eye spy with my little eye something that...

- is long!
- is short!
- is heavy!
- is light!
- holds a lot of water!
- holds a little water!

Reference: <https://www.numeracyathome.com/11-ways-to-maths>