



April

10am School Tour
Kindergarten 2021-
Postponed

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.



REFLECTION :

Can you remember a time when you went away from home for a few days or more?

What was it like when you returned home? What did your family do?

In today's gospel Jesus brought Lazarus back to life after he had been buried in a tomb. How would Lazarus' sisters Mary and Martha have felt?

The Spirit of Jesus gives us life. How can we give life and hope to others?

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Prayer to Saint Lazarus Patron of the Poor and the Sick.

Dear patron and assistant of the poor and sick.

With this prayer I request your assistance, and with the aid of the Holy Spirit may the Lord always protect me during sickness or in health.

Saint Lazarus give me the strength to overcome all the temptations on earth.

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

Amen.

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary,

you always shine on our path

as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,

who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of all People,

know what we need,

and we are sure you will provide

so that, as in Cana of Galilee,

we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform to the will of the Father

and to do as we are told by Jesus,

who has taken upon himself our sufferings

and carried our sorrows

to lead us, through the cross,

to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.



Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

School News

Thank You!

I would like to thank all our parents and students for your support and understanding during these very challenging and uncertain times.

I would also like to particularly thank the school staff, Mrs Neylan and all our school leadership team for the commitment, hard work and support they have given to ensure we are prepared and able to continue with the learning of our students.



It is very important that our children continue with their education even though it may take place in a different format. At this point in time schools remain open as the Government continues to respond to COVID-19. It was made clear that if parents and carers choose to keep their children home under their supervision, they were free to do so. Our Lady of Lourdes also remains open for parents who choose to send their children to school. This may change depending on government announcements.

With the choice of whether to send children to school or keep them home, we ask that parents make the best decision for their family.

Thank you for your understanding as we work together to respond to this unprecedented situation

Steven Haskins

Learning from Home for Parents and Students

As parents, you can provide support for your children by:

- establishing routines and expectations
- defining a space for your child to learn and where you or another adult is present and monitoring your child's learning
- monitoring communications from school and teachers
- taking an active role in helping your child process his/her learning
- encouraging physical activity and/or exercise
- checking in with your child regularly to help him/her manage stress
- monitoring how much time your child is spending online
- setting rules around your child's social media interactions
- communicating with the school if your child is unable to participate in the learning at home



We acknowledge that replicating the school day at home is not possible or the best learning model for students at home. Take into account that a significant portion of the day **at school** is:

- Direct teaching from the classroom teacher
- Large and small group discussions
- Collaborative group work
- Reflecting on learning as a whole class

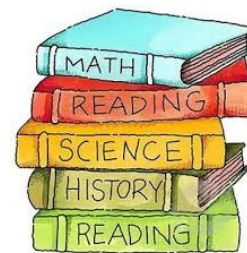
Therefore, it is not expected that the Home Learning Model will replicate the school day in structure or duration, children in Primary School are not expected to be working from 9am to 3pm. The age of your child and level of support they need also needs to be considered. A Kindergarten child is not expected to spend as much time on school work as a child in Year 5 or Year 6.

The family context must also be considered, many parents are working from home and need to make school work hours fit in with work demands, some families may choose to have children complete their school work in the morning, whereby others are choosing the afternoon. Do what works best for your individual situation.

With much of the learning happening online we are aware that screen time limits still must apply. It is important to set a structure and routine for your child's learning with adequate time for physical exercise, conversations, games, and down time.

A suggested order that subject area tasks are completed:

1. Literacy
2. Religion / Maths
3. Maths / Religion
4. Physical Activity - Fitness Log
5. HSIE, Science and Technology, Creative Arts (if applicable)



Please feel assured that the staff at OLOL are here to support you and are happy to answer questions to assist you in developing a routine that works best for you and your children.

The teachers are online to work with students and parents during normal school hours. Any emails or correspondence received after 4pm will be answered the following day.

Attendance

As we move into the Home Learning Model it is extremely important that we track the attendance of all our students. If students are completing a number of tasks each day, they will be marked as 'present' on the class roll. If your child is sick or unable to complete work for a particular day/s, an absent note is still to be emailed to the **classroom teacher**. This will then be marked as an 'absent' on the class roll.

You may also receive an email from your child's teacher if they do not have evidence of work being completed.

Kindergarten 2021 Enrolments

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School is now taking **Kindergarten enrolments for 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 returned to the school office or emailed to ololbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au with all the required documentation including originals (if emailing you will be required to present original documents at a later date). Please note that we cannot accept a Driver's Licence as proof of residence. A utility bill is the preference.

UNSW International ICAS Competitions and Assessments 2020

Each year students from Years 3-6 have the opportunity to complete the UNSW International ICAS Assessments. The subjects available are: Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, English and Mathematics. These assessments will be completed at school but are optional. A cost of \$15.95 is required per assessment. For further details, please see the attached page.

School Photos

School photos have been postponed until further notice.

Social Skills

Fairness

Fair go for all makes a happy school

Respect and Integrity

Showing good manners and communication skills

Respect

Feeling good about yourself and others

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 2: Tuna in Oil

Week 3: Cooking Oil

Week 4: Tinned Tomatoes

Week 5: Long Life Milk

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



Year 2 Religious Education

Year Two is focusing on the prayerful aspect of Lent. The Unit allows students to look for, know and find God within themselves through prayer.

Students have been recalling and reflecting upon times of being alone with God. Year Two is focusing on the Scripture 'Garden of Gethsemane' to appreciate that Jesus felt the need to pray to God His father.

Through this, students are beginning to develop a greater connection to prayer and build their relationship with Jesus. It is through participating in a variety of prayerful experiences in the classroom, that the students are beginning to spend more time with God in preparation for Easter.

 Literal	 Spiritual	 Application
<ul style="list-style-type: none">disciplesreligious leadersJesusPeterGodThe Garden of GethsemaneJudassoldiersa crowd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">reminds us of God while Jesus was praying in a time of needGod will guide us, like He did with JesusGod is always near.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">to always pray to Godto be kind to your friends when they are in need.to find time to sit and talk to Godalways trust God.



UNSW INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS 2020 YEARS 3, 4, 5, 6

This year all UNSW Competitions will be completed online, with the exception of the Year 3 and Year 4 Writing, which will be completed on paper.

ICAS have launched an online direct payment facility for parents. **This year payment for these assessments will be done online only. Please do not send any cash to school with your children.**

Access details for parents

Your school access code is: **XMN153**

Your parent page link is: <https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>

After the Parent Payment closing date, ICAS will send the school the names of the students who have registered for each assessment.

	Exam Sitting Dates	Parent Payment Closing Date
ICAS Science	Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August 2020	Monday, 10 August 2020
ICAS Writing*	Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August 2020	Monday, 10 August 2020
ICAS Digital Technologies	Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August 2020	Monday, 17 August 2020
ICAS English	Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August 2020	Monday, 17 August 2020
ICAS Mathematics	Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September 2020	Monday, 24 August 2020
ICAS Spelling Bee	Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September 2020	Monday, 24 August 2020

*Offline assessments only available for Years 3 & 4 (AU)

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Neylan.
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