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Dear Parents,



Holy Week is a very special time: it includes Palm Sunday, the celebration of the Last Supper, the washing of feet, the agony in the garden, Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and his resurrection. As a family, share ideas about what you can do, or join in with, to celebrate the start of Holy Week and make it a special time in your home.

Dan and Emily from *One Life Music* have kindly recorded a liturgy for schools and home. This will be a weekly event from now on. This week you will be able to access it through the link below which will be available shortly. It is such a wonderful way to bring us together as a community of prayer and I am sure that we will all be strengthened by it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NL-kS4ZP6hs&feature=youtu.be>

Please think about the following activities with your children

- Reflect on the liturgical season 'Easter' and what it means to you. Draw/design different stations of the cross to display in your home.
- Write a prayer for each station of the cross to use as a family reflection.
- Create your own prayer area with a focus on Easter that can be added to our school website. What artefacts could you make to add to your prayer area?
- Watch 'The Story of Easter' as a family <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>
- Read the *Wednesday Word* online- see our school website front page.

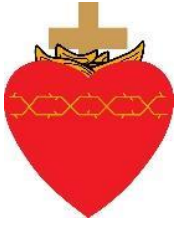
"To experience Holy Week is to enter more and more into God's love and self-giving."

Pope Francis



When they were near Jerusalem, Jesus sent two disciples into a nearby village to collect a donkey. He said to them, "If anyone stops you, tell them that it is for the Lord and that the donkey will be returned." So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and Jesus sat on it. As he set off, great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were spreading palm branches on the path in front of him. The crowds were all shouting, "Hosanna! Blessings on him who





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comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, everyone was excited and some asked, "Who is this?"

Lord God, we entrust to you the families and communities
affected by illness, wherever they may be.

We pray especially for health care workers, that you may guide and protect them.

We pray that your Spirit might inspire those researching new medicines and treatments.

And in the midst of this, keep us strong in faith, hope and love. Grant us the courage and perseverance to
be good neighbours.

May the words of your Son Jesus Christ in the Our Father,
be our prayer as we entrust ourselves and all of us who are affected
to your infinite power and love.

Amen.



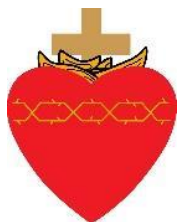
Stay safe

Yours sincerely

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