

Mater Christi Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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SCHOOL MANTRA 2020

*"Do small things, with great love".
Mother Teresa*

Dear Families



As we get to the end of our full week of the Home Learning Program (HeLP), we are hopefully getting into new routines that are making the experience as positive as can be for our children. It is not easy for parents to be working in this manner and not ideal for the children either.

As well as preparing daily schedules for the students, teachers have been making contact with families, checking on how learning is working for them at home. They are also responding to the work students are submitting. Teachers understand if students have not completed all tasks, but that they are attempting at least some of the tasks each day, to the best of their ability. If work is being submitted, then we know that students are working at home, and therefore "present" at school. We will be following up with families where no work is being submitted.

I would like to stress that in these challenging and "unchartered" times that everyone's focus should be on the wellbeing and mental health of the children, parents, grandparents and school staff. We are all dealing with uncertainties around our own health, the financial challenges and how long this will last. I ask that you look out for the wellbeing of others as well as your own.

One of the challenges for families at this time of imposed isolation is shifting to becoming your child's "learning coach" at home. As adults we need to be remember that what children need most at this time is to feel as safe as possible in their homes, to be loved and to have hope that all will eventually turn out okay if we all do our bit and support each other. Parents also need permission to simply play games with their children, do puzzles, cook, watch a movie, do craft, listen to music, dance, talk to each other - all of these are also learning.

Dates for the Week (Week 10)

Monday
6th April

Tuesday
7th April

Wednesday
8th April

Thursday
26th March

Holy Thursday

Friday
27th March

Good Friday

Saturday
28th March

Holy Saturday

Sunday
29th March

Easter Sunday

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It is important that we collectively acknowledge that the current situation is without precedent and that whilst learning resources are worthwhile, learning isn't simply restricted to these. Learning can happen in your house and in the backyard in a variety of different ways.



Catholic Education Western Australia has asked that schools prepare the first four weeks of Term Two as remote/online learning. Teachers will be meeting next week to discuss the HeLP and ways in which we will adjust and improve its delivery and monitoring. This approach to teaching is not something any of the staff have ever trained for but have adapted to very quickly. I want to acknowledge their efforts once again and commend them on the quick turn-around on providing a daily schedule that the students and families can follow. Teachers will send out a questionnaire early next week for feedback on this week's HeLP and look forward to receiving your responses. We will update you on any changes we make to HeLP at the beginning of Term Two.

Term Two Begins Tuesday 28 April

Once we know what teaching and learning will look like for the beginning of next term and how and if we will be open, I will let all families know.



This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week with Palm Sunday, the beginning of Jesus' journey towards His death on Good Friday. The events of Holy Week and the Easter season are the most significant in the Church's calendar. Please take time as a family to remember these events in some way, whether through prayer or making use of any of the resources provided.

Please continue to keep an eye on the Parish website www.materchristiparish.com to stay up to date with any news regarding Masses being streamed live on Facebook by our priests: <https://www.facebook.com/mbdv76/videos/2914016165307879/?d=n> and for any other information pertinent to parish life including the weekly Mater Messenger. Sunday Mass celebration each week will be at 10am from Mater Christi Church.

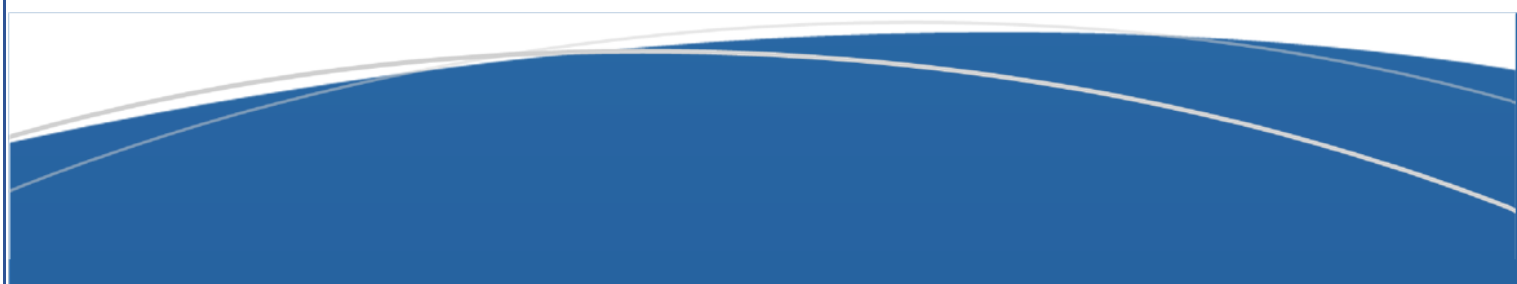
During Holy Week all services will be live streamed so ensure you check-in for dates and times of Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday services, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses.

Fr Dat, Fr Joe and Mrs Marina Hayward are available to any parishioners in need or who have queries. Please either contact them via email directly: dat.vuong@perthcatholic.org.au or joseph.laundy@perthcatholic.org.au or via the parish email address: materchrist@westnet.com.au or contact the parish on 9417 4763 and they will look after you.

As this is the last Newsletter for this term, I wish you and your families a safe, healthy and holy Easter break. I look forward to "seeing" you all next term.

Please click on the link below for preparation for Holy Week.
www.bit.ly/holyweekpreparation

God bless,
Toni Kalat



P&F News

Hi families;

It has been a very strange few weeks for everyone but please be assured your P&F Executive are still working away in the background to come up with ideas to help our community.

On behalf of the P&F and all the parents at the school we would like to thank all the wonderful staff at Mater Christi Catholic Primary School for how they have handled the current situation. We are all very proud to say we are a part of the school and the community and we know that you have all put in and continue to put in 100% for our children, thank you to you all!

We had an abundance of entries for this year's Easter colouring competition, thank you to Mark and Leah Rheinberger from Inspirations Paint, Melville & Canning Vale, for sponsoring this, the results are posted below! Well done to all the winners!

This year's Easter raffle has been postponed but we have decided it will become a 'back to school' raffle. Keep your eye on the upcoming newsletters for more information.

Due to the ever-changing situation in regard to the operating of schools this year's Mother's Day stall may have to be postponed. We have decided to hold off on making a final decision on this until closer to the time but please know we do have people working on this in the hope it may be able to happen.

From the P&F 2020 executive, we wish you all health and safety at this time.

Louise McEntee

Vice President 2020

Easter Colouring-In Competition and Raffle

Below are the winners from the P&F Colouring-In Competition. Congratulations to all who participated!

