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## Holy Week - Easter

### Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

For priests, ministers, in fact for all Catholics, this coming week is the busiest of the church year. On four consecutive days the church will be filled for important services of worship starting with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday and ending on Easter Sunday.

It may seem strange then that this period of four days is referred to as the paschal or Easter Triduum, meaning three days. Here the church follows the Jewish method of counting a day from sunset to sunset: so Holy Thursday evening to Good Friday evening is the first day and so on. What may seem like four days is actually three. With people leading such busy lives and looking forward to an Easter break it is important for Catholics to attend the three liturgies of the Easter Triduum because otherwise it is like missing one act of a three-act play.

The children have been experiencing Holy Week in the classroom these past weeks during their Religion lessons which will culminate in an Easter Play, presented by the children in the OLOR Hall tomorrow. We would love you all to join us and experience the Easter story. We ask that families be seated by 10.15am in the hall. The plays will continue on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00 am with the Year 5 students concluding our Easter plays with the Resurrection story.

Hopefully this will be a springboard for you to take your family to the Parish Holy Week events. School concludes at 11.35am.

*On behalf of the staff of Our Lady of the River School I wish you and your family a very happy and holy Easter. Please travel safely.*

*Ros Oates*

### CHRISM MASS

Last week our school captains, Lana and Harmon attended this year's Diocesan Assembly Chrism Mass. The highest order as the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Tito (Philippines), joined with Bishop Greg O'Kelly as the main celebrants along with the priests and deacons from the Port Pirie Diocese. During the Mass, the priests, deacons and representatives of the entire diocesan community gathered around the Bishop, who blesses the Holy Oils for use in the coming year. These are: the Oil of the Sick; the Oil of Catechumens and the Sacred Chrism Oil. It was a wonderful celebration to conclude the Port Pirie Diocesan Assembly.

### Easter Message to our Community

"By your kingly power, O risen Lord, all that Adam lost is now restored..." This is a line from the famous Easter hymn composed by the Australians Richard Connolly and Professor James McAuley in the seventies. There is such strength and joy in it as a hymn—"Sing Christ Risen!" It has the sort of joy and strength I would like every Christian in the diocese to have this Easter. And Christ is quoted elsewhere, "See, I do all things new". You and I, our Church, all those we love, need the Easter grace of knowing that all is and will be transformed in the power of the Resurrection. No matter present disillusion, or flatness, or sense of failure, we as Church can stand up and with full voice proclaim as His followers, 'Sing Christ Risen!' We can be made new.

**Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ**

### Important Reminders Please Check these Updates

[www.olor.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olor.catholic.edu.au) or  
[www.facebook.com/olorverrantce](https://www.facebook.com/olorverrantce)

#### SchoolStream App

The one stop shop for OLOR  
information

#### UNIFORMS for 2016

Tri-state Renmark  
Stock is available

Please check on sizing as  
you may need to order  
for next year.

### OLOR School Canteen Roster

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDERS  
ON THURSDAYS.**

**Reminders: Please use 2016  
Price List and brown paper bag**

**Week 8 – GOOD FRIDAY  
NO CANTEEN**

**Week 9 – Stacey Hunter  
Julie Kregar**

### Our Lady of the River School Board 2016

Last night the 2015 School Board AGM was held. We thank and welcome the **2016 School Board members:**

**President:** Fr Paul Bourke      **Executive:** Principal - Ros Oates

**Chairperson:** Dimitria Dale      **Secretary:** Naomi Hunt

**Staff Representative:** Rosemary Perre

**Parent Representatives:** Cilla Marsden, Kelly Storer, Michelle Kennedy, Kelly Minchella, Phil Cresp, and Rowan Cresp. Further board positions will be determined at the next meeting. At OLOR we value the important role parents play in the education of their children and volunteering the time to be on the School Board is most appreciated. I look forward to working with our 2016 board members.

### Student Free Day/Week 2016 Reminder

In the past 'Student free days' have been on separate occasions throughout the year, up to 5 days. Last year the school board approved that in 2016 we will extend the Term 2 holiday break by one week and all student free days will be held in that week, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July. School will resume on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August for the beginning of Term 3. This will mean a 3 week holiday in the middle of the year and it will provide the staff with an opportunity to attend our biannual retreat in Penola with a focus on the Josephite traditions.

### Berri Easter Breakfast Carnival

This year OLOR will again run its legendary egg and bacon rolls at the Berri Easter Carnival on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March in Vaughan Terrace Berri.

The stall will run from 7.30am – 11.30am. If you are available to assist could you please contact Shaun Kelly as soon as possible. We understand that some families will be unavailable over the Easter period, however if you are able to donate a tub of cream or a packet of rindless bacon that will be most appreciated. Donations need to be brought into school tomorrow. Thank you to Mr. Kelly for organising this fundraiser.

### Our Lady of the River School Captains 2016

On Sunday the OLOR senior students were presented as a part of the Palm Sunday Mass their School and Sports Captains badges. Thank you to the families who attended and congratulations to this year's leaders.

**School Captains:** Lana Gregoric and Harmon Singh

**School Vice Captains:** Madison Martin and Riley Herbert

### Sports Captains

**Captains St Mary's:** Josh Sawyer, Layne Fenwick

**Vice Captains St Mary's:** Jed Kelly, Kye Stokes

**Captains St Joseph's:** Callum Isaacs, Tia Efthimiou

**Vice Captains St Joseph's:** Mitchell Foulds, Jamie Kovacic

**Captains St Patrick's:** Suhaiel Sowkathali, Katelyn Hayes

**Vice Captains St Patrick's:** Darcy Minchella, Tia Koutouzis

### Riverland Music Festival

Students across the Riverland are invited to audition as: Assisting Artists for the Riverland Primary Schools' Music Festival. 2016 Music Festival will be held at the Chaffey Theatre Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August. **Audition dates:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 4.00pm at Berri Primary School Multi-purpose room. Forms can be collected from OLOR School front office. All enquiries can be directed to Mary Geddie on 0409 875 344

### Our Lady of the River Parish Holy Week Mass and Service Schedule

**Holy Thursday: Berri, Loxton 7.00pm**

**Good Friday: Barmera, Renmark, Waikerie 3.00pm**

**Loxton Stations of the Cross 3.00pm**

**Holy Saturday Vigil: Renmark 7.00pm**

**Easter Sunday: Berri, Loxton 9.00am**

**Barmera, Waikerie 11.00am**

## SPECIAL NEWS

### IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

*Please update your diaries*

#### New School Timetable

8.30: Children arrive at school  
8.50: Classes begin & Fitness  
**11:35: Early Lunch (10mins)**  
**11.45: Lunch Play**  
12.15: Classes resume  
**1.45: Afternoon Break (10mins)**  
**1.55: Afternoon Play**  
2.15: Classes resume  
3.00: Pack-up/clean-up  
**3.15: Dismissed**

### Reminders

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**School will be dismissed at  
11.35pm**

**Easter Plays begin at 10.15am**  
(Children are permitted to wear dark clothing or their sports school uniform)



## 2016 RE News

**Fr. Paul Bourke: 85821894**

**Fr. John Stuart James:**

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### MASSES TERM 1

**Thursdays 9.00 am**

**St Mary's Church**

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> April – Yr 1 & Yrs 3/4  
Mass**



**Sunday 3 April, 2016**

5:00 – 7:15pm.

St Joseph's School,  
Barmera.

If your family/children would like to attend,  
please complete the attached Consent form  
and return to St Albert's School office  
by **Tuesday 29 March.**