Holy Week Reflections

Matt 27: 32-44

Let me love you

Jesus, help me to be open to the amazing love you have for me.

I don’t want to turn my back on you.

I will follow you; I will accept your love.

I will follow you; I will listen to your words.

I will follow you; I will live as you command.

Holy Week to me and all Christians is a very significant time of prayer and joy, mourning and sadness, all of which comes together in prayer and reflection. The events of Holy Week are Palm Sunday, The Washing of the Feet, The Last Supper and when Judas betrayed Jesus. The event I think is significant is when Jesus washes the feet of the disciples to show that everyone is the same, no-one is greater than another, we are all equal. Jesus set an example by washing the disciples feet so that when he left them, the disciples would go and do the same to others.

(Steven Chidiac)

During Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday, Christians remember Jesus’ death and suffering on Good Friday. It is a time when we have to reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus, who gave life to all of us. To celebrate Jesus giving us life, we all go to church to show respect for the death of Jesus.

The event in Easter that is significant to me is Easter Sunday because that’s the day of Jesus’ resurrection and ascension into heaven, where he sits at the right hand of the Father.

(Jason Redimerio)

In my opinion, I think that Good Friday is the most significant time, in Holy Week. I think this because it reminds me of how grateful I should be because Jesus was crucified to save our sins. I also think this because it tells me that I should be doing good deeds and that if Jesus never died for us, we wouldn’t be alive.

(Justin Khoury)

Holy Week is a time to commemorate Jesus and the week that Jesus went through. We would not be here on Earth if Jesus did not suffer and die on the cross. Holy Week is the best time in Lent to pray.

The event that is significant to Holy Week is Good Friday and Easter Sunday. This is because on Good Friday Jesus saved us all and on Easter Sunday we received the sign of new life.

Just remember Jesus, when you’re in church in Holy Week.

(George Sahyoun)

To me, Holy Week means a time to be grateful for all the things Jesus has done for everybody. As a Catholic, Holy Week brings me closer to God, and it is also a remembrance of how Jesus sacrificed his life for us.

During Holy Week I read the passage “The Death of Jesus,” the story made me think of Jesus and persuaded me to be more grateful for his sacrifice and unending love.

(Dino Redimerio)
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| Week 1—Term 2 | 29th April | Monday | Staff Development Day |
|               | 30th April | Tuesday | Staff Development Day |
|               | 1st May    | Wednesday | Term 2 commences |

Easter Message from the staff

On behalf of all the staff at Sacred Heart, we wish you a very holy Easter and may the love of our Lord be with you and your family during this very special time. God Bless

Mrs Baird

Students return to school on Tuesday 2nd of April the day after Easter Monday.

On Tuesday I invite parents and friends to join us in celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus lead by the Stage 2 students. Following our Liturgy the children will return to class and prepare to walk to MJ Bennett Reserve for our Cross Country Carnival. Kindergarten and Year 1 students will walk to the grounds around lunchtime for their run. Please ensure all permission notes are returned to school before the event. We are hoping for good weather, however if rain is forecasted please provide your child with the necessary items for cross country and we will make a decision on the day. Please refer to insert for timetable of events.

Enrolments 2014

Enrolment Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2014. Please lodge your application before the end of Term One. Enrolment information packs are available from the School Office, can be sent home with a sibling, downloaded from the School’s website, or directly emailed. Your child must turn five before 31 July 2014 to be eligible to enrol in Kindergarten 2014. If you know someone in the area or have a friend or relative that is looking to enrol, please talk to them about our school and encourage them to fill in an application form. We are also accepting enrolments for Year 2 to Year 6.

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Canteen Roster

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‘My Schools’ Website is up and running

Please take the time to view the My Schools website.

Sacred Heart Website has been updated

This week the Sacred Heart Website has been updated. A letter went home this week asking parents for current email addresses and suggestions for what you would like to see on our website. From the beginning of Term 2 we would like to begin emailing our newsletter to families and becoming more ‘greener’. Families who do not have access to a computer will still receive a hard copy of our newsletter.

Sacred Heart has its own ‘app’

By the end of the term a letter will be sent to all parents inviting you to down load our school app to your iphone or android phone. This app will allow families to access our website, receive our newsletter right to your phone and also receive SMS alerts from the school. We look forward to using this technology as a way of improving the communication between school and home.

Sporting News

Girls Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

On Tuesday I spent the day with Miss Boules at Anne Aqualina Reserve supporting our 24 girls from Stage 3 who participated in the annual girls soccer Gala Day. Both teams displayed great skill and sportsmanship and overall the day was outstanding. I wish to thank the many parents who braved the heat and joined us on the day. My sincere thanks to Mr Jefries (Maeve and Bridgid) who coached and organized both teams and as always he did an amazing job. I also wish to thank Mr and Mrs Bassil, (Grace) for allowing their two sons Sharbel and Bassille to be referees on the day. Special thanks to Mr Haddad, (Gabrielle and Kristen) for driving the children to and from the venue in the parish bus.

Many thanks to Sue Yanz for coordinating the event.

As always we are blessed to have such a giving community.
I was viewing several websites dedicated to the Easter Triduum and while reflecting on the many images of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples and of the Last Supper, this week’s value of sharing dominated my thoughts and prayers. Jesus shared, with his disciples and the many communities he visited the love God has for each of us. We see this so clearly during the last supper when Jesus shared his body and blood with his closest friends. We are called, as God’s people, to continue to share His love with those around us and make His love visible, tangible and attainable.

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**Honour Award this week will focus on the value of **

Sharing

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**Last Weeks HONOUR AWARD recipients**

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**Sacred Heart Primary School Westmead: Pupil Free Days**

As families are aware, **Monday 29th April, 2013** and **Tuesday 30th April, 2013** are Pupil Free Days at Sacred Heart Westmead Primary School. Catholic Out of School Hours Care is able to offer limited places for all-day care on this day. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, with priority given to families already enrolled at the service.

**Flat Fee:** $45.00 per child for the day, prior to Child Care Benefit deductions. Families that already attend COSHC on these days have their regular fee deducted from the $45.00 all-day fee.

**Monday 29th April 2013**

All day care on this date will be offered at nearby **COSHC Mother Teresa**. Nicole Walker (COSHC Supervisor Sacred Heart Westmead) will be at Mother Teresa for most of this day.

**Opening Times:** 6:45am to 6:30pm.

**Tuesday 30th April 2013.** A minimum of 8 children will be required for all day care to be offered

**Opening Times:** 7:00am to 6:30pm

For all day care on either or both dates, please contact Nicole Walker at COSHC Sacred Heart on 0418 280 811 or at COSHCSacredHeartWestmead@parra.catholic.edu.au

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**Outreach Project for the year**

We were blessed this week to have Lyla and Rosie visit our school to speak to our Stage 3 students about their experiences when they visited the Dominican orphanage. The children have shared their thoughts with our community on the back page of the newsletter. I encourage you to read about the terrible living conditions of this Catholic run orphanage and even through all the hardship, the hope that was so evident in the eyes of the children was inspirational. The Stage 3 children will be organising a series of fundraising activities to help provide some of the basics such as food and clothing for these beautiful children.

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**Visit of Cabrini Nursing Home to celebrate Easter**

Our Stage 2 children will be visiting Cabrini Nursing Home on Friday the 5th of April to celebrate Easter with the residents. The children will sing and visit with the residents as a way of building community outreach.

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**Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolments for Year 7 2014**

Catherine McAuley Westmead will be holding a final School Open Morning specifically for Year 7 2014 enrolments on:

**Tuesday 2nd April 2013 - 9.15 – 11am**

This morning will give interested parents and students the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day or enrolment forms may be lodged.

To RSVP for a school tour please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.
Benjamin Plummer’s Visit!

On Wednesday the 20\textsuperscript{th} of March Mrs. Plummer’s son, Benjamin came to visit Stage 3 about different styles of art. He told us how it could affect the description of a book and the emotions on the character’s face. Benjamin taught us three new art words, which were chiaroscuro, tenebrism and semiotics. Chiaroscuro means the use of light and darkness to create emotion. Tenebrism means the change from light to dark in an artwork. Semiotics means the study of symbols and how they show meaning.

Benjamin also told us about the style of art in our class novel “The Invention of Hugo Cabret”. He said that the author used pencil to create hatching and cross hatching in his sketches, to make the picture look more effective.

He brought some comic books from his house including Halo and Star Wars, which also had different sketches to The Invention of Hugo Cabret.

Overall we had a lot of fun learning the different styles of art and we are now encouraged by Benjamin to view the book in a different way.

On the behalf of Stage 3 we would like to thank Benjamin Plummer for giving up his time to come and share his experience of art with us. We really enjoyed his company and we would love for him to come again!!!

By Stage 3

Orphanage In East Timor

On Thursday, 21\textsuperscript{st} March, Lyla and her daughter Rosie came to Sacred Heart to speak about the Dominican Orphanage in East Timor, which they had visited.

They talked about all the hardships that the residents of East Timor have to deal with, such as polluted water due to a lack of proper sewerage infrastructure and rubbish bins, and unstable buildings. The Indonesians caused this destruction when they invaded East Timor, from 1975 to 1999. When Indonesia left in 1999 they destroyed all the schools, hospitals and took back all the Indonesian teachers, doctors and workers.

Lyla and Rosie then talked about the children in the orphanage. The orphans often had dreadful back-stories; some had been abandoned, others had to leave their families to get a better education, but all of the children still had a smile on their face and hope in their eyes.

The nuns running the orphanage paid for all the childrens’ needs, but there was often a lack of nutritious food, clothing, school materials and money. The nuns are currently trying to build a shop to ensure a regular income.

The public schools that the children went to often held up to 3000 students. This amount of students meant that children only attended school for a few hours, which caused them to not have a very good education. This meant that very few children continued their education.

Lyla and Rosie’s talk was very informative and interesting. It has inspired us to help those in need by planning fundraisers to raise money and collect supplies to send to the orphanage.

By Stage 3