

ST COLUMBA'S FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

HELLO FAMILIES OF ST COLUMBA'S

I reckon everyone is now embarked on school holidays and I hope there is much fun to be had. Coinciding with school holidays we will take a break from the Families Newsletter and its activities for the next couple of weeks, but we will try to communicate if something special needs passing on.

This week is of course all about the story of Jesus' last days. This evening (Thursday, 8pm) we remember his Passover meal/Last Supper in an Upper Room in Jerusalem with his friends the disciples – breaking the bread and sharing the wine with the words – "These things are like my body, which very soon will be broken by my enemies. But remember, just like bread and wine gives strength, and a meal brings people together, my broken body will do the same. The life that I give up on the cross will bring life to you and to many others."

Jesus' story continues at our on Good Friday Service (11am) with words and music giving the terrible account of what Jesus suffered before he died. It is not an easy story to listen to or understand. And, at least on Friday, it does not have a happy ending.

But the story is not finished. So, for a while we wait. And then on Easter morning we hear the first tales of Jesus risen. No longer dead. And our world, or the way we see it, is never the same again. That is the reason for our celebrations – that's where all the colour, flowers, Easter hymns, trumpets chocolate eggs and Easter bunnies come charging in! I hope you will sense something both of the seriousness of Holy Week and the joy of Easter.

It is now possible to attend Sunday worship in-person, but we do not yet have the possibility of restarting creche and Sunday School. There is however a suggestion that there may be a small get-together for families, at an outside venue, on Sunday 25th April. Keep an eye out for further detail. As always, thank you to Fiona for this Sunday's activities.

Have a restful and restorative holiday and a very Happy Easter when it comes. Angus & the Sunday School Team