What is Lent All About?

Easter is when we celebrate the rising of Jesus after his death on the cross. It is a great day: because of Easter, we don't have to be afraid, and we never have to be apart from God. But at one time, we were apart from God. We can learn about that time and about why Jesus died on the cross during a season called Lent. Lent is the forty day period leading up to Easter.

Why did Jesus have to die?

God cares that we show love for him and for all his children. When we do things that are hurtful to others or that hurt our relationship with God, we become separated from God. And when we can't be near God, our hearts are not at peace. Our hearts are not at rest. The Bible says, 'Everyone has done wrong and is far away from God' (Rom 3.23). As if that weren't bad enough, without God's help, there is no way to get back to him. Without God's help, we are lost.

But on the first Easter Sunday, God said, "Even though people have done wrong and are far from me, Jesus has let himself be punished for the wrongs of the people. Jesus took the world's trouble on himself: he died and was separated from me. My own child felt my anger instead of you. But now I am not angry anymore, and everything is forgiven. And though Jesus was dead, I have made him alive again, and we'll be together forever."

"Now," God says, "when you do something wrong and you feel like you are far from me, run to Jesus (this kind of running is not with your feet, but with your imagination). Jesus is the way back to me! Jesus has made my anger go away for ever. Run to Jesus and when you are near Him, you will be near to me also. I do love him, and I love you so very much. In fact, I love you so much that Jesus is my gift to you forever, so that whenever you are near Jesus, I will remember what he did to make my anger go away, and I will forgive you. This is how we can be close forever."

What is Lent good for? ...

God has given us a great and comforting gift. But it's easy to forget what God has done for us. We forget that it was because of our wrong that Jesus was punished. We can add to our wrongs when we try to make ourselves happy by eating lots of candy or junk food, by buying lots of toys or watching too much TV. We fill up with all sorts of things, always hoping that they will make us happy. We may be happy in the moment, but that kind of happiness doesn't last very long. We just end up wanting more. We are never satisfied by these things.
Swimming Carnival
Last Thursday saw the Year 4 to Year 6 students participate in our Faction Swimming Carnival. Well done to all the students for their participation and display of sportsmanship during the day. It was great to see all the parents cheering for the students. Congratulations to Mrs Mandy Sinclair for organising a wonderful day. Thank you to the parents who assisted throughout the day by setting up/pulling down the tents, time keeping marshaling etc., the staff with their assistance and the Year 6 Sports Captains who helped organise the students for their races. Congratulations Geographe and Leeuwin, both factions finishing the day with 180 points.

A great day was had by all!

Congratulations to the following students for being age champion or runner up:

**Year 4 Boys:**
Champion: Louis Sinclair (22pts)  Runner up: Lachlan Hunt (14pts)

**Year 4 Girls:**
Champion: Estella Marques (20pts)  Runner up: Tayla Verhoeff (16pts)

**Year 5 Boys:**
Champion: Evan Codalonda/Sam Phillips (16pts)  Runner up: Jeremy Rolfe (12pts)

**Year 5 Girls:**
Champion: Alix Ness (20pts)  Runner up: Evie Campbell (14pts)

**Year 6 Boys:**
Champion: Zac Morrison (24pts)  Runner up: Ashley Spencer (18pts)

**Year 6 Girls:**
Champion: Natasha Antonio (24pts)  Runner up: Jaz Martin (18pts)
OLC Opening Mass

Last Wednesday, we celebrated our Opening School Mass where we came together as a community to pray for all the members of our school community and for the 2015 school year. We also inducted our Year 6 students as our Student Leaders. Thank you to Fr Ian for making it a special Mass for all of OLC. Thank you to all the parents and parishioners who came along to join with us.

Year 6 Student Leaders:
Head Boy: James Jensen        Deputy Head Boy: Curren Boyes
Head Girl: Grace Carroll      Deputy Head Girl: Ella De Marchi

Sports Captains:
Meelup: Zac Morrison; Jorja Anderson
Geographe: Quinn Williams; Natasha Antonio
Naturaliste: Ashley Spencer; Jasmin Martin
Leeuwin: Boda Stocks; Isabella Smith

Congratulations to all our student leaders for 2015.

Thank you

A ‘BIG’ thank you to Matt and Kirsty Dollisson for putting up the new basketball and netball rings last week. Many thanks for your support to OLC.

Interschool Swimming Carnival

Thursday, March 19 the students from Years 4 to 7 selected to compete in the Interschool Swimming Carnival will be travelling to Bunbury for the carnival. We wish them all the best for the day. *We welcome and encourage all parents to come along to support and cheer for your children on the day!!*

Year 5 Camp

Yesterday we said farewell to our Year 5 students as they headed off to their camp in Bridgetown. The Year 5 students will be returning to school on Friday at approx. 2.30pm. We wish them all the best for a ‘fantastic’ three days away and great weather!!
**Student Leadership**
Friday, March 27, will see our school leaders from Year 6 attend the GRIP Leadership Conference in Bunbury. GRIP Leadership is an independent organisation that exists to train and develop leaders with a special focus on school students and the educational sector. Most known for the 'GRIP Student Leadership Conferences,' the team also presents tailored seminars and presentations for schools. GRIP Leadership programs are fresh, practical, interactive and enjoyed by tens of thousands of students each year. GRIP Leadership is endorsed by leaders, educators, politicians and business people around Australia. GRIP Leadership is a values driven organisation.

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**Camp Fun Run**
Please have all money from sponsors into school by Friday 13th March. Remember, the highest fundraiser in each class will receive a prize.

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**Medication in School Bags**
No children are to have any type of medication in their school bags (the only exception is ventolin for students in the upper grades). If your child needs medication a **Medication Form** MUST be completed and handed to the front office.

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**Weekend Class Masses**
Last Saturday saw the return of the classroom Masses with the Year 6 students participating in different roles within the Saturday night Mass. There was a great turn out of the Year 6 students and their families. Many thanks to Eloise Jennings and Alicia Higgins for organising this once again. Please see below for your scheduled weekend. Please make every attempt to get to Mass to help support this important school parish initiative.

- Year 3 Class Mass – Saturday 14 March.
- Year 5 Class Mass – Saturday 25 April.
- Year 4 Class Mass – Saturday 23 April.

The other classes will be allocated their weekend Mass later in the Year.

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**Prayers and thoughts**
Please keep in your prayers and thoughts Samantha Chandler who is still in Perth recovering from her accident. We wish Sam a speedy recovery.

Also, we send our condolences to Cathy Coutanche, whose mother passed away last week.

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Congratulations to Sara, Michael & Ruby on the safe arrival of Felix.

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**School Times**
A reminder that the school takes responsibility for students between 8.30am and 3.20pm. **Students are not to arrive at school prior to 8.30am and parents are asked to ensure that students are picked up before 3.20pm.** Playgrounds are not to be used by students before and after school as supervision is not provided in these areas. Children who arrive late not only disadvantage themselves but also disrupt classes. Teachers mark registers first thing each morning and it is time consuming to make alterations for late arrivals. Being punctual is an essential life skill for all.
Sunday Gospel Reflection
Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)

**Gospel Summary**
It is not clear to scholars exactly what precipitated Jesus’ reaction at the Temple. In what would appear to be a fit of anger, Jesus used a whip to drive out the animals, and overturned tables sending people, animals, and coins scurrying in all directions. The people took Jesus’ words literally and because of their immature faith, they were looking for signs. That is why in this gospel where Jesus says he will destroy the Temple but raise it back up in three days, people were dumbfounded. The Temple had been under construction for over forty years and was still not complete. It is no wonder when they heard that Jesus would raise it up in three days, that they could not comprehend his meaning. They lacked the faith to understand that Jesus referred to the raising of his own body in three days – a temple they did not recognize.

**Reflection for Families**
How many times have we seen our children use objects for purposes other than what they were intended? On garbage day a skateboard might become wheels for a trash can, or a baseball bat might be used as a wood splitter, and a fishing pole used to retrieve a ball from the gutters. It stifles creativity to insist that items be used for the purpose they were intended, but it does ensure that they will last to do the job they were made for. In a sense, this is what Jesus meant for the people to do in today’s gospel. The Temple was God’s house and that's the purpose for which it was to be used. It was not a marketplace or a bank. To see it used as such, brought out the passionate devotion Jesus had for his Father’s house. And with all he had, Jesus wanted to protect it.

Have a great week

Cheers

Alan Morrison
Principal

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**Catechist After-School Programme**
Children’s classes are conducted throughout the school terms (commencing second term) on Tuesday afternoons from 3.45pm to 4.30pm.

**Commencement Term Dates:**
- Term 2: Tuesday, 21 April
- Term 3: Tuesday, 21 July 2015
- Term 4: Tuesday, 13 October 2015

**Sacraments:**
- Reconciliation: Year 3
- Eucharist: Year 4
- Confirmation: Years 6 & 7

If you would like your child to participate in any of these Sacraments, please contact Father Ian on 9755 3944, or Ruther Morley on 9755 8816
Red Room Class Liturgy
Please join Red Room (Yr 3) students and families as they participate in the Children’s liturgy on Saturday 14th March at 6pm.

The children will join in the mass by way of prayers of the faithful, offertory, welcoming, collection, singing etc.

We look forward to celebrating Mass together, enjoying the fellowship and our children’s involvement in the liturgy and a reverent yet upbeat selection of hymns. We warmly welcome anyone who would like to attend and share this mass.

For any queries please call Eloise Jennings 0418 933 130

Free!
17” computer monitors, keyboards and mice are available to any interested families. Please collect from the Multipurpose Room next Monday 9th March or Thursday 12th March. If you are unable to collect at these times please email me on johnson.janine@cathednet.wa.edu.au

Canteen
The Roster has now been loaded on to our website http://web.ladyofcape.wa.edu.au under quick links. Please check the roster for the dates you have been allocated. We still require more Volunteers for Term 2 – please contact Fflur if you are willing to help on 0409 104 409.

Roster
| Tues 10th March | Belinda Gilbert | Michelle Summers |
| Thurs 12th March | Nik Campbell    | Ruth Antonio     |
| Tues 17th March  | Donna Trigwell  | Michelle Summers |
| Thurs 19th March | Rachel Sweeney  | Anthea Brown     |

P&F News
Dear Parents,
The Pastoral Care Freezer has been emptied of stock from last year so if you could kindly donate any home-cooked meals or other food to the freezer that would be greatly appreciated. The freezer is located in the wet area for years 3/4/5 and is for families at the school who for whatever reason need a helping hand. You should receive an email from your class rep with more details about this. Please contact Jodie Spencer (0439946139) or Amanda Prestipino (0401945435) if you need to discuss further. THANK YOU!!!!!!!

The P&F would like to extend its warmest regards to an ex-OLC mum Sam Raynor who was recently diagnosed with Stage 3 bowel cancer. Sam’s daughter Lucy graduated last year from OLC and now attends McKillop College. We understand that Sam is undergoing treatment and we have her in our thoughts and prayers. If you would like to support Sam and Lucy you can donate a small food good as recommended: medjool dates, spelt flour, organic coconut oil, organic desiccated coconut, organic coconut flour, organic red lentils, organic chickpeas, maca powder, hemp seeds, lemons, organic honey. These goods can be dropped in to Beach Lifestyle in town. Or you can make a cash donation which will be gratefully accepted into the bank account: NL Cartledge, BSB: 016251. Account: 901607803, Reference: (name of donorator). Again we send Sam and Lucy all our best wishes.

Booking Travel
For any OLC Family or Staff Member who makes a new booking from 1 MARCH to 31 DECEMBER 2015, the Team at helloworld Dunsborough will donate 1% of the booking value (excluding taxes) to the OLC P&F.
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WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES
AND WELCOME BACK TO THE OLD...
FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 5-8pm
$20 per FAMILY FOR
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
AND AN ICE-CREAM FOR THE KIDS

BYO PICNIC AND DRINK
SOCCER MUSTER WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 10th MARCH at the DUNSBOROUGH PLAYING
FIELDS from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Any child who will be 5 years by the end of the year is eligible to play.
All Registrations must be completed ONLINE and WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY 13th MARCH 2015
Go to www.myfootballclub.com.au and click on Players to register
DON’T MISS OUT
**BUSSELTON JUNIOR SQUASH CLUB**

62 West Street, Busselton – FRIDAY’S DURING SCHOOL TERMS (app.10 weeks) 4.00PM – 5.30PM

$5.00 PER WEEK (plus $1 racket hire)

RACKETS, BALLS, EYEWEAR, COACHES & SUPERVISION ALL PROVIDED

PLEASE WEAR APPROPRIATE SPORTS SNEAKERS

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**Junior Rugby Club**

Busselton Jets Junior Rugby

21st March 2015

10 – 12 noon

Busselton Foreshore

(End of West St)

Ages 4 – 17 welcome

Birth certificate required.

busseltonjets@gmail.com

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**Learn about Your World**

Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2015 like Nele, who is 15, is outgoing and positive and who likes being involved in her community. Together with her school-mates, she had organised a fundraiser effort involving participation in a 300-km hiking trail into the Black Forest. Besides playing the piano and saxophone in a band, she also performs in street festivals and helps out at the farmers’ market. Prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Students arrive in July 2015 for one term, one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Spain all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit our website [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email us at scceaus@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501.

*photo of previous student*