

# Message Stick

To all members of the Catholic Education family



Catholic Education  
Diocese of Rockhampton

## Reflection from Pope Francis

Let us learn, like Mary, to draw near to Jesus in these days of Holy Week, so that we may arrive at the joy of the Resurrection.

**Please remember in your prayers those members of our Catholic Education Family who are unwell at this time.**

**Steven Senini**, husband of Deanne Senini, APC St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Park Avenue.

**Wednesday 27 March 2024**

Good morning everyone

*This edition of Message Stick has been distributed early as our far western communities conclude Term 1 today.*

Greetings to all from the Central West where I have been accompanying Bishop Michael visiting all our schools and colleges in Springsure, Emerald and Clermont. Once again, we have had a delightful time connecting with staff and students on our many classroom visits where we have been so warmly welcomed with wonderful country hospitality. I extend my sincere appreciation to all for making these visits so enjoyable.

There was much excitement at Marist College, Emerald during our visit, as final preparations were underway for their musical production of *Annie JR*. I extend my best wishes to cast and crew and all involved in the performance as they take to the stage this evening.

Holy Week, the most significant week in our Church calendar, commenced with Palm Sunday on the weekend and tomorrow, on Holy Thursday, we begin the Easter Triduum liturgies commemorating our Lord's suffering, his crucifixion and death on Good Friday and his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. You are invited to take time this Easter to join in these important liturgies to unite as a community of believers connected by faith in the Risen Christ and a love of God and of neighbour.

As this busy term draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your ongoing commitment and dedication to our school communities and the ministry of Catholic Education. May God's many blessings be with you this Easter and may the student vacation period provide you with time to rest, relax and refresh in the company of family and loved ones.

God bless,

*Leesa*

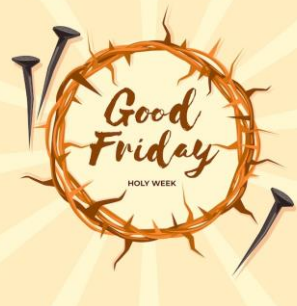
**The celebration of the Easter Triduum** invites us to *Remember, Respond and Ponder*. Holy Thursday, go out and serve rather than be served. Good Friday, the victory of love over hatred. The Easter Vigil, the Church's night of nights approaches.

Holy Thursday; Remembering the boundless grace of Jesus. Responding as servants of one another. Pondering a quiet and prayerful place.

Good Friday; Remembering suffering and victory. Responding, our sign of glory and victory. Pondering in reverent silence.

The Easter Vigil; Remembering bringing light into the world. Responding, being the body of Christ for others. Pondering, sent out into the world, to live what we have celebrated.

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