



By The Way



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Our Lady of the Way Parish Weekend Mass times: Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 8am and 9:30am.
Weekday Mass times: Wednesday 9:15am, Thursday 8:15am, Friday 7:15am
All welcome!

Principal's Message

AROUND THE Grounds @ OLOW

Dear Our Lady of the Way Community

Over the last two weekends we have attended First Holy Communion at Our Lady of the Way Parish. It is always a delight to be able to celebrate this special time with our students and their families. Congratulations to the following students from our school and parish

20th March	27th March
<p>Mikayla Blazek Amelia Bolton Abby Calleja Grace Carey Kye Chapman Maria Chircop Makenzie Clarke Tanner Clarke Mackenzie Degnan Lara Dwyer Sienna Fitzsimmons Luke Hamilton Abby Hurst Dylan Jones Mya Kelly Aidan Latty Chloe Leggatt Jett Levy Dylan McDonald Emily McDonald Harrison Middleton Olivia Scott Bailey Stonehouse Rosemary Toby Olivia Walker Isabella Zinghini</p>  	<p>Jewel Bahlmann Jake Callaghan Eva Curry Eli Downey Aiden Dyrka Ava Dyrka Beau Ewings Amara Frank Luka Kuster Edward Lennon Oliver MacLennan Mia McGrath Ruby Murphy Chloe Sacco Samuel Smith Xavier Schubert Thomas Tabor Lola Troitsin</p> 

Holy Week - March 28 - April 3, 2021

Holy Week is the week before Easter Sunday, beginning seven days before with Palm Sunday. It ends with Holy Saturday. Easter is not part of Holy Week, but rather the beginning of the Easter season of the Liturgical year. [Holy Week](#) .

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the triumphant entry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, into Jerusalem, riding a donkey. On that day, the people laid palms before Him, a gesture reserved for triumphant leaders. We celebrate this at Mass by distributing palms to the faithful who may keep them for a time for use as devotional objects. The palms are blessed at Mass. The faithful sometimes craft portions of palm fronds into crosses. Eventually, these palms are returned to the Church where they are burned. Traditionally, their ashes are saved and distributed at next year's Ash Wednesday services.

Later, when Jesus entered the Temple, he angrily drove out the money changers who had turned the Temple court into a place of business instead of devotion. Once the court was cleared, Jesus began teaching the masses. Meanwhile, His enemies drew plans to kill Him.

The next major event in Holy Week is Holy Thursday. On this day, Jesus celebrated the Passover feast with the disciples. We know this feast as the Last Supper. This is the night He was betrayed by Judas and arrested.

The Last Supper is celebrated at every Mass, and especially on Holy Thursday.

After supper, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and prayed. From this event comes inspiration for our practice of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, where we are invited to spend one hour in prayer with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist; Body, Blood, and Divinity.

Jesus was arrested on the night of Holy Thursday.

The next day is Good Friday, and on this day, we commemorate the trial, punishment, and crucifixion of Our Lord.

On that morning, Jesus was brought before Annas, a powerful Jewish cleric who condemned Jesus for blasphemy. From there, Jesus was presented to Pilate for trial. Although Pilate found no guilt in Jesus, he agreed to have him crucified to appease the crowd of people and prevent a riot.

Christ was stripped, flogged, and crowned with thorns. He was then forced to carry His Cross to the place of His execution. There, He was nailed to the Cross between two thieves who were likewise crucified. Late that afternoon, seeking to ensure Christ's death, a Roman guard stabbed him in his side with a spear. When Jesus died, an earthquake is said to have occurred as well as a great darkness which covered the land. Suddenly, many people knew Jesus was the Son of God.

Jesus was taken and laid quickly in a borrowed tomb, in accord with Jewish law, which required the dead be buried by sundown before the Sabbath.

In our churches, the Tabernacle is left empty, to show that Christ is departed.

On Holy Saturday, there is no Mass. Parishes may hold services, but there is no distribution of Communion.

On Holy Saturday, we remember that Jesus was descended into hell where He preached the Gospel to those who died before and opened the way to heaven for all those who were worthy.

This concludes Holy Week. The following day is Easter Sunday, the day on which it was discovered the Tomb was empty, and our Lord was resurrected, triumphing over death once and for all time.

(Source: <https://www.catholic.org/lent/holyweek.php>)





**INVITATION TO ALL
FROM OUR LADY OF THE WAY PARISH - TO ATTEND**

HOLY WEEK & EASTER CELEBRATIONS 2021—TIMETABLE:

Holy Thursday: 1st April	7.30 pm
Good Friday: 2nd April—Stations of the Cross	10.00 am
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	3.00 pm
EASTER VIGIL MASS: 3RD APRIL	7.30 pm
EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: 4TH APRIL	8.00 am & 9.30 am
RECONCILIATION DURING HOLY WEEK:	
Tuesday: 30th March	9.00am—10.00am
Wednesday: 31st March	9.30am—10.00am
Holy Thursday 1st April	9.00am—10.00am

**To all our parish families: May this Easter bring blessings and
renewal into your lives. May the Peace of God which
surpasses understanding be with you all.
Fr. Michael & the OLOW Parish Team.**

GOD LOVES YOU WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The teachers and students of Our Lady of the Way have put together a reflection of the seven most significant moments in the last week of the life of Jesus. They are displayed on the fence which runs alongside our netball court. If you are not able to visit our 'Stations of the Cross', below are the QR codes that will link you to the videos that were created by each class and a short reflection/ prayer that you might join in as a family. The images that we have chosen for each station is a piece of indigenous artwork to make connection with our First Nation people.

Station 1: Palm Sunday (Kindergarten)



Reflection:

The symbol of this day is the palm. When you think of these symbols of love and hate, think about your own relationships. Can you sometimes be fickle; loving one moment, and not the next? Jesus, the King, invites each one of us to faithfully follow Him.

Prayer:

Dear God, as we celebrate Palm Sunday help us to remember that day when all the adults and children waved palm branches and cheered as Jesus entered Jerusalem as King. We know Jesus rose from the dead and is alive. Help us to remember that he is our wonderful King and that we can praise him everyday! In Jesus' name. Amen.

Station 2: The Washing of the Feet (Year 1)



Action:

As Jesus washed his disciples feet he showed them an example of how we should serve others. He told the disciples they should go and do the same. Jesus also encourages us to serve others.

As a symbol of washing each others feet, make the sign of the cross on the hand of the person next to you.

Prayer:

Jesus help us to understand what you have done. Help us to love as you do, to serve others and care for them as you did. Amen.

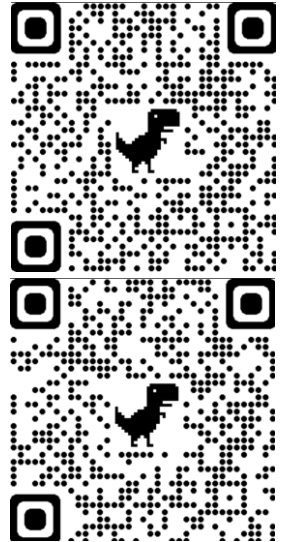
Station 3: The Last Supper (Year 2)

**Prayer:**

Jesus you give yourself to us as Bread and Wine because you love us and want to be with us always. Help us to remember your love and to share your love with those who are sad and in need. Help us Jesus to love as you love.

Action:

Let us pray the Lord's prayer together...



Station 4: In the Garden of Gethsemane (Year 3)

**Reflection:**

All of us need help sometimes. Just before he was arrested, when Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane, he turned to His Father for help. What do you need help with?

Prayer:

As we remember Jesus' suffering and His love for our world, let us pray for all who suffer pain like Jesus did...(Pause)

Those who suffer from war and violence...(Pause)

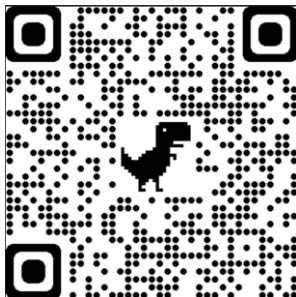
Those who are hungry, poor and lonely...(Pause)

Those who are not treated fairly and are without love...(Pause)

Those whom we love who are hurting and sad...(Pause)

We Pray together...

Help us Jesus to share your life with others. Amen.



Station 5: Jesus is Condemned to Death (Year 4)



Reflection:

Jesus, you stand alone before Pilate. No one speaks up for you. No one helps defend you. All your life you helped others, listened to them, cared for those who were poor and excluded. They don't seem to remember that as they prepare to put you to death.

Prayer:

Jesus, it is hard to imagine how you stayed quiet when so many people wanted to hurt you. Be with me when I feel afraid. Remind me to trust in God's love for me.

Jesus, give me the strength and courage that I need to stand up for those who are treated unfairly and unjustly. Help me pray for those who have hurt me.

Station 6: Jesus Carries His Cross (Year 5)



Reflection:

Jesus, as you accepted your cross, you knew you would carry it to your death on Calvary. You knew it wouldn't be easy, but you accepted it and carried it just the same.

Sometimes I don't like the problems that come my way. Sometimes I try to get others to take care of them or solve them for me. Sometimes I become upset when I'm asked to do even the smallest thing to help others.

Prayer:

Almighty Father, Jesus carried His cross without complaint. When I am tempted to complain, help me to remember Jesus and the cross he carried for me. Give me the courage and the strength that I need to be brave.

Station 7: The Crucifixion (Year 6)



Reflection:

You are stretched out on the cross you have carried so far. The soldiers take big nails and drive them into your hands and feet. You feel abandoned by the people you loved so much. You have done nothing but good, yet they treat you so cruelly.

As a child, sometimes I hurt others. Sometimes I join with friends and decide not to like another. We gang up against another and cause them hurt and pain. Sometimes I say or do hurtful things to my brothers and sisters.



Prayer:

Jesus, I can't imagine the agony of having nails driven through my hands and feet. Yet, in the midst of your pain you forgave those who did this terrible deed. Grant me the courage to forgive when I am wounded by others.

LEARNING NEWS

MATHEMATICS

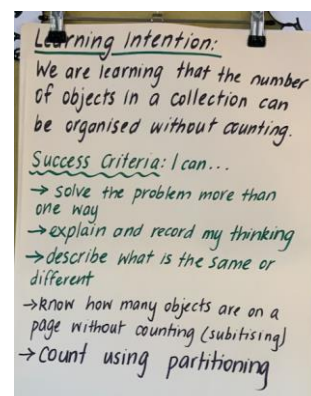
Students have been exploring rich mathematical tasks using the following instructional model of student-centred inquiry learning experiences.



1. Teachers Anticipate the lesson and student responses
2. Teachers Launch the lesson
3. Students Explore
4. Teachers and Students Summarise / Review
5. Teachers Re-launch
6. Students Re-explore
7. Teachers and Students Re-summarise / Re-review

To be successful, students are asked the following in all learning experiences:

- to solve the problem in more than one way,
- to explain and record their thinking,
- to describe what is the same or different.



PBS4L

During Term One we have had the opportunity to revisit our Agreements and Expectations related to our PBS4L framework. PBS4L stands for Positive Behaviour Support for Learning and helps all members of our community know and understand how we can "Live Respectfully", "Act Responsibly" and 'Learn Together'.

The top section of the table below unpacks our school agreements and the behaviours we expect in all settings. The bottom section unpacks our expectations in other areas at school. Students have been engaged in lessons to help develop consistency in the way and the behaviours have been reinforced with lots of 'free and frequent' feedback.

'At Our Lady of the Way...'

We live respectfully			We act responsibly			We learn together			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We listen attentively We are inclusive and value others We use kind words and kind actions 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are in charge of our actions We are in the right place at the right time We take care of all property and the environment We keep our hands and feet to ourselves 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are active participants We are striving to do our personal best We are resilient and have a growth mindset We are collaborative with our peers 			
	Playgrounds	Canteen	Toilets	Stairwells / Verandahs	Office	Bus / Walkers / Waiters	Assembly	Church	Technology
We live respectfully	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We play by the rules of the game We put rubbish in the bin We invite and include others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We join the end of the queue We wait in line patiently for our turn We speak politely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have only one person per cubicle. We flush the toilet We keep the toilets clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We wait our turn and move carefully around others We touch our own bags and belongings Our belongings go inside our bags and our bags remain closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We patiently wait for assistance We speak politely 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are active listeners at all times We sing the National Anthem We join in praying together 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We join in with prayers, responses and singing We speak at the right times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We close devices when the teacher is speaking We plug the device in when finished
We act responsibly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We wear our hat We stay in bounds We follow instructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We help others We buy for ourselves only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We take a partner We wash our hands We turn taps off properly We return to class promptly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We walk up and down the stairs and on the verandahs We take one step at a time We keep bags against the wall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We walk to and from the office We ask permission to go to the office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We cross the road at the crossing We remain seated on the bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We sit with our hands and feet to ourselves We stand with our hands and feet to ourselves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We sit with our legs and arms still 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We access teacher approved sites only We walk whilst holding technology with two hands We use technology when, where and how we are told.
We learn together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We respond promptly to bells We are problem solvers We are welcoming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We place lunch orders before school starts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We go to the bathroom during our break times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We remain seated in a given area on the verandah 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We complete our task and return to class straight away 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We go straight to lines after dismissal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We think about what is being shared 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We use technology as a learning tool We follow the ICT guidelines

A challenge for everyone during the holidays might be to think about the agreements that your family likes to operate by and consider unpacking what the behaviours might look like in your setting.



At OLOW we have been using a data platform called Compass to record our student data. In Term 2 the parent portal on Compass will be opened for parents to access.

Why the move to Compass?

Compass is a platform implemented by CEDP for all schools in the diocese and is in the process of moving all data to this platform. By moving to Compass it allows us to have all our data and communication on one platform.

What does this mean?

This means that all communication for parents will be through Compass which means we will move away from using the skoolbag app for sharing information.

What will I be able to access?

Through compass you will have access to the following:

- All newsletters, any other notes or messages that would have usually been sent out on skoolbag.
- Alerts of absences so you can complete an absent note on Compass.
- School reports. This means school reports will no longer be printed out and sent home, they will be accessed via Compass.
- Booking interviews for such things as Parent/Student/Teacher conferences, MAI testing.

When will this happen?

We are in the process of having the parent portal set up and will keep you updated as we move closer to the portal being opened in Term 2. We will allow for a transition period from Skoolbag to Compass (this means communication will be on both platforms for a short period of time)

How will I access Compass?

Each family will receive login details and once you have logged in you will be able to see details regarding your child/ren.

We will keep you updated as we move forward to the use of the Parent Portal on Compass.

YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION TERM 2 THURSDAY 22-FRIDAY 23 APRIL 2021

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.





7th May	Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea and Liturgy 1.30pm
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When: Friday 7th May, 2021

Time: 1.30pm

Where: Our Lady of the Way, Emu Plains Playground

This year for Mothers' Day we will be mixing it up a bit. We invite you to bring a blanket and some afternoon tea to have with your child(ren). After the afternoon break we will celebrate a liturgy together.



Date	Event
1st April	Last day of Term 1
19th April	First day of Term 2 - All students return in Sport Uniform
19th April	Easter Prayer - Morning Assembly - 8:45am (All welcome to attend)
22nd - 23rd April	Year 6 Canberra Trip
23rd April	ANZAC Day Assembly - 2pm (All welcome to attend)
25th April	ANZAC Day
26th April	Staff Development Day - Pupil Free Day
27th April	Year CARES Excursion (Group A)
28th April	School Tour for new enrolments (9.30am - 10.45am)
29th April	Year CARES Excursion (Group B)
7th May	Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea and Liturgy 1.30pm
Monday, 31 May to Friday, 25 June	Tell Them from Me Online Survey (More details to follow)



Congratulations to all our winners in our Easter Egg raffle.

There were over 100 winners.

1st prize: Emma Clarke

2nd prize: Thomas Tabor

3rd prize: James Willis

Thank you to everyone that supported this fundraiser.



Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- * School newsletters
- * Notices
- * Events
- * Cancellations
- * Reminders
- * ...and more!

**INSTALLATION
INSTRUCTIONS**

Just download the "SkoolBag" app on your phone, open the app and add our school!

Gateway Family Services

Term 2, 2021

Parenting Programs Summary



Program	Date & Time	Location	Registration
No Scaredy Cats <i>Strategies to help your child reduce anxiety & build resilience. This group will assist you to understand how anxiety develops & how to offset its progress whilst providing some strategies for its management.</i>	Every Monday 17th May - 31st May 9:30am - 11:30am <i>* Childcare available</i>	WinCAMP 56 Whitecross Road, WINMALEE	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
Tuning In To Kids <i>Emotionally Intelligent Parenting Learning to better talk & understand your child to help manage your child's emotions & behaviour.</i>	Every Monday 3rd May - 31st May 9:30am - 11:30am <i>* Childcare available</i>	Katoomba Public School Merriwa Street, KATOOMBA	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching <i>Learn how to understand & manage your child's difficult behaviour. Suitable for parents with 2 -12 year olds.</i>	Every Thursday 6th May - 20th May 10:00am - 12noon <i>* NO Childcare available</i>	Gateway Family Services (Penrith premises) Cnr Henry & Station Street, PENRITH	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
Circle of Security <i>Learn how to be a strong, wiser & kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0 -12 year old.</i>	Every Wednesday 5th May - 23rd June 7:30pm - 9:00pm <i>* NO Childcare available</i>	ONLINE via ZOOM	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)

For more information and Individual Flyers go to:

www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au or www.facebook.com/GatewayFS

Gateway Family Services parenting programs are funded by DSS and DCJ.

Gateway works collaboratively with community partners to bring parent groups to communities from St Marys to Blackheath.

Thanks to MMM for providing childcare for the Daytime groups.

Gateway encourages, supports & respects diversity in families & communities. Our Groups are open to everyone.

