Weekly Prayer: The Forgiving Father
The story of the forgiving father, often referred to as the Parable of the Prodigal Son, reminds us of God’s unfathomable love for us; as a people, as a community, as an individual. We are loved when we leave God, we are loved when we squander opportunities, we are loved when we return to God and acknowledge our failings – unbounded, unconditional, unfathomable.

Let us pray that our actions reflect the message in this story; our actions of welcome, of respect, of care. As a Resurrection people, we long for a new hope, a new life and a new start. We offer this prayer through the great teller of parables, the rebellious Jew, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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DEAR FAMILIES,

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL: Last night at our second meeting for the year, we discussed the purpose of the advisory council. Over the coming months we will be reviewing the existing policy and modifying/updating its contents. If you would like to contribute to this discussion, please contact one of the Advisory Council members, or Mark Miatello or myself. Current members of this group are; Effie Doganieri, Marylise Tallent, Lisa Vella, Natalie Penza, Audrey Colbert, Karen Colaco, Brendan Lavery. Also discussed were some ideas that each member brought to the table regarding the ongoing improvement of the school – physical appearance, pastoral concerns, parental involvement and educational programs.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Coming home this week will be the “Just one thing” commitment letter for all families. We ask you to seriously consider how you might be involved in our community. You might happy to be involved in more than one thing but if you can only manage one thing, be assured of our appreciation for that.

WORKING BEE: A small but dedicated band helped out on Saturday morning pruning roses, cleaning and refilling sandpits, tidying the garden areas and moving soil and sand. We thank you for your attendance. It would be great to see a few more families at the Term II working bee as there is always plenty to do.

May God bless you,

John Connors
PRINCIPAL
Advanced Notice:

Our Term 2 will begin on Wednesday 13th April for students.
There will be no school for students on the 11th and 12th April.

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**STORY TIME**

MacKillop Room
Fridays from 2.45pm - 3.15pm
Parents please come for story time with pre school children

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**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH**

School photo information will be sent home soon with your child.

Please ensure all students are in FULL SUMMER UNIFORM ONLY on the school photo day (NO RUNNERS).

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**SPORTS NEWS**

What a great day we had on Monday for our school cross country trials! Every child who participated should be congratulated for their amazing efforts, good behaviour and encouraging attitudes! The top ten boys and top ten girls from each age group will be making up our district team to compete against the other schools in the area on the 27th April. Permission notes will be sent home closer to the date.

Many thanks to all the parents who helped us on the day too, without your help school events like this are very difficult to run!

We would also like to remind all students that Resurrection Runners Club is up and running very Thursday from 8.30am (weather permitting). Anyone can participate as long as they bring their runners along to wear for it!
**PARISH NEWS**

**Only Two More Opportunities**
There are just two more opportunities to participate in our Parish Mission during this “Year of Mercy”.

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**Check if you are on a Roster**
Parishioners committed to a Parish Ministry are reminded that the roster for the following week is published in our weekly bulletin. Rosters for the following month appear in our monthly Big Bulletin. Next week’s roster is also pinned to the church noticeboard near the hall doors. Rosters also may be accessed on our Web [www.res-parish.org](http://www.res-parish.org)

**Parish Ministries -Holy Week**
If you can help in any way, during Holy Week, Mass ministries, Hospitality, Proclaimers of the Word, Special Communion Minister, Data Projectionist, Camera operator, etc and don't forget we will need Carpark attendants, **PLEASE** call 9367 8177 or email Pauline.debrincat@cam.org.au before 7th March as Rosters need to be prepared.

**19 Seconds**
At the conclusion of Mass do you know it takes the priest 19 seconds to reverence the altar and walk to the narthex?
The idea that we just wander off when we choose needs to be challenged. The end of Mass comes with a commission to go and proclaim the Gospel. It is very specific and comes immediately after the final blessings. It is also a long-standing mark of respect to wait until the priest has passed your row before you leave your seat.

**2nd Rite of Reconciliation**
A 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated in our church on Tuesday 22 March commencing at 7pm. Fr Noel will be assisted by 12 priests.

**St Vinnies**
Great response so far from parishioners taking shopping bags with the intent of bringing them back full of groceries on Holy Thursday night for the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. The groceries are then distributed to those in need in our parish and beyond.
This is a Corporal Work of Mercy thus is a sign of the Spirit of the Risen Jesus in a person’s life.
Please do not give “out of date” groceries as they have to be thrown out making addition work for the very busy small group of parishioners who make up our St Vincent de Paul Group.
Remember if the groceries are no good for you they are no good for anybody else.

**Changed Mass Times**
Please note that our 9am Mass for both Palm Sunday and Easter will commence 15 minutes early i.e. 8.45am.

**Blessing of Easter Food**
The traditional blessing of Easter food will take place in our church on Saturday 26 March at 9am.
Easter Timetable

**Passion (Palm)**

**Sunday**
Sunday 20 March
Masses: Saturday 6pm
Sunday: 8.45am and 10.30am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**
(2\(^{nd}\) Rite)
Tuesday 22 March – 7.00pm
Sacrament celebrated by Fr Noel and 12 priests

**Holy Thursday**
24 March – 7.30pm
Mass of the Lord’s Supper

**Good Friday**
Stations of the Cross – 10.00am
Celebration of the
Lord’s Passion – 3.00pm

**Easter Vigil**
Saturday 26 March – 8.00pm
Blessing of Easter fire,
Pascal Candle – Baptism and Confirmation

**Easter Sunday**
Sunday 27March
Easter Masses 8.45am and 10.30am

**Foot Washing**
Part of the “Mass of the Lord’s Supper” celebrated on Holy Thursday night consists of parishioners having their feet washed by priests. This ritual act reminds that at the Last Supper Jesus washed the feet of his disciples.
Parishioners are invited to participate in this liturgical action by having their feet washed. Please leave your name at the Parish Office if you would like to participate.

**Palm Branches**
Any parishioner who is able to supply palm (large and small) branches this year for Palm (Passion) Sunday 20 March is asked to contact the Parish Office.

**Resurrection 40\(^{th}\) Anniversary Celebration**
On 21\(^{st}\) February 2016 our parish celebrated 40\(^{th}\) years of serving the community. Thanks to the social group, school council and parishioners for all your hard work and dedication in making this day a success.

**Chairs for Sale**
Should anyone be interested in purchasing any of the old chairs they are still for sale for $20 each or $150 for 10 chairs. Please contact the parish office on 9367 8177 or e-mail kingspark@cam.org.au