



31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021

My Dear LSPS Students,

Easter, also called Resurrection Day, is a holiday. Among Christians, it is a celebration of Jesus Christ returning from the dead. Christians believe that it is the holiest day in the year. Some people who are not Christians celebrate it as the beginning of Spring.



Jesus died on the cross about 2000 years ago in a city called Jerusalem

(most of Jerusalem is in the modern country of Israel). The people

who killed him did so because they believed that he was causing trouble for the government, and because he was claiming to be the Messiah. When they crucified him, they even hung a sign over his head, which said, "King of the Jews." The day he was crucified is known by Christians as Good Friday.

The New Testament states that on the Sunday after Jesus was killed, his body was no longer in the tomb where he was laid. Later, Jesus is said to have appeared to over 500 people and preached to them. The New Testament teaches that the resurrection of Jesus is



what Christianity is based on. The resurrection made people believe that Jesus was the powerful Son of God. It is also spoken of as proof that God will judge the world fairly. Christians believe that God has given Christians "a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead". Christians believe that through faith in God they are spiritually made alive with Jesus so that they may lead a new life.



Interesting facts about Easter:

1. The date of Easter changes every year. This is because Easter falls on the first Sunday after the full moon following the March equinox. However, this always occurs on or between 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 25<sup>th</sup> April.
2. Easter marks the end of the 40-day period of Lent, which is a traditional time of fasting that begins on Ash Wednesday.
3. The week before Easter is known as Holy Week. This begins on Palm Sunday and includes Holy Thursday (the day of the Last Supper), Good Friday (the day of Christ's crucifixion) and Holy Saturday (the time between the crucifixion and resurrection).



4. Eggs are associated with Easter because eggs (along with milk and meat) were forbidden during Lent. Any remaining eggs would be used up on the day before Lent, which is also known as Pancake Tuesday. The eggs accumulated during Lent would then be eaten at Easter.
5. Eggs are also associated with Easter since they are a symbol of fertility and rebirth, linking them with springtime and with the celebration of the resurrection.
6. Decorating Easter eggs first began with the custom of staining eggs red to symbolise the blood shed by Christ during the crucifixion.
7. The word 'Easter' comes from *Ēosturmōnath* (meaning Easter month), an Old English name for the month of April, which was named after *Ēostre*, the Pagan goddess of spring and fertility.



### Class Award - Best Lasallian Gentleman (First Term)

Congratulations to the Best Lasallian Gentlemen from P.1-3 classes.

I expect all of you to be Lasallian Gentlemen at all times. Remember the three areas: deeds, thoughts and manners. Class teachers have nominated one student per class who they feel best demonstrates the qualities of being a Lasallian Gentleman. A gentle reminder that we shall have the Best Lasallian Gentleman Award for each term.



## Best Lasallian Gentleman (First Term)



Well done!



- 1A Yeung Tsz Ting
- 1B Tang Chun Ki Joaquin
- 1C Tam Chi Yin
- 1D Law Tsz Ching
- 1E Ng Hay Yan
- 1F So Yat Shan



- 2A Pang Pak Yeung Perren Asher
- 2B Leung Long Kiu
- 2C Lau Tak Yi
- 2D Siu Tsz Chun Zachary
- 2E Cheuk Yin Tung Clement
- 2F Luk Myles



- 3A To Tsz Long Andrew
- 3B Kan Tze Yeung
- 3C Lee Ronic Marc
- 3D Yeung Tsz Kam
- 3E Chak Cheuk Lam Tyler
- 3F Wong Chun Chit



Here is a prayer I want to share with all of you:

**We Are One with the Risen Christ**

Lord we lift our hearts to you. As the dawn breaks, may we carry the unity we share into every moment knowing that we are one with the risen Christ. Lord, we lift our eyes to you. As the sun rises, may this moment stay with us, reminding us to look for the beautiful colours of promise in your word. Lord, we lift our prayers to you. As the dew air falls, may we breathe this morning in and know that like the earth, you sustain us, keep us and work within us always. And so, we lift our voices to you. We celebrate the greatest day in history, when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light. May we ever live to praise you!

Amen.

**St. John Baptist de la Salle,**

**Pray for us.**

**Live Jesus in our hearts,**

**Forever!**

