

**Daily Readings from the Bible
and Prayers for the school community**

WEEK 3

6th-7th April 2020

This week we have chosen readings to answer the question: "How can we best prepare for Easter at this strange time?"

<p>Monday</p>	<p>John 12: 12-16 Jesus arrives in Jerusalem <i>The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took plam branches and went out to meet him, shouting,</i> <i>'Hosanna!'</i> <i>'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'</i> <i>'Blessed is the king of Israel!'</i> <i>Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written:</i> <i>'Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;</i> <i>see, your king is coming,</i> <i>seated on a donkey colt.'</i> <i>At first his disciples did not understand all this.</i> <i>Only after Jesus was glorified did they realise that these things had beenw written about him and that these things had been done to him.</i> Prayer: Everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race, sent your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Further reading: Psalm 57 – <i>I will take refuge in the shadown of your wings until the disaster has passed.</i></p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>John 12: 20-26 "We would like to see Jesus" <i>Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee with a request. 'Sir', they said, 'we would like to see Jesus.'</i> Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. <i>Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But, if it dies, it produces many seeds.</i> <i>Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.</i> <i>Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.</i> Prayer: Stir up your power, O God, and come among us. Heal our wounds, calm our fears and give us peace; through Jesus our Redeemer. Amen. Further reading: Psalm 62 – <i>My soul finds rest in God alone.</i></p>

