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As we approach the end of our Lenten journey the children may be encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in their parishes. During the first week of April we will focus on the events of Holy Week. Resources, including the Stations of the Cross, are available on <http://education.dublindiocese.ie/2014/03/05/stations-of-the-cross/>

The Easter season will continue to be celebrated when we return to school. Lessons on the Resurrection may be taught/revised at this time.

*“Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over … death.”* Pope Francis, Easter 2016

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| **Class** | **Theme** | **Lessons** | **Prayers to be taught/**  **revised include…** |
| Junior Infants  (*Grow in Love*) | Theme 7:  Holy Week and Easter | Lesson 2: Jesus Dies on the Cross  Lesson 3: An Easter Surprise | Hail Mary  Grace Before and After Meals |
| Senior Infants  (*Grow in Love*) | Theme 7:  Holy Week and Easter | Lesson 2: Jesus Dies on the Cross  Lesson 3: Jesus is Alive | Alleluia  Our Father  The Sign of the Cross |
| 1st Class  (*Grow in Love*) | Theme 7:  Holy Week and Easter | Lesson 1: Jesus in Jerusalem  Lesson 2: Jesus is Risen | Sanctus  Mass responses |
| 2nd Class  (*Grow in Love*) | Theme 7:  Holy Week and Easter | Lesson 1: The Death of Jesus  Lesson 2: The Resurrection | Mystery of Faith,  Alleluia, Confiteor, Kyrie  **Note**: Liturgy Preparation Sheet and suggested Scripture Readings for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time are available on the ***Grow in Love*** website under the heading, ***Professional Development*** |
| 3rd Class  (*Alive-O5*) | Holy Week and Easter | T2 L10: Holy Week  T3 L1: We are an Easter People | Sanctus  Mystery of Faith  Stations of the Cross  The Apostle’s Creed |
| 4th Class  (*Alive-O6*) | Holy Week and Easter | T2 L9: Jesus’ Never-ending Love  (Holy Week)  T3 L1: The Risen Jesus | Stations of the Cross  Mystery of Faith  Prayer to Jesus |
| 5th Class  (*Alive-O7*) | Holy Week and Easter | T2 L12: Holy Week  T3 L1: Easter | Stations of the Cross  Mystery of Faith  The Apostle’s Creed |
| 6th Class  (*Alive-O8*) | Holy Week and Easter | T2 L8: Holy Week  T3 L1: Easter | Stations of the Cross  Mystery of Faith  Regina Caeli |

**Prayer Space**

The liturgical colour for Easter is white; for Pentecost, red, and following Pentecost (4th June) we return to Ordinary Time, which is represented by the colour green. The class Bible should also be on the prayer space open on a relevant page, to remind the children of Holy Week / Easter.

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| **Calendar** | ***Upcoming......*** |
| 9th April: Palm Sunday  13th April: Good Friday (day of fast and abstinence)  16th April: Easter Day of the Lord’s Resurrection | 16th May: Feast of St Brendan (*Alive-O5*, T3, L8)  28th May: The Ascension of the Lord |