

An Easter message

Dear Staff members, Parents, Guardians and Students,

This year, as we approach Easter, please allow me to share with you a brief reflection, part of which I shared with our Second Year Sixth form students and their parents as they celebrated their graduation ceremony a few days ago.

A few years ago, when I was in a different role, I used to work in a building with a sun dial installed on its façade. In the age of digital clocks on our mobiles, sun dials may not be in fashion anymore. However, coming to De La Salle and Stella Maris, I entered buildings with their own sun dials too, one right on the façade of the De La Salle gym and a beautiful ceramic one in the Stella Maris grounds.

The Sun dial is a beautiful metaphor for many things. It reminds us that our time in this life is inextricably linked to the natural world around us. It also reminds us that our time can also be unpredictable and fragile. The sun dial cannot work if the day is cloudy and it is also out of action at night. Life is like that too: we all go through periods when clouds may darken our life or seem like long nights with no light. However, the sun dial also reminds us that day always follows night and that the dawning of the sun brings the hope of a new day as time passes over the dial.

May Easter be a time when we feel this message of hope and renewal symbolised by the passage of light over a sun dial. Despite the challenges we may be facing, compounded as they are by the COVID pandemic, let us live Easter with this hope and positivity in our hearts.

As we approach the Easter period, let us always remember that by working together and caring for each other, we can keep alive the spirit of love and hope of the Resurrection.

We look forward to meet again after the Easter holidays.

While, at the moment, the present COVID guidelines for schools are still in force we will be keeping in touch as the start of the new term approaches to give direction about any changes which may be announced.

I would like to wish a blessed and peaceful Easter period to all students, parents and staff members.

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