This week ends with the twin emotions of sorrow and joy of the Easter season. Christ’s sacrifice for us on Good Friday sees scriptures fulfilled and the intersection of the divine and the human in God’s revelation to humanity. Jesus’ death on the Cross is a confronting image to ponder but one that also talks of God’s love for us. It is our Lenten preparation that reminds us of this and I hope that our students carry on those Lenten observations into not only the rest of 2016, but for the rest of their lives as an indication of their wholeness. Attendance at rosary, offering alms, prayerful reflections and sacrifices that have been the social justice focus of the last 40 – odd days of our students have been amazing examples to witness in their spiritual lives and keeping this up beyond Easter would be an echo of what the Easter message of hope is truly asking of us. I would like to wish all members of the Aquinas community a safe, happy and most of all a Holy Easter.

James Corcoran

Principal

Holy Week should be a special week

As we lead into Easter, Christians should set out to make Holy Week a special one by taking advantage of the tradition of Easter which tells us that it is not life as usual, rather a special time set apart from other times in the liturgical calendar. Just as we are doing here at Aquinas Catholic College this week I would encourage families to take time to talk about Holy Week, to explore the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection. There is no better way of doing this by engaging as a family/community in Holy Week ceremonies and traditions and by introducing symbols and rituals that speak directly to the heart of all Christians. The story of Jesus’ death and resurrection is at the very heart of our own existence and we should take time to
reflect on this in our own busy schedules as we should be never too busy and pre-occupied to not include Christ in our lives.

Wishing you a safe and Holy Easter 2016.

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