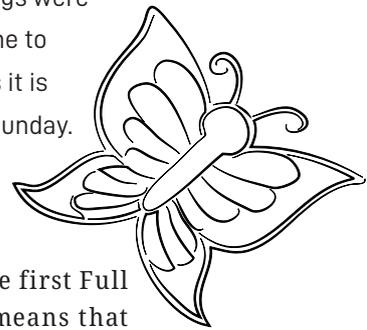




Dear
Children

Happy Easter to you all.

Easter is a season of hope. It is a time of new beginnings and new life. We are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. Resurrection means that Jesus rose from the dead. We know that Jesus loves us. Even before Easter was celebrated, our ancestors celebrated Spring at this time of year. Eggs were a symbol of new life and Spring was a time to celebrate new life and rebirth. Nowadays it is traditional to eat Easter eggs on Easter Sunday. I hope you enjoy your Easter eggs!



Easter falls on the Sunday after the first Full Moon after the 21st of March. That means that Easter Sunday is on a different date every year. It is traditional to eat lamb on Easter Sunday. This tradition goes back further than Easter and is connected to Passover, a Jewish festival.

Easter blessing:

May Christ, Our Risen Saviour, always be there by your side, to bless you and your family and be your loving guide. Amen.

It is important for us to remember to take a pause sometimes to say thank you to Jesus for the blessings we have received in our lives. Some of you might have learned that it feels good to share three good things every day – you might write these down in a special copy or maybe chat about them with your family while you have dinner together. You might say a prayer of thanks at night for all the good things that have happened during your day. You could also draw a special picture that shows you with all of your favourite things.

Exciting news!

In this edition I'd like to introduce you to a new section of my page: **'Ask a Salesian'**.

I know you love learning new things and that you have lots of questions about God and religion so I thought you might share some of these questions with my friends, the Salesians. They are looking forward to answering your questions. I will share the questions and answers with you so we can share the learning as we journey together.

Please send your questions to **Toby's page, c/o Salesian House, 45 St. Teresa's Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12, D12 XK52**

or email them to me at **toby@salesiansireland.ie**.

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon!

God bless,

Toby

