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## **EASTER MESSAGE FROM BISHOP OF SANDHURST LESLIE TOMLINSON**

Holy Week is term given to the very sacred time leading up to Easter. It is the week during which we recall the suffering and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Jesus remained resolute, even in the face of persecution, torture and death, to the Mission He received from his Father; the Mission of proclaiming God's love for all people.

During Holy Week we journey with Jesus, recalling the events of His suffering and death. In this journey we connect with Jesus, growing closer to Him and deepening our gratitude for His love of us. Strengthened by Jesus, we become ready to share in bringing the good news of God's love to others.

The resurrection of Jesus recognizes that the evil of the world could not defeat good by killing Jesus, and at Easter we celebrate that resurrection. We are filled with joy at the Father's raising of Jesus from the dead. As His disciples, we stand with Jesus in witnessing God's love in the world.

This call to discipleship is demanding. We are compelled to practice Jesus' compassion in self-giving and generosity by meeting the needs of the poor, the disadvantaged, the suffering and the lonely.

In situations where truth is denied and injustice promoted, we feel impelled in our discipleship to stand with Jesus in witnessing to truth and justice

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