



## **Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney 2018 Easter Message**

These days there is a lot of talk about free speech – are we really allowed to talk freely about faith?

It was the same in Jesus' day. The Roman rulers wanted to control the influence of religion on public life.

But there is also self-censorship – I remember my mother telling me there are three things you don't talk about - politics, religion and how much someone earns!

Christians naturally want to speak about their faith at Easter – after all, isn't the news of Jesus' defeat of death by his resurrection to life – the most important thing we can consider?

A recent survey revealed that when gathering with friends, more than half of all Australians are willing to talk about religion or spirituality. But the youngest Australians, Generation Z, are the most comfortable talking about it.

Many will tell you the so-called i-generation is rejecting faith – but I don't see that at all. The timeless events of Easter and Jesus' love for us are vital truths for everyone – at least Gen Z is willing to talk about it – are you?

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