

HOLY WEEK



What is Holy Week?

Holy Week is the most solemn week of the Catholic Church Liturgical year. It is the week leading up to Easter and is the week during which we particularly remember the last week of Jesus's life. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday (13th April 2025).

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday commemorates Christ's triumphant arrival in Jerusalem to the cheers of the crowd. The crowds laid down palm leaves and cloaks on the floor. This showed just how special Jesus' arrival to Jerusalem was. At church we wave palm crosses to remind us of not only this, but that Jesus would come to die on the cross for us.

The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!"
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
"Blessed is the King of Israel!"
John 12:12-13

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter. We, along with other Christians, remember it as the day when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and of the Last Supper, known as the Eucharist. The night of Maundy Thursday is the night on which Jesus was betrayed by Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus was praying to God. The washing of the feet is a symbolism that we are all called to serve God and one another. The Last Supper shows God's ultimate sacrifice: that He would allow His only son to die for us to take away the sin of mankind. Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane reminds us that we must always have faith in God's plan for us.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
John 12:12-13

Good Friday

This is one of the most important days for us as Catholics. It is the day that Jesus was crucified (when He died on the cross). This was following His sentence to death after large crowds insisted Pilate condemn Jesus to death and Barabbas be released. This was the day in which Jesus died to save us, the whole of humanity, and free us from sin. He became our sacrificial lamb.

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit
Luke 23:46

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday is the culmination of Holy Week. On Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We read the scripture about when Jesus' tomb was found empty. It is the most important Christian festival, and the one celebrated with the greatest joy. It reminds us that with God we have eternal life in His loving embrace.

He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.
Matthew 28: 6