



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School RE Newsletter

To enable every child to discover their talents, realise their potential and achieve their dreams by living, laughing and learning together, anchored in the love of Christ, always asking, "What would Jesus do?"

Our new topic is: Holy Week

What is Holy Week?

Holy Week is the last week of Lent, when we follow Jesus from Palm Sunday (the Sunday of Passion), the Sunday before Easter, to his death on Good Friday in preparation for his rising from the dead on Easter Sunday. This year, Holy Week begins on Sunday 24th March 2024.



The Events of Holy Week

- Palm Sunday: Accompanied by his disciples, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a colt, while crowds of people covered the streets ahead of him with their cloaks and with palm branches.
- Monday: Jesus chased the money-changers out of the Temple.
- Tuesday and (Spy) Wednesday: Jesus preached and taught in Jerusalem.
- Maundy Thursday: After washing the feet of the disciples, Jesus celebrated the Feast of the Passover, instituting the Sacrament of Holy Communion. After the supper, Jesus and his disciples went to Gethsemane to pray, where he was arrested by the Temple guard and taken away.
- Good Friday: Jesus was taken into Roman courts, before Pontius Pilate and Herod Antipas. Roman soldiers took him to Golgotha, the place of the skull, where he was crucified.
- Holy Saturday: Jesus rested in the tomb while his disciples observed the Sabbath.
- Easter Sunday: An angel met Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" at the tomb to tell them that Jesus was risen from the dead.



"They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance of the tomb. They went in, but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus." Luke 24:2-3



Our main themes in the Holy Week topic are different for each year group. We will learn:

Reception: Jesus died for us and we make the Sign of the Cross to remember him and what he did.

Year 1 & 2: Jesus suffered, died and rose again for us. The Stations of the Cross are explored.

Year 3: There is a focus on the Last Supper and its connection with Mass.

Year 4: Jesus died to redeem our sins. Further detail is also added to the events of Holy Week, with a focus on the change in mood that occurred during the week.

Year 5: The events of Holy Week show Jesus fulfilling all aspects of the Father's will.

Year 6: By dying on the cross, Jesus did what God the Father wanted and he overcame death.

You can find ideas for family activities to complete during Holy Week by following the link below:

<https://www.reallifeathome.com/holy-week-for-kids-holy-week-activities/>