
HOLY WEEK

THE JOURNEY TO THE CROSS



ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PALM SUNDAY

Monday 29th March

'Jesus rise into Jerusalem'

Jesus and His disciples arrived at the Mount of Olives just outside Jerusalem. He sent two of the disciples to the next village to collect a donkey and her foal. 'If anyone stops you, tell them that they are for me,' He said. They brought the animals to Jesus, and put cloaks on their backs so that Jesus could ride on them. When the people heard that Jesus was coming they laid their cloaks on the road before Him, and pulled branches off the palm trees to wave in the air. The crowds grew more and more excited and shouted at the top of their voices, 'Hosanna, Hosanna! Blessed is the one sent by the Lord.' Excitement filled the whole city, and some people asked, 'Who is this man?' The people answered them, 'It is Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

(Based on Matthew 21: 1-11)

A time to reflect...

Whats the biggest crowd you have ever found yourself in?

Is it easy to get caught up in the crowd?

Have you ever got caught up and gone with the crowd?

Do you think anyone still feels overwhelmed with joy over Jesus? Who?

Youtube...

God's story: Palm Sunday
(Crossroads Kids Club)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITmbTuutBgg&t=57s>

Skit Guys- Palm Sunday
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rdrcHLIs5c>

Hosanna- Hillsong Worship (song)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hnMevXQutyE>

Prayer for the day

Dear God, Thank you for sending your Son and paving the way for our lives to be set free through Jesus' death on the cross.
Thank you for what this day stands for - the beginning of Holy Week,
the start of the journey towards the power of the cross,
the victory of the Resurrection,
and the rich truth that Jesus truly is our King of Kings.
"Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord..."
Amen.

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Tuesday 30th March

'Mary's gift to Jesus'

Just before the Passover Feast, Jesus went to visit Martha and Mary and their brother Lazarus in Bethany. After sharing a meal together, Mary poured expensive ointment over the feet of Jesus and wiped it away with her long hair. The disciple called Judas said angrily, 'This precious ointment could have been sold, and the money given to the poor instead of being wasted like this!' Jesus said to Judas, 'Leave her alone! Mary has chosen wisely. You will always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me.'

(Based on John 12: 1-8)

A time to reflect...

Have you every been given an extravagant treat/gift?

Have you ever done something extravagant for someone else?

If you could do something for or give something to Jesus what would it be and why?

What could you do today to show your love for Jesus?



Youtube...

Mary Pours Perfume on Jesus | Bible Story | LifeKids
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cl-VSPLdqXk>

Prayer for the day

God, as we walk through Holy Week towards the cross,
may we remember that wonder of who you are.
Beyond sin your love is inexhaustible.
Beyond brokenness your forgiveness is incomprehensible.
Beyond betrayal your grace is poured out eternally.
Beyond death your life is unimaginable.
Beyond human understanding,
Your ways are always higher than ours.
Amen.

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Wednesday 31st March

'Betrayed'

As Jesus shared the Passover meal with His twelve closest friends He told them 'One of you will make me very sad tonight.'
The disciples were dismayed at His words. 'Surely you are mistaken, Lord!' But He answered, 'One of you sharing this very meal will hand me over to the enemies!'

'Lord, who will it be?' They asked.

'Whoever shares this bread with me,' He said, just as Judas Iscariot reached across and took a piece of bread from the same dish.

Then Jesus explained to His disciples that He would not be with them for much longer, and that they could not follow where He was going.

Peter said to him, 'Lord, I am ready to die for your sake!'

But Jesus told him that before the cockerel had crowed that same night, Peter would deny Him three times.

(Based on John 13: 21-33, 36-38)

A time to reflect...

Imagine you are there at the Last Supper during this conversation. If you were Judas how would you feel? If you were another disciple how would you feel?

Have you ever felt like you have been betrayed by someone? Have you ever betrayed someone? How did you feel?

Youtube...

God's Story: Peter Denies Jesus (Crossroads Kids' Club)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nHrpQc9G6k>

Follow: A Social Network Easter (Igniter Media)*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWCaXXKcHWE&t=17s>
*Teens and Adults

Prayer for the day

Lord God,
We tremble to think that it was one of Jesus' own friends who betrayed him.
One who sat by him, who broke bread with him.
Give us strength, we pray, to walk faithfully with Jesus,
even when the road we walk is rocky,
even when the message of the cross seems like foolishness,
and even when we feel betrayed.
You, Lord, are always faithful.
Amen.

THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Thursday 1st April

'The Last Supper'

As Jesus and His disciples were eating the Passover meal together, Jesus took some bread and said a prayer of blessing. He broke the bread and gave it to them, saying, 'Take this and eat it, this is my body.'

Then He took a cup of wine and said a prayer of thanks. He passed the cup to each of them and said, 'Take this and drink it, for this is my blood. Just as my Father promised, it will be poured out to save you from your sins.'

(Based on Matthews 26: 26-29)

A time to reflect...

How many times have you been to Mass and received Holy Communion?

Did you know the Mass was directly linked to the Last Supper?

Does it change how you think about the Mass?

After reading the piece of scripture do you think this is something that Jesus wants us to participate in often?

Youtube...

The Story of Easter (The Last Supper)
(Saddleback Kids)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SigoALSS1R8>

The True Presence
(Dynamic Catholic)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iRnBj1-B0>

*For Teens and Adults

The Veil Removed - Film*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOLZDaTglaM&t=242s>

*Teens and Adults

Prayer for the day

Our Father,
Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 2nd March

'Jesus is put to death'

Jesus was taken before Caiaphas, the High Priest, and the elders. They decided that Jesus should be put to death, and they sent Him to be sentenced by the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate. Pilate was afraid that the crowds would cause trouble, so he agreed to crucify Jesus knowing that He had done nothing wrong. The Roman soldiers made fun of Jesus by making a crown of thorns for the 'King of the Jews'. Then they hurt Him and forced Him to carry his own cross. After Jesus had stumbled and fallen several times, the soldiers ordered a man called Simon to help Him.

When they got to Golgotha (a name which means 'the place of the skull'), they nailed Jesus to the cross and wrote above Him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' Two thieves were crucified next to Jesus, and they joined the crowd in mocking Jesus and His claim to be God's Son. 'He saved others, but he can't save himself!' they jeered.

After hanging on the cross for many hours, Jesus called out in a loud voice, 'Father why have you deserted me!' and then He died.

(Based on Matthew 26: 57, 65; 27: 1-2, 23-50)

A time to reflect...

Imagine you are one of Jesus' first disciples how would you feel if you were there?

What is so good about Good Friday?
Why do we call it Good Friday if Jesus died on that day?

Youtube...

BF10 The crucifixion
(Brother Francis Online.com)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8OmIWH0KRU>

Easter - What's So Good About Friday?*(K-Love)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJ7XcwWbdy4>
*Teens and Adults

Prayer for the day

Lord of Glory,
we proclaim your death and look ever forward to your Resurrection.
As we contemplate your Cross,
the tree on which you hung so that we may have life,
may we be ever aware of the life that springs from death,
the light that rises from darkness, and the hope that banishes fear.
Draw us close to you, so that we may know the glory your Cross points to.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday 3rd April

'A day of waiting'

I will praise you, Lord,
Because you have saved me.
You have rescued my soul from death
And given me back my life.

I will sing songs of thanks to the Lord,
And show the depth of my love for him.
His goodness lasts forever.
He wipes away my tears,
And fills my life with happiness.

The Lord is merciful and comes to my aid.
He changes my sadness into joy
And I will give thanks for ever
To the Lord my God.

(Based on Psalm 29/20: 1, 3-5, 10-12)

A time to reflect...

What must it have been like? Jesus, who you love and trust, who said He would rise, who you believe is the Messiah is now dead and in the tomb.

Saturday is a day of waiting in hope. Are we living our lives with this same hope? Do we really believe that Jesus rose and is now in heaven? Are we living a life that reflects that hope? Or have we given up hope and given into the deception that this life is the end?



Youtube...

Easter - It's Saturday But Sunday's Coming (K-Love)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PVAal1MpotE>

That 1 Day (ODB Films)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWTUCtU1jNw&t=29s>

*Teens and Adults (evening of Holy Saturday)

Prayer for the day

Lord God,
On the Sabbath, Jesus rested.
He was in the grave.
He had finished His work.
To most people's eyes, it looked as if it were all over.
He was dead and buried.
But only as a seed dies when it is planted in the earth,
not to decay, but to spring to new life.
Teach us to hope always in you
and in the resurrection, the making of all things new.
Amen.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 4th April

'Alleluia! Jesus is risen!'

Before sunrise on the Sunday morning, Mary of Magdala went to the tomb. As she reached the entrance, she saw that the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. She ran to the disciples saying, 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb and we don't know where they have put him!'

Peter and another disciple, John, ran to the tomb and found it just as Mary had described, with the linen burial cloths lying on the ground. Peter went into the tomb first, and then John followed him.

Until this moment they had not understood the Scriptures which said, 'He must rise from the dead,' but now they saw, and they believed.

(Based on John 20:1-9)

A time to reflect...

The tomb was empty. Why is the concept of something being empty usually considered a bad thing?

When it comes to Easter, how is empty a good thing?

It might feel at the moment that we are doing a lot of waiting during this time in isolation. Easter teaches us to wait in hope. Is there anything you have learnt during this time so far that you would like to continue with once we are back into our normal routine of life?

Youtube...

Easter: He is Risen (K-Love)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITZ1kNfT5SY>

The Beginner's Bible: The Easter Story* (zondervan)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bkNTU_Vv5Ew&t=77s

*Younger children

He is still Risen (Igniter Media)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjT7OvQMIQg>

Prayer for the day

Lord God,
You loved this world so much,
That you gave your one and only Son,
That we might be called your children too.
Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, everyday.
Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice.
Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation.
Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world.
Amen.