

We Remember... Holy Week

A resource for schools and families in the Parramatta Diocese.

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We gather together to pray

- Find a quiet space...
- and a quiet place...
- in your heart...
- and in your mind...



*I light a candle,
I say a prayer
And with your blessing
Your Spirit's shared*



We Remember... Lent

Introduction (Reader): On Ash Wednesday we gathered together as a faith community. We all received ashes on our forehead. This was the beginning of Lent. Lent is a time when we are called by God to:

- Be prayerful people
- Say sorry and be sorry
- Do good things for others...



Prayer (Reader): Let us make the Sign of the Cross together
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen

We pray that as we move from the Season of Lent, to Holy Week and then to the joy of Jesus' rising on Easter Sunday, that we continue to:

Pray for each other and our world

Look inside our hearts so that we can be better people

Reach out to others with our hands, our hearts and our voices.



We Remember... Palm Sunday

- **Reader:**

Can you remember a time when you were in a big crowd?

Was it at the footy or maybe a netball game?

At a concert?

A big party?

Maybe you were waiting for someone special?

That's what it was like on Palm Sunday.

People had been waiting for their King for so many years.
A huge crowd gathered to welcome him into Jerusalem.





We Remember... Palm Sunday

Reader: A reading from Luke's Gospel:

As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives.

There Jesus sent two of the disciples on ahead with these instructions:

"Go to the village there ahead of you and at once you will find a donkey. Untie the donkey and bring it to me.

If anyone says anything, tell him, "The master needs it and then he will let you go at once."

This happened in order to make what the prophet had said come true,

"Tell the city of Zion, look your king is coming to you!

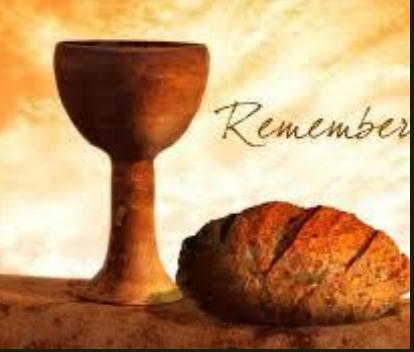
He is humble and rides on a donkey."



We Remember... Palm Sunday



Hosanna!
Hosanna!
Hosanna!
Bless our King!



We Remember... Holy Thursday

- Reader:

Close your eyes and think of a favourite time when you shared a special meal...

Who was there?

Was there music?

What did you eat?

What was so special about that meal?

Why do you think you remember that meal more than any other?



On Holy Thursday, Jesus gathered his closest friends together. He wanted to share not just a meal with them, something more. He wanted them to remember.....



We Remember... Holy Thursday

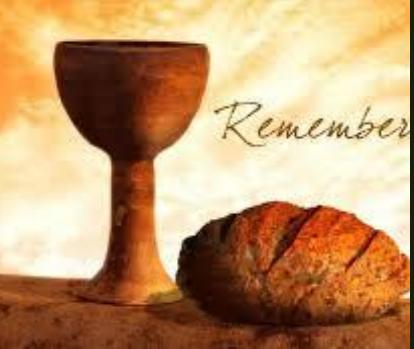
- Reader: A reading from Matthew's Gospel:

While they were eating Jesus took a piece of bread, gave a prayer of thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples.

"Take and eat it," he said, "This is my body."

Then he took a cup, gave thanks to God, and gave it to them.

"Drink it, all of you," he said, "This is my blood, which seals God's covenant, my blood poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."



We Remember... Holy Thursday



When we eat this bread and drink this cup
We proclaim your death Lord Jesus, until you come in glory



We Remember... Good Friday

**Reader: A reading from Matthew's Gospel
Jesus prays in the Garden**

**Then Jesus went with his followers to a place called Gethsemane.
He said to them, “Sit here while I go there and pray.”
He told Peter and the two sons of Zebedee to come with him.
Then he began to be very sad and troubled.
Jesus said to Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, “My heart is so heavy
with grief, I feel as if I am dying. Wait here and stay awake with me.”**



The Garden
of
Gethsemane

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- Reader:

A reading from John's Gospel:

Jesus went out, carrying his cross, and came to “The Place of the Skull”.

There they crucified him and two other men, one either side of Jesus.

Pilate wrote a notice and had it put on the cross.

“Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews,” is what he wrote.

The chief priests said to Pilate, “Do not write “the King of the Jews,” but rather, “This man said, I am the King of the Jews”.

Pilate answered, “What I have written stays written.”



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- Reader:

A reading from Mark's Gospel:

Joseph of Arimathea brought a linen sheet, took the body down, wrapped it in the sheet, and placed it in a tomb which had been dug out of solid rock.

Then he rolled a large stone across the entrance to the tomb.

Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of Jesus, were watching and saw where the body of Jesus was placed.



We Remember... Easter Sunday

Reader: A reading from Matthew's Gospel:

Suddenly, Jesus met them and said, "Peace be with you."

The women came up to him, took hold of his feet and worshipped him.

"Do not be afraid," Jesus said to them. "Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."





We Remember... Easter Sunday

Rise Up!

**Rise up! Roll the rock away now!
Rise up! See the light of day now!
Rise up! I will show the way
Rise up, Rise up, Rise up!**



Jesus had a friend called Lazarus, from the town of Bethany
Mary and Martha they sent for him, Jesus, please come and see
By the time that he arrived, they said Lazarus has died
But Jesus said roll the rock away, your brother he will rise... he said

On Good Friday Jesus gave his life, on a cross, crucified.....
They took him down and laid him in a tomb, the disciples they did hide
On Sunday morning Mary went to the tomb, she could not find Him there
Peter and John ran to the tomb and to all He did appear... he did

So this is how Jesus showed us the way, to come and live in the light
If we live like him we will rise like him, follow him to new life



We Remember... the Risen Jesus!

Concluding Prayer (Reader):

God of love, you listen with love to our prayers.

May we always remember the story of love that Jesus lived,
so that we too may bring your love to the world.

We make this prayer in Jesus' name

Amen

May the blessings of God's peace be upon us all, bringing
comfort and hope

Let us finish by making the Sign of the Cross together

In the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit,

Amen