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Springhill Catholic Primary School RE Newsletter

Together, we will do our best for Jesus.

Our new topic is Holy Week:



What is Holy Week?

Holy Week, the final week of Lent, begins on Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter. Holy Week is a time when we gather to remember and participate in the Passion of Jesus Christ.

This year, Holy Week begins on Sunday 24th March 2024.

Events:

- **Palm Sunday** - Palm Sunday, a week before Easter, commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.
- **Maundy Thursday** - The first day of the Easter Triduum. It begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, commemorating the Last Supper celebrated by Jesus and his disciples on the Jewish holiday of Passover.
- **Good Friday** - The day Jesus died and saved us from our sins.
- **Easter Vigil** - The Easter Vigil is the Mass celebrated on Holy Saturday and it begins the Easter celebrations of Jesus' Resurrection.

*"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



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

- FS** - Jesus died for us and we make the Sign of the Cross to remember him and what he did.
- Y1** - Jesus gave himself freely to save us. At the Last Supper he makes present his life, death and resurrection.
- Y2** - Jesus suffered, died and rose again for us. The Stations of the Cross are explored.
- Y3** - There is a particular focus on the Last Supper because of its connection with the Mass.
- Y4** - Jesus died to redeem our sins. Further detail is added to the events of Holy Week with a particular focus on the change in mood that occurred during the week.
- Y5** - The events of Holy Week show Jesus fulfilling all aspects of the Father's will.
- Y6** - By dying on the cross Jesus did what God the Father wanted and he overcame death.

We will be exploring Holy Week, through both our RE lessons and our daily celebrations of the Word.

If you wish to support your child at home and help them understand further, you may wish to read the following Bible extracts with them:

- Jesus in Bethany – **John 11:17-27**
- Judas betrays Jesus - **Luke 22:2-6**
- By his wounds we are healed - **Isaiah 53:3-5**

