

St. Mun's Monthly

For our young parishioners

Palm Sunday is a day we remember the people of Jerusalem joyfully celebrating the arrival of Jesus and we hold



palm crosses that have been blessed to remind us of this. The people believed Jesus was a king, who would free

them from the rule of the Romans, but when they discovered that His 'kingdom' was not of this kind they turned against him and demanded that he be put to death.

Easter begins a few days later with the sadness of the death of Jesus on the cross but is followed just 3 days later with the joyful celebration and rejoicing of [The Resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God, His rising from the dead and appearing to His friends and disciples](#). We celebrate that Jesus did not die, but returned to heaven to be with His Father. It is a time for our churches to be filled with flowers and music.



The week before Easter is called Holy Week.

On the Thursday of Holy Week, called Holy Thursday, Jesus shared the 'Last Supper' with his twelve disciples. During the Last Supper Jesus told His disciples that He would soon be taken away from them and that one of His disciples would betray Him that very night.

Jesus promised His disciples He would always be with them, especially when they remembered Him at the breaking of bread.



The Garden of Gethsemane

After the Last Supper, Jesus felt he needed to pray. He went to The Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus prayed to God the Father for the strength and courage to face His coming death on the cross. Although it was hard to do, Jesus was willing to do what God wanted.

The Betrayal

While praying, Judas went up to Jesus and kissed Him. This was the signal he had agreed with the guards so that they would know who Jesus was. Jesus was then arrested and taken to Pontius Pilate who was the ruler at that time.

The Crucifixion

Pilate gave permission for Jesus to be crucified. The day of his crucifixion is called **Good Friday**.

The guards made fun of Jesus and calling Him 'King of the Jews' and put a crown of thorns on His head.



Then he was given a very heavy wooden cross to carry to the place where He would be crucified at a hill, called **Calvary**. It was here Jesus was

nailed to the cross between two thieves. One of the thieves spoke kind words to Jesus and Jesus told him they would meet in Heaven.

Jesus Dies on the Cross

Many of Jesus' friends were there when Jesus was crucified. Also His Mother, Mary.

Many people mocked Jesus as He died but Jesus forgave them and said to God, 'Forgive them, Father, for they do not know what they are doing.'

Later that day the sky grew black and Jesus cried in a loud voice, 'My God, My God, why have you abandoned Me?'

After this Jesus gave up His spirit to the Father and died.

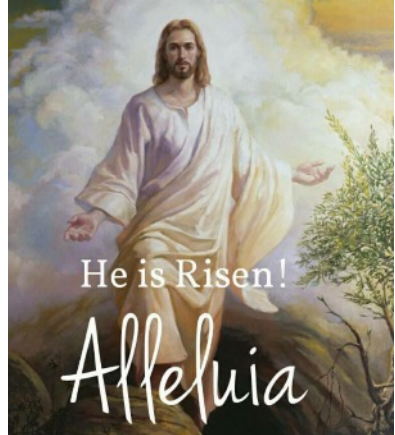
A Sad Day

Later, Jesus was taken down from the cross, wrapped in a white cloth and laid in a special cave called a tomb. The disciples were sad, as they thought they would never see Jesus again.

A Happy Day

BUT Easter Sunday is a happy day for Christians because this is the day Jesus rose from the dead!

Early on Sunday morning, 3 days after the crucifixion, some women went to the tomb. They wanted to wash and anoint the body of Jesus. When they arrived, they found the stone had been rolled away from the entrance and it was empty.



Two angels appeared, told the women not to be afraid and said; 'Jesus is not here, He is risen, let the people know.'

The women ran to the disciples to tell them what they had seen but not all of the disciples believed them

Later Jesus appeared to the disciples and told them about the things they must do. More about this in the next issue.....