

Palm Sunday			
What does this day commemorate ?	How do Catholics celebrate this day?	What does this story show about who Jesus is?	Why is this an important day to Catholics?
<p>Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem as the recognition that Jesus is the Messiah, and awaited King who comes to save his people.</p>	<p>Palm crosses are given out and there may be a procession to the church.</p> <p>People carry palm branches. The priest makes a special entrance into the church singing 'hosanna'.</p> <p>At mass, the whole Passion story is read.</p>	<p>Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem shows he was the Messiah, the one chosen by God to rule.</p> <p>It shows Jesus' humility, because he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, and because it was the ordinary and poor folk who welcomed him.</p>	<p>This day is the beginning of Holy Week and the beginning of Jesus' saving sacrifice.</p> <p>It reminds us that Jesus comes to be King not over a worldly kingdom, but over the Kingdom of God.</p> <p>It shows that God's rule is being the humble, obedient and suffering servant.</p>

Maundy Thursday			
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Christ's command to serve others. 2. The Last Supper, when Jesus' showed that his upcoming sacrifice on the cross would be the means of our salvation. 3. Jesus handing himself over to suffering and death. 	<p>The mass is celebrated in the evening and is called "The Mass of the Lord's Supper".</p> <p>It includes a foot washing ceremony.</p> <p>At the end of the Mass the blessed sacrament is transferred to the tabernacle, the altar is stripped and all crosses removed or covered in preparation for Good Friday and Holy Saturday.</p> <p>There is a prayer vigil by the Tabernacle, as the disciples stayed up praying with Jesus during his agony in Gethsemane.</p>	<p>The washing of the disciples feet shows Jesus' command to serve others.</p> <p>The Last Supper shows that Jesus is the bread of life, who forgives sin and gives salvation.</p> <p>The Garden of Gethsemane shows Jesus' obedience to God's will and his acceptance of the suffering about to take place.</p>	<p>The Last Supper was the time when Jesus instituted the sacrament of the Eucharist and commanded this to be celebrated.</p> <p>It gives Catholics an example, that they too are called to serve and live in obedience to God, even in suffering.</p>

Good Friday			
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<p>The suffering and death of Christ.</p>	<p>There is a service at 3pm.</p> <p>The service has three parts; Liturgy of the Word, distribution of Holy Communion and Veneration of the Cross.</p> <p>There is no Liturgy of the Eucharist. (this day commemorates Christ's sacrifice, so cannot celebrate the sacrifice a second time in the Eucharist) . The hosts that are distributed in communion are left over from Thursday's mass.</p> <p>Veneration of the Cross : priest and people come forward to genuflect or kiss the cross.</p>	<p>It shows us that Jesus was prepared to pay the ultimate sacrifice in obedience to God the Father's will.</p> <p>It shows us the extent of Jesus' love for humanity as he gave up his life for us.</p>	<p>Because they are thankful that Jesus took on our sins and gave us the possibility of new life. In this redeeming act we know that we are loved beyond measure.</p>

Holy Saturday			
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<p>It commemorates Jesus lying in the tomb until his resurrection on Easter Sunday.</p> <p>It is the last day of Holy Week, & the last day of the 40 days of Lenten Fast.</p>	<p>There is no mass on this day. The Church remains silent and bare.</p>	<p>It shows that Jesus was prepared to give up his eternal divinity and suffer death, in the absence of God and of His Holy Spirit, in exchange for our salvation.</p>	<p>Catholics are reminded what death is like, and how Jesus gave us the possibility of escaping this fate forever.</p> <p>It shows that we are loved beyond measure, because God was willing to exchange His divine life for ours.</p>