

## Palm Sunday

Today is Palm Sunday. It is a day when we remember how people celebrated when Jesus entered into Jerusalem on a Sunday some two thousand years ago. You've probably heard the story, but let us read it again.



*Jesus was walking with his disciples toward Jerusalem. As they came near to the city, Jesus told two of his disciples to go on ahead into the town. He told them that they would see a young donkey tied there that had never been ridden. "Untie the donkey and bring it to me. If anyone asks you what you are doing, just tell them, 'The Lord needs it. He will send it back to you soon.'"*

*The disciples did what Jesus told them to do and it happened just as he had told them. They found the young*

*donkey, untied it, and started to lead it away. Some men were standing nearby, and they said to the disciples, "Where are you taking that young donkey?" They told them what Jesus had said and the men let them take the donkey.*



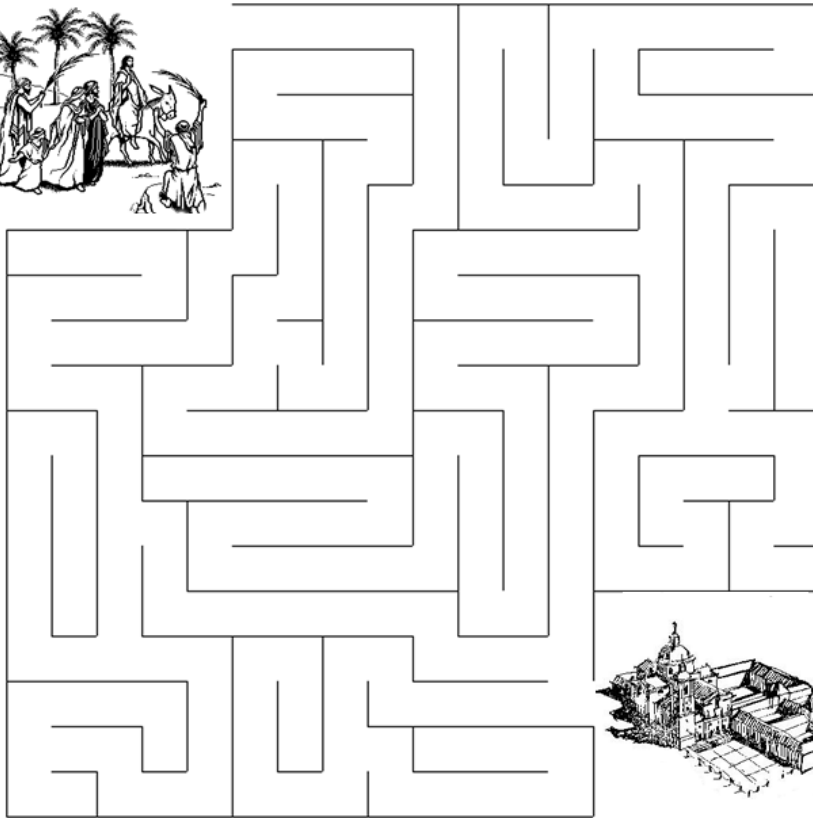
*The disciples brought the young donkey to Jesus and they put their coats on it to make a soft place for Jesus to sit. As they made their way into the city of Jerusalem, people went ahead of Jesus shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Others followed behind and they were also shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna in the highest!" All the while, people lined the streets cheering and waving palm branches.*



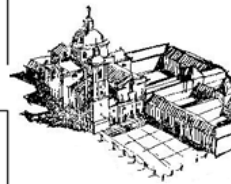
It was a wonderful celebration, but it was a bit noisy! Do you think Jesus liked all that noise? I do! The Bible says "This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Just as those people celebrated two thousand years ago, we have come here today to celebrate Jesus. What better day to do that than on Palm Sunday?

***Father, we celebrate today just as those people celebrated in Jerusalem two thousand years ago. This is the day that You have made; we will rejoice and be glad in it! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***



Follow Jesus through  
the streets of  
Jerusalem

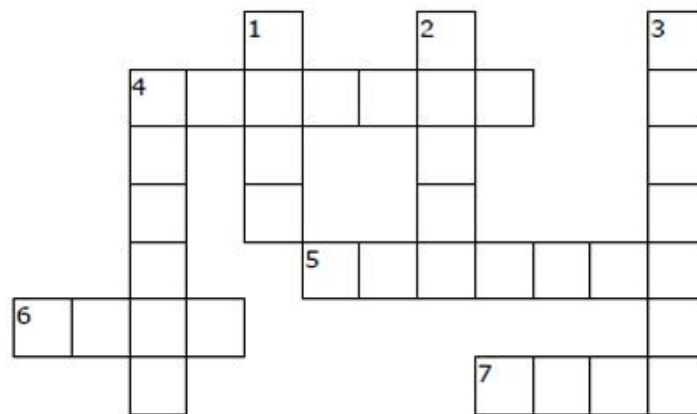


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HIGHEST	SHOUTED	DISCIPLES	LORD	JESUS
HEAVEN	CLOAKS	NAME	ROAD	COLT

Complete this crossword based on what happened on the first Palm Sunday



ACROSS

- 4. Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
- 5. A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
- 6. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

DOWN

- 1. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year
- 2. The Son of God
- 3. A small town
- 4. To stretch out over a large area

7. What a person is called

JESUS VILLAGE	COLT ROAD	HOSANNA NAME	SHOUTED SPREAD
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There are 2 Gospels read on Palm Sunday.



a) The first one is read at the very start of Mass and recalls how Jesus went to Jerusalem with his friends to celebrate the Feast of Passover. He arrived into the city on a donkey and the crowds of people gave Him a huge welcome, waving palm branches as He went along. They called him the **Messiah**----the One sent by God.

b) The second Gospel is the story of how Jesus was crucified. We call it the **Passion** and we will read this again on Good Friday. The priest wears **RED** on Palm Sunday, reminding us of the suffering Jesus would endure later in the week.



**The priest blesses palm branches on this day. We bring one home and place in it our home, where we can see it throughout the year.**

## Holy Thursday

On this day, we recall Jesus having his last meal with his friends, the Apostles. We call it The Last Supper. Jesus did two very important things at the Last Supper.

a) He washed the Apostles' feet and



b) He took bread, broke it, blessed it and shared it with His friends. He did the same with a cup of wine. He told His Apostles to "Do This in memory of Me".

*Every time we go to Mass, we are remembering what Jesus did at the Last Supper. The priest then does what Jesus did. He takes bread, blesses it and shares us with us in Holy Communion.*

## Chrism Mass

During Holy Week, usually on Holy Thursday, our archbishop, Michael Neary, celebrates a very special Mass in Tuam Cathedral. It is called the Chrism Mass. A few people from each



of the 56 parishes in the archdiocese are invited to attend this Mass. During this Mass, the archbishop blesses and consecrates the oil of Chrism, the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick. All these Oils are then brought back to the parish churches of the archdiocese. Chrism is a mixture of olive oil

and a sweet-smelling perfume. This Chrism Oil is used for the anointing ceremonies of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy orders. The word "Christ" means the "Anointed One".

## Good Friday

On Good Friday, we remember that Jesus died on the cross. In church on this day, we listen



to the Passion story ----- the trial, sufferings and death of Jesus. Many people do the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. These are 14 pictures of the sorrowful journey Jesus made on the first Good Friday. We call it GOOD because, on this day, we celebrate Jesus triumph over death.

## Holy Saturday

On Holy Saturday night, we celebrate the Vigil Mass----we are waiting for Jesus to rise from the dead. We light the Paschal Fire and the **Paschal Candle**, we listen to the story of our faith and we bless Holy Water. In some churches, new people are welcomed into the Christian community and are baptised on this night.



## Did you Know?



- a) **Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday** are sometimes called the **Triduum**.
- b) The Paschal Candle has 2 Greek letters inscribed on it. They are **ALPHA and OMEGA**, which mean the **BEGINNING and the END**. Check this out in your local church.
- c) The word **Paschal** comes from the word Pesach, which is the Hebrew word for **Passover**. This is the feast that celebrates the safe escape of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, across the Red Sea. It was the feast that Jesus was celebrating when they shared the last supper together.



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## THE ROAD TO EASTER

WHAT HAPPENED DURING HOLY WEEK?

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**START**

PALM SUNDAY

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Jesus is put on the cross	Jesus Prays in Gethsemene	Jesus is wrapped in linen cloth	Jesus is questioned by Pilate
Jesus and the disciples eat together	Judas kisse s Jesus	Jesus cleans up the temple	There is darkness at noon
Jesus gets a crown of thorns 	Jesus is Arrested	Peter denies knowing Jesus 	

Cutting clue: cut the whole row first, then cut apart the squares

Either cut out these squares and glue them on the road in the correct order in which they happened OR instead write the event in the correct square in the road BUT WRITE SMALL!

