



Holy week

'We pray together'

We Celebrate
Holy Week
2021

Year B

Palm Sunday - 28th March
Maundy Thursday - 1st April
Good Friday - 2nd April
Easter Sunday - 4th April

We Journey Together to the Resurrection

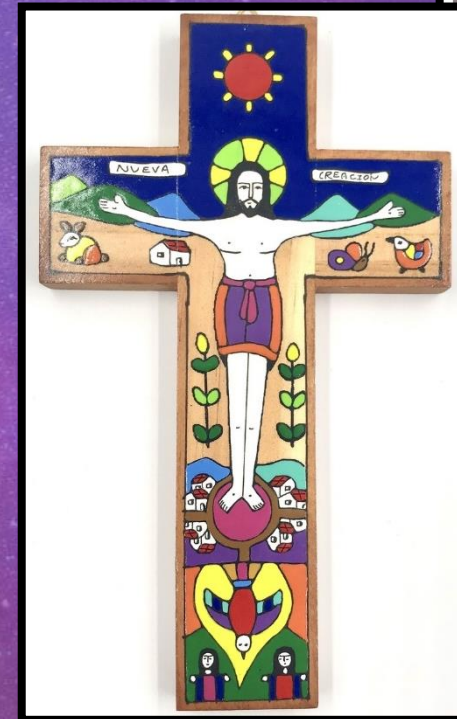
Signs and Symbols of Holy Week

Palm Sunday

A lovely idea from the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit is for families to hang a green branch from their front doors on Palm Sunday as a sign that we welcome Jesus as our King. We can place a branch on our doors to symbolise the closeness of Christ our King to us all during this time.

Good Friday

As we may not be able to venerate the Cross in Church, why not place a Crucifix in your window on Good Friday as a witness to Jesus' sacrifice of love?



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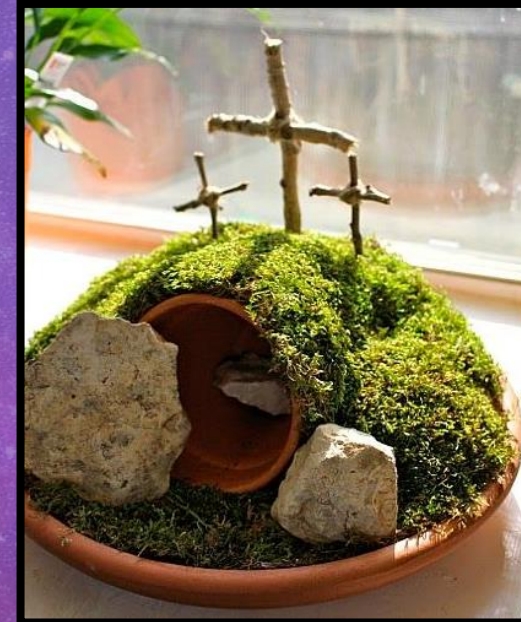
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Holy Saturday

During the Easter Vigil, the Paschal Candle is blessed and the light shared with the whole congregation. This year, if you are not able to be at the Vigil Mass, why not light a candle and place by your window as a sign that the Light of Christ burns brightly in your home?

Easter Sunday

Make an easter garden and add some spring flowers to it to show that Jesus is alive!



During this time when we may be unable to join together with our parish communities to celebrate the Eucharist, we offer you this resource as a way of engaging with the readings and prayers of the Mass. The readings are taken from the Lectionary for children.

These resources can be used whilst participating digitally in the many private Masses that priests in our diocese are offering online. These resources can also compliment Children's Liturgy within your parish.

We hope you find this resource useful.

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Head of Catholic Life

Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust

Click here to find the full list of all online streamed Masses available throughout the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.

<http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/health/coronavirus.php#area3>



An Act of Spiritual Communion- Passion Sunday (B)

Creating a place of prayer in the home.

Light a candle and gather together with your family. You might place a Crucifix or a Holy Image next to your candle. If you have a Bible, you may like to open the Bible to the readings that are going to be used during Mass today.

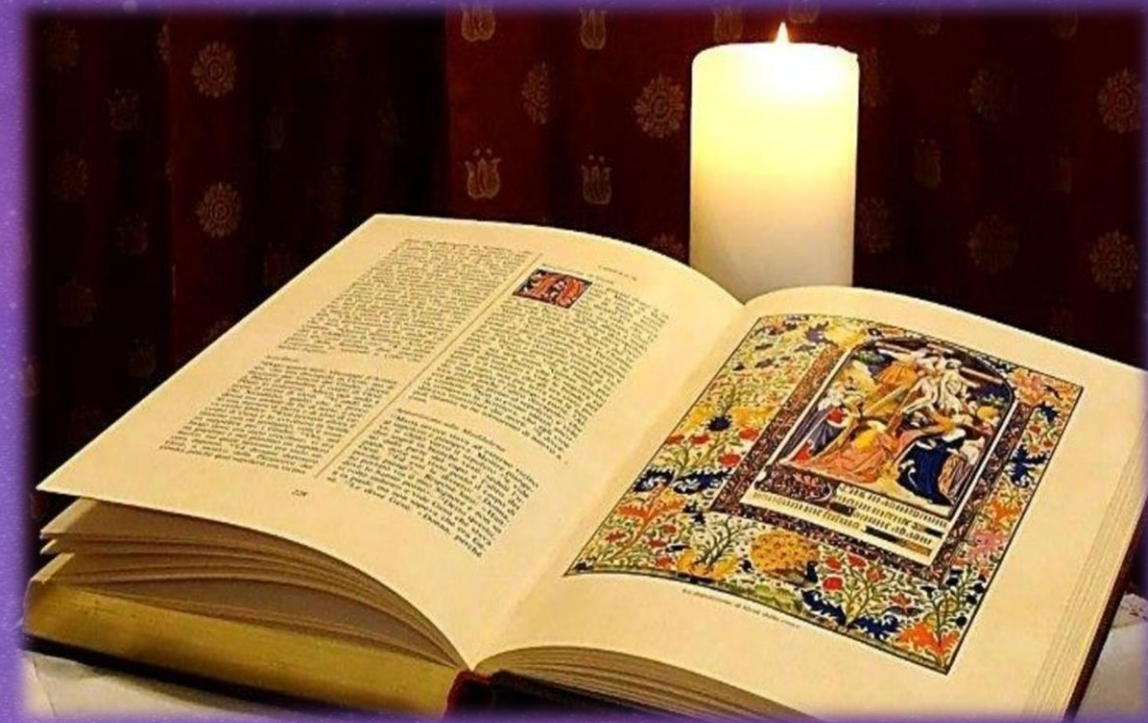
Use the link on the first page of this document to access Livestreamed Masses from around the Diocese.

We Gather together as God's family and ask for His Forgiveness

*We gather together in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.*

We turn to God asking for His guidance and strength in our lives.

*Lord Jesus, You heal the sick- Lord have mercy
Lord Jesus, You forgive sinners- Christ have mercy
Lord Jesus, You give us yourself to feed us and bring us strength- Lord have mercy
May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen*



We pray together

Lord Jesus, On Palm Sunday, the people welcomed you as King with palm branches and songs of praise. Today, we welcome You into our homes with open hearts. We pray that through our celebration of this most Holy Week we may come to know the perfect love You have for us, made known through Your death on the Cross.

Amen.



THE YEAR OF THE WORD

An Act of Spiritual Communion- Holy Week

We Listen to the Word of God:

The Procession with Palms

† A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark 11:1-10

Jesus and his disciples reached Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives. When they were getting close to Jerusalem, Jesus sent two of them on ahead. He told them, "Go into the next village. As soon as you enter it, you will find a young donkey that has never been ridden.

Untie the donkey and bring it here. If anyone asks why you are doing that, say, "The Lord needs it and will soon bring it back."

The disciples left and found the donkey tied near a door that faced the street.

While they were untying it, some of the people standing there asked, "Why are you untying the donkey?" They told them what Jesus had said, and the people let them take it.

The disciples led the donkey to Jesus. They put some of their clothes on its back, and Jesus got on.

Many people spread clothes on the road, while others went to cut branches from the fields. In front of Jesus and behind him, people went along shouting, "Hosanna!

God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

God bless the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. Hosanna to God in heaven above!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ



We Listen to the Word of God:

A reading from the book of the prophet
Isaiah 50:6-7

I let them beat my back and pull out my
beard.

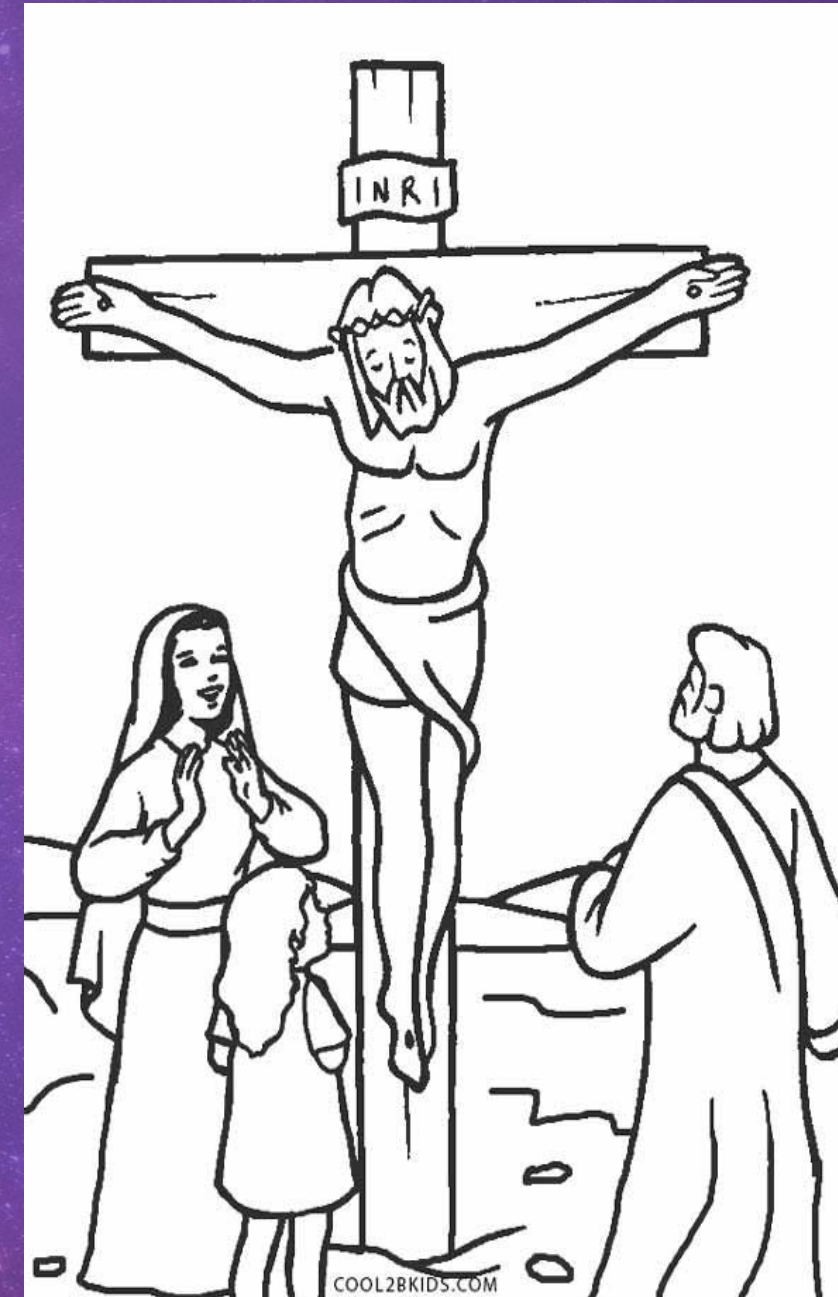
I didn't turn aside when they made fun of me
and spit in my face.

But the Lord God keeps me from being
embarrassed.

And I refuse to give up,
because I know I will never be ashamed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God



We Listen to the Word of God:

The Responsorial Psalm

(2a) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Everyone who sees me makes fun and sneers.
They shake their heads, and say, "Trust the Lord!
If you are his favourite, let him protect you and keep you safe."

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

My enemies have tied up my hands and my feet.
I can count all my bones!
They took my clothes and gambled for them.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Don't stay far away, Lord!
My strength comes from you, so hurry and help.
And when your people meet,

*I will praise you, Lord. R. My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me?*



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We Greet the Good News by saying:

R. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.*

*Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.*

R. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

† The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 15: 1-39

Early in the morning the chief priests, the nation's leaders,

and the teachers of the Law of Moses

met together with the whole Jewish council.

They tied up Jesus and led him off to Pilate.

He asked Jesus, "Are you king of the Jews?"

"Those are your words," Jesus answered.

The chief priests brought many charges against Jesus.

Then Pilate questioned him again,

"Don't you hear what crimes they say you have done?"

But Jesus did not answer, and Pilate was amazed.

During Passover, Pilate always freed one prisoner chosen by the people.

And at that time there was a prisoner named Barabbas.

He and some others had been arrested for murder during a riot.

The Jewish people now came and asked Pilate to set a prisoner free,

just as he usually did.

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Pilate asked them, "Do you want me to free the king of the Jews?"

Pilate knew that the chief priests had brought Jesus to him because they were jealous. But the chief priests told the crowd to ask Pilate to free Barabbas.

Then Pilate asked the crowd,

"What do you want me to do with this man you say is the king of the Jews?"

They yelled, "Nail him to a cross!"

Pilate asked, "But what crime has he done?"

"Nail him to a cross!" they yelled even louder.

Pilate wanted to please the crowd.

So he set Barabbas free.

Then he ordered his soldiers to beat Jesus with a whip and nail him to a cross.

The soldiers led Jesus inside the courtyard of the fortress and called together the rest of the troops.

They put a purple robe on him,

and on his head they placed a crown

that they had made out of thorn branches.

They made fun of Jesus and shouted,

"Hey, you king of the Jews!"

Then they beat him on the head with a stick.

They spit on him and knelt down and pretended to worship him.

When the soldiers had finished making fun of Jesus, they took off the purple robe.

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They put his own clothes back on him
and led him off to be nailed to a cross.
Simon from Cyrene happened to be coming in from a farm,
and they forced him to carry Jesus' cross.
Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus.
The soldiers took Jesus to Golgotha,
which means "Place of a Skull."
There they gave him some wine mixed with a drug to ease the pain,
but he refused to drink it.
They nailed Jesus to a cross
and gambled to see who would get his clothes.
It was about nine o'clock in the morning
when they nailed him to the cross.
On it was a sign that told why he was nailed there.
It read, "This is the King of the Jews." The soldiers also nailed two criminals on crosses,
one to the right of Jesus and the other to his left.
So the Scriptures came true which say,
"He was accused of being a criminal."
People who passed by said terrible things about Jesus.
They shook their heads and shouted,
"Ha! So you're the one who claimed you could tear down the temple
and build it again in three days.
Save yourself and come down from the cross!"
The chief priests and the teachers of the Law of Moses
also made fun of Jesus.

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They said to each other,
"He saved others, but he can't save himself.
If he is the Messiah, the king of Israel,
let him come down from the cross!
Then we will see and believe."
The two criminals also said cruel things to Jesus.
About noon the sky turned dark
and stayed that way until around three o'clock.
Then about that time Jesus shouted,
"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"
which means, "My God, my God, why have you deserted me ? "
Some of the people standing there heard Jesus and said,
"He is calling for Elijah."
One of them ran and grabbed a sponge.
After he had soaked it in wine,
he put it on a stick and held it up to Jesus.
He said, "Let's wait and see if Elijah will come and take him down!"
Jesus shouted and then died.
At once the curtain in the temple tore in two from top to bottom.
A Roman army officer was standing in front of Jesus.
When the officer saw how Jesus died,
he said, "This man really was the Son of God!"

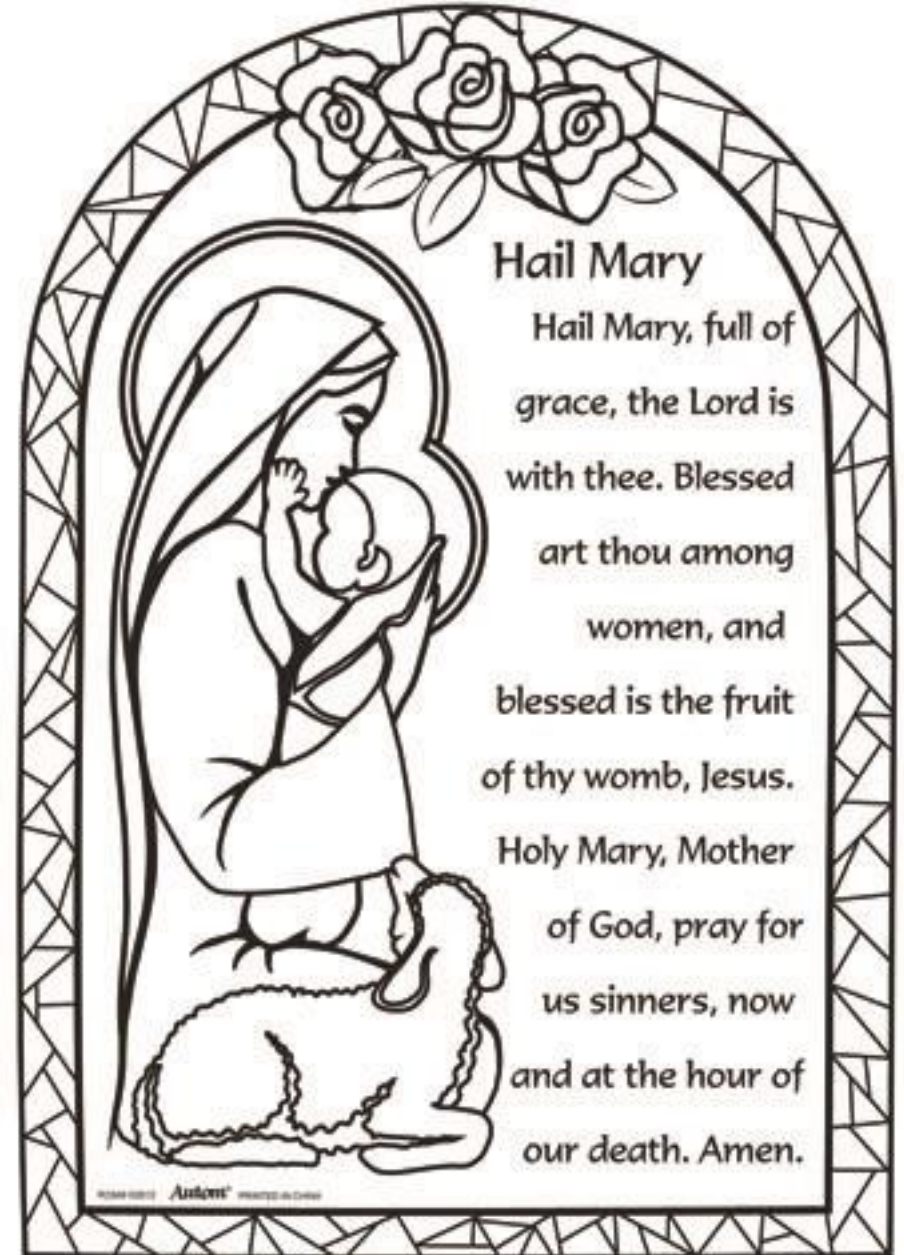
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We Respond - taken from www.adorers.org

Why do you suppose the people greeted Jesus this way?
Long before Jesus was born, the Jewish people had been promised that they would see the fruits of their special relationship with God. They were promised that they would live in freedom in a land that had been chosen just for them. But for years and years, the Jewish people had been ruled by conquerors from Assyria, Babylonia, Syria and Rome. They were sad, they were fearful and they were tired of being afraid. Jesus was for them a ray of hope. What kinds of things did Jesus teach or do that might help them feel hopeful again?

We Profess our faith in God together:

I believe in God the Father, I believe in God the Son, I believe in God the Holy Spirit. Our God is three, Our God is One.



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We Respond (Bidding Prayers from CAFOD)

You may want to ask the children to offer their own prayers or you can use the suggestions below.

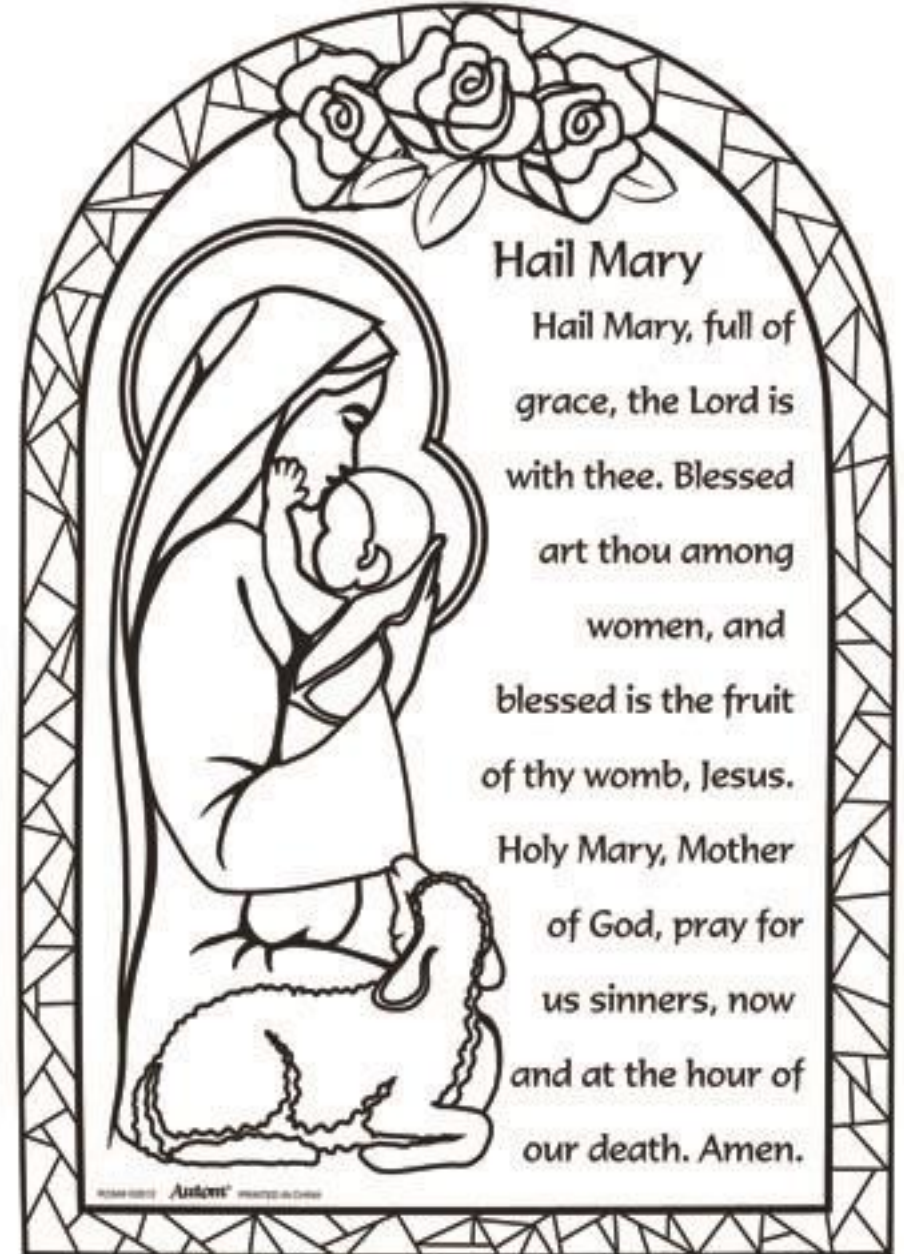
We believe in Jesus the Son of God who died and rose again and so we pray together:

We pray for world leaders: that they may think about how their actions can make a difference to people who most need help in their countries. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may take steps to change our own lives and the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the poorest people in our world: that the seeds they plant may give a rich harvest so that they have enough to eat. Lord, in your mercy...

Closing prayer: Christ Jesus, fill us with your love and mercy and show us how to make a difference to the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world. Amen.



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We Pray the Family Prayer of All Christians
Our Father...

We now make an Act of Spiritual Communion
My Jesus,

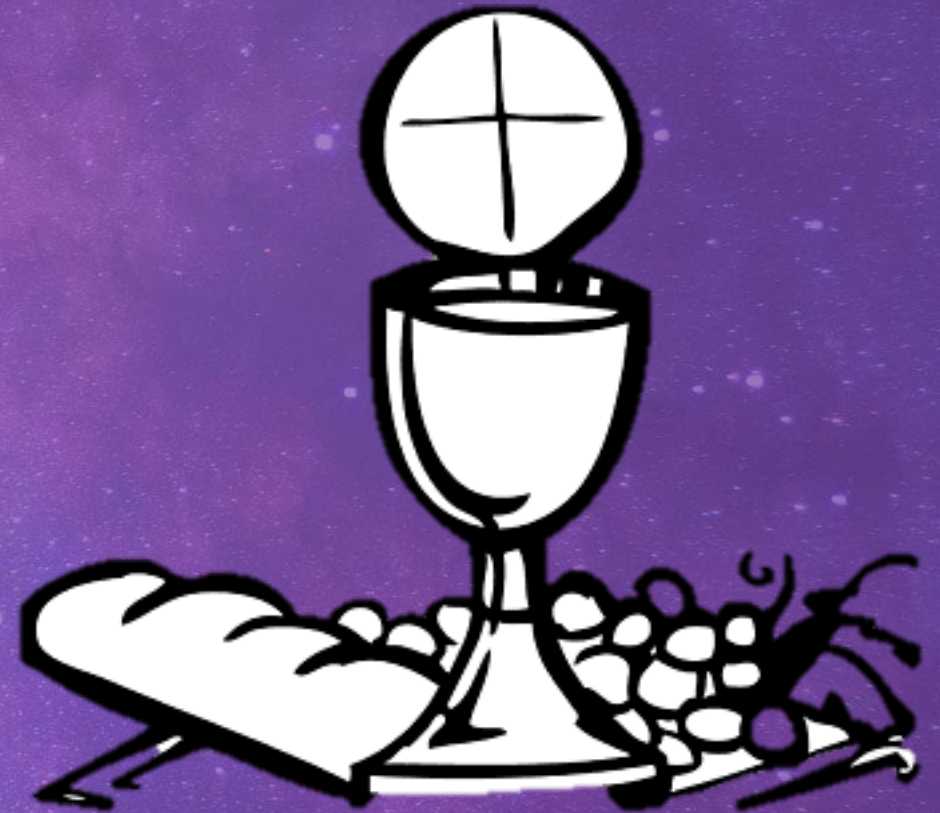
*I believe that you are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament.*

*I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into
my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you
sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I
embrace you as if you were already there and unite
myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated
from you.
Amen*

We end our time of prayer

May God Bless us and keep us safe.

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.
Amen*



**We can join in the Celebration of Mass online by visiting the
following website:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC12EvW0Egg-
cFTh5i2y_EQw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC12EvW0Egg-cFTh5i2y_EQw)

**- St. Mary's RC Cathedral, Newcastle
(Sunday Mass at 11:30am- Daily Mass 12 noon)**

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Activity suggestions

Ask the children to colour in the accompanying illustration and to draw on the back how they will help others in the coming week.

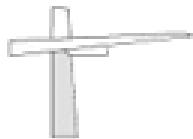
Get the children to act out the gospel reading.

Make palm crosses with the children.

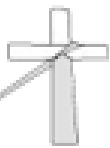
- Hold the palm so that the tapered end points towards the ceiling.
- Bend the top end down towards you, so that the bend is about 5 or 6 inches from the bottom.



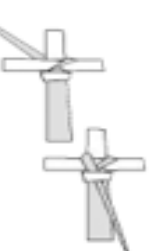
About a third of the way down the bend you just made, twist the section you've pulled down to the right, forming a right angle. Bend this arm back behind the palm so that it is now facing to the left. Make the bend at a good length to form the right arm of the cross.



Folding that section at the same length as on the right side, bend the left arm and bring the arm forward over what is now the front of the cross. From the very centre of the cross, fold that arm up and diagonally to the right so that it wraps around where the upright part of the cross and the right arm intersect.



Fold this down and diagonally to the left behind the cross. Bring it back round to the front and fold it to the right so that it is parallel to the arms of the cross.



Fold it behind the cross again and bring it up diagonally to the left.

Tuck the tapered end into the front and pull through to secure.

Turn the cross over – this side will now be the front. Trim.



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Palm Sunday
Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

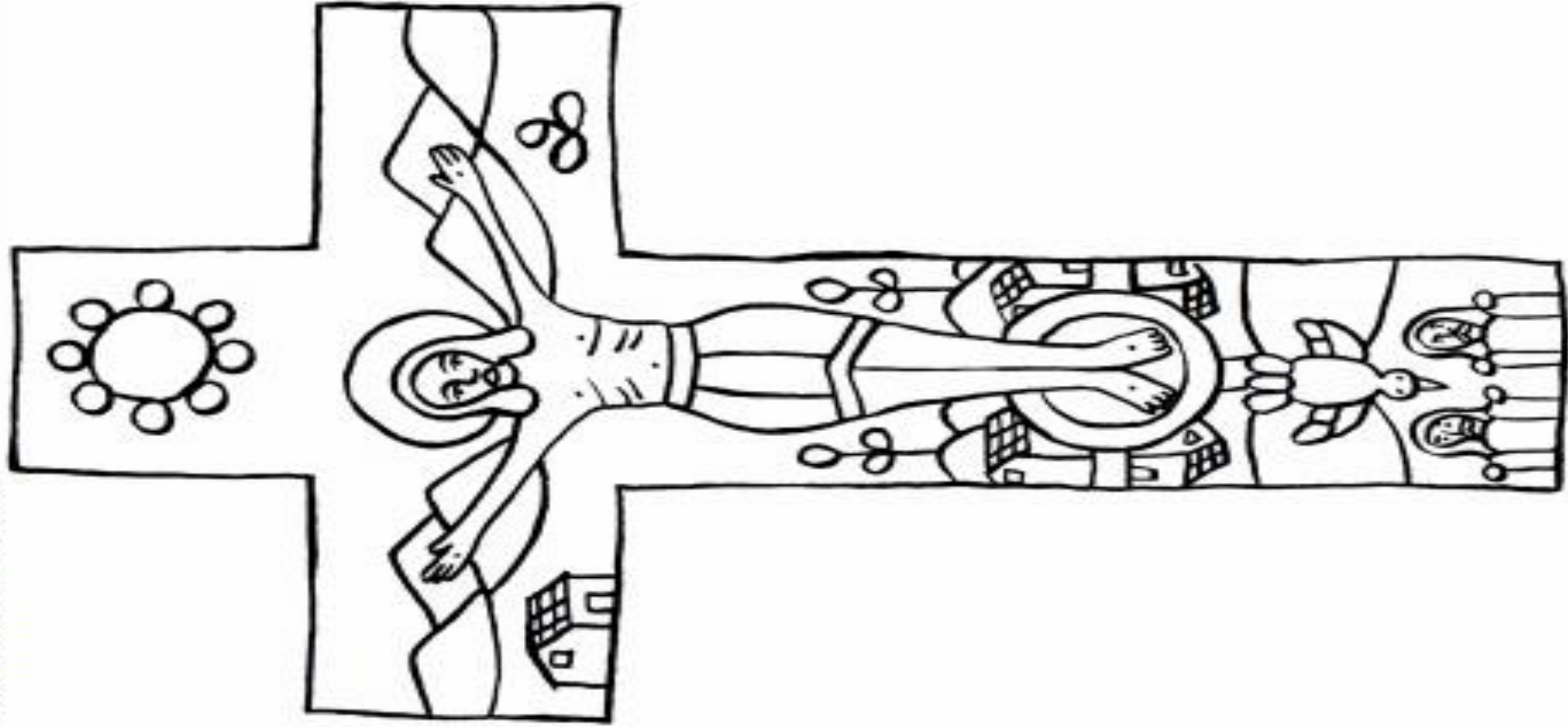



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Speak, Lord  

 **SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN**

Year B — Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)

 **Isaiah 50:4-7**

Psalm 21

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1—15:47

PALM SUNDAY

JESUS ENTERS J R S L M

People welcomed him as a

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Draw Jesus riding on the donkey.

HOSANNA

Maundy Thursday- We Journey with Jesus to the Cross

Sign of the Cross and Gather

We create a place of prayer, we might light our candle and open our Bible.

Today we remember the night that Jesus shared His Last Supper with His friends. Jesus left us with the gift of the Eucharist. We give thanks for this special gift as we listen to our hymn today. We look forward to the day when we can share the Eucharist with our parish family again.



Today's reflection

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dpnf3rfXCZc>

Living the Word of God

Pray for our parish family today.

Prayer

*Lord, at the Last Supper you gave us yourself in the form of bread and wine. You feed us and give us Your strength. May we be united always with You.
Amen*

Good Friday - We Journey with Jesus to the Cross

Sign of the Cross and Gather

We create a place of prayer, we might light our candle and open our Bible.

Today, we remember that Jesus died on the Cross for us. If we are unable to go to Church, at 3pm we pause in silent prayer giving thanks for this amazing sacrifice.

We might place a cross or crucifix in our window as a sign to those that pass our houses that Jesus loves us all so much He was prepared to suffer and die so that we could come to know Him.

Prayer

Spend some time today
silently in prayer

Living the Word of God

Mark Good Friday today with
your family through prayer
and acts of kindness.

Today's reading

A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Luke (23:33-34)

"When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, Lord Jesus



Holy Saturday Evening- We Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus

Sign of the Cross and Gather

We create a place of prayer, we might light our candle and open our Bible.

Tonight, we celebrate that Jesus is risen from the dead. We light a candle and place in our window as a sign to everyone that Jesus is the Light of the World.

Today's reading

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

The day after the Sabbath day was the first day of the week. At dawn on the first day, Mary Magdalene and another woman named Mary went to look at the tomb.

At that time there was a strong earthquake. An angel of the Lord came down from heaven. The angel went to the tomb and rolled the stone away from the entrance. Then he sat on the stone. He was shining as bright as lightning. His clothes were white as snow. The soldiers guarding the tomb were very frightened of the angel. They shook with fear and then became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus, the one who was killed on the cross. But he is not here. He has risen from death as he said he would. Come and see the place where his body was. And go quickly and tell his followers. Say to them: 'Jesus has risen from death. He is going into Galilee. He will be there before you. You will see him there.'"

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*



Prayer

We pray by saying:
Alleluia,
Alleluia!

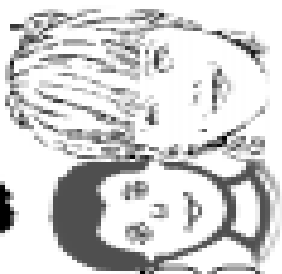
I am the Light
of the Word
says the Lord.
Walk in the
Light of Life.
If you believe
in me you will
have life
indeed.
Alleluia,

Living the Word of God

Celebrate Easter with
your family! Share the
joy that Jesus is risen



Holy Week



Acts 10:34,37-43
Psalm 117
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Year B — Easter Sunday

EVERY SPECIAL DAY EASTER SUNDAY

1. One of the disciples who saw the empty tomb.
2. We remember this special day every _____.
3. Easter is when Jesus _____ from the dead.
4. All this happened on the _____ day of the week.
5. The tomb was covered by a big round _____.
6. _____ of Magdala was the first person to see the empty tomb.

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Draw Mary of Magdala, Peter and the other disciple looking at the empty tomb.



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