



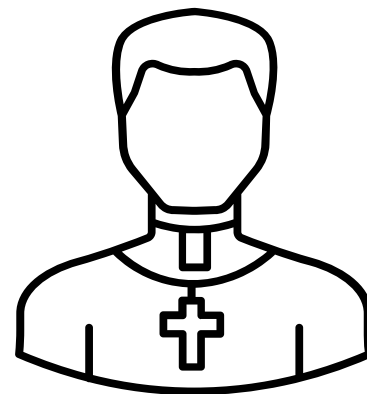
MAUNDY THURSDAY



WHAT IS MAUNDY THURSDAY?

Maundy Thursday begins the Triduum. The Triduum is three holy days from Thursday to Sunday.

On Maundy Thursday we focus on the Last Supper when Jesus observed the feast of the Passover with his disciples. We also learn that one of the disciples had betrayed Jesus.



WHAT COLOUR IS THE
PRIEST WEARING TODAY?

GATHER...

Mass on Maundy Thursday starts late in the evening and children will likely be in bed! This booklet is a way for you and your family to celebrate together at home.



Light a candle and gather your family round the kitchen table. Have a bowl, a cup of water and a towel nearby.



Start with the Sign of the Cross and then ask someone to read the excerpt from the Gospel.

THE WORD OF GOD

“ He got up from table, removed his outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing. Peter said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand.' I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.”



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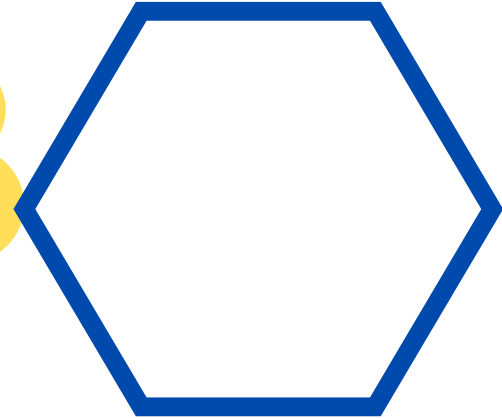


THE WASHING OF FEET...



As a family, take it turns to wash each others feet just like Jesus did for the disciples.

Daw a picture of Jesus washing the disciples feet.



THE FIRST EVER HOLY COMMUNION...

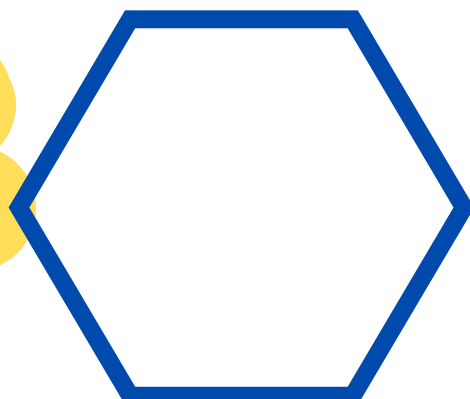
THE WORD OF GOD

Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

During the Passover meal, Jesus makes himself present under the signs of the bread and wine. It is Jesus body and blood that the disciples receive. Jesus carries out a new act of self-giving which will totally fulfill the Jewish Passover.

We learn that not only is Jesus the Lamb, but He is the shepherd who gives His life for all. He lets himself be taken like a lamb and be led to the cross. Jesus' offering of himself made at the Last Supper is the new covenant with His people.

Daw a picture of Jesus celebrating the Last Supper with his disciples.



Prayer for the day

Dear Jesus,
We pray that we will always remember to love people as you do. We pray for courage to do this everyday especially towards the people we might find it hard to love. Amen.



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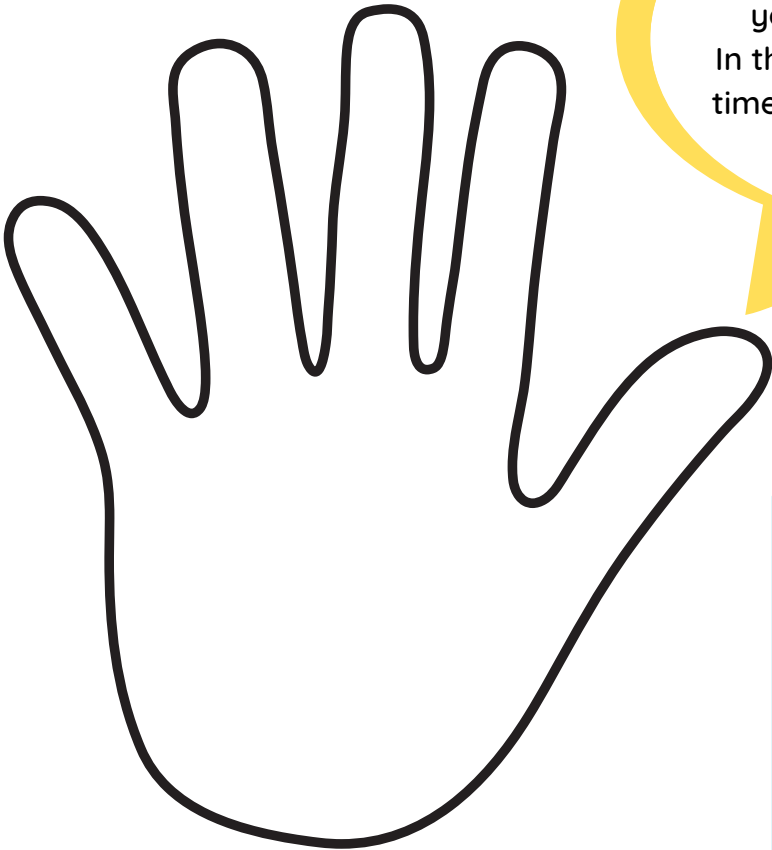
ADORATION...

At the end of Mass on Maundy Thursday the Blessed Sacrament - the consecrated bread (Jesus) - is taken from the Tabernacle (Jesus' house in church) and placed in a side Altar. The Eucharist is placed in something very special called a Monstrance.

We leave church in silence on Maundy Thursday and people stay and pray with Jesus until late at night.

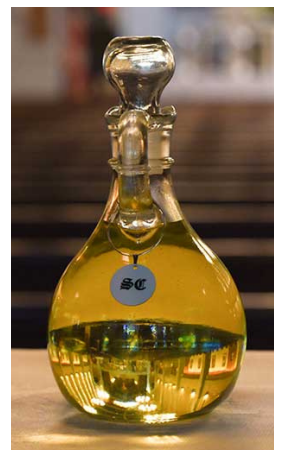


In the hand, as a family write five different things or people you would like to pray for. In the palm of the hand write a time that you are going to stop and pray with Jesus.



CHRISM MASS...

On Maundy Thursday the holy oils are blessed and all the priests gather together. There are three different holy oils that are used at different times. Can you find out what each of the three are?





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UNLEAVENED BREAD...

At the time of Jesus, they would have eaten Unleavened bread. Using the following recipe you can make your own bread that you can use during your Maundy Thursday celebrations at home!

If you do make some bread, send a picture to Eleanor to place on our Youth Ministry board.

INGREDIENTS...

- ☐ 1 cup of flour
- ☐ 1 cup of sparkling water
- ☐ 1 tablespoon of oil
- ☐ 2 tablespoons of honey

DIRECTIONS...

- 1 Preheat the oven to 220 degrees Celsius.
- 2 Mix all the ingredients together. Make sure they are all combined.
- 3 Make around six balls from your mixture.
- 4 Bake for around 8-10 minutes.
- 5 Enjoy your unleavened bread! You could use this when reading the Gospel of the Last Supper to help you act out the events.



To explore the topic of Passover further as a family, Eleanor recommends the film 'The Prince of Egypt'!

