

R.E. Knowledge Organiser From Lent to Easter

What is the meaning of Easter?

What is Easter celebrating?

The festival of Easter celebrates the resurrection from the dead of Jesus, three days after he was executed. The Easter story is at the heart of Christianity.

Who do Christians believe Jesus was?

Christians believe that Jesus was the chosen one, the saviour, who through his death on the cross and resurrection, restored the relationship between God and

Key Vocabulary



Passion	The Passion of Christ is the story of Jesus Christ's arrest, trial and suffering. It comes from the Latin word 'suffering'.
Liturgy	The customary public worship performed by a religious group.
Sacrifice	Christ's offering of himself in the Crucifixion.
Give Alms	It means giving to charity during Lent, meaning mercy in Greek translation.
Fast	To give up something we like.
Procession	An organised body of people advancing in formal or ceremonial manner as an element of Christian ritual.
Passover	The major Jewish spring festival which commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery, lasting seven or eight days from the 15th day of Nisan.
Sabbath	A day of religious observance and abstinence from work, kept by Jews from Friday evening to Saturday evening, and by most Christians on Sunday.





Shrove Tuesday

The day before Ash Wednesday has a number of names: Fat Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Tuesday. On this day, families would use up foods to prepare to eat very simply during Lent. Typically, eggs, sugar, butter and milk would be used up-hence the tradition of making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

Ash Wednesday

 Ashes that are used on Ash Wednesday are usually made from the palms used in Last year's Palm Sunday celebrations. The ashes are a sign of our humility before God. The book of Genesis reminds us, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (3:19). (Sometimes the priest says these words as he trace the cross on your forehead.)
 Ashes are normally given at Mass on Ash Wednesday. They may also be given at a formal prayer service called the Liturgy of the Word.

Lent

 The forty-day Season of Lent technically begins on the first Sunday of Lent but for many people Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season. Lent concludes on Holy Thursday evening when we gather in commemoration of the Last Supper. The colour of Lent is violet, the colour associated with a desire to deepen our commitment to following.
 Lent officially ends on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, occur. The word 'Easter' actually refers to the Sunday of the season, the day of the Resurrection and the season that follows it to Pentecost.

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What is Holy Week?

Holy Week is the most solemn week of the Catholic Church Liturgical year. It is the week leading up to Easter and is the week during which we particularly remember the last week of Jesus' life. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday.

Palm Sunday



The Catholic Church teaches that the reading of the Passion from the Gospels is more important than the palms, and so the proper name for the day is Passion Sunday.

Passion Sunday begins Holy Week, the last day before Christ's Passion. On Holy Thursday, we remember the Last Supper. On Good Friday, we remember the crucifixion. Holy Week closes with the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday. Some churches hold a procession with the palms at the beginning of the Passion Sunday Mass.

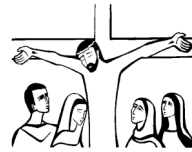
Mundy Thursday



Holy Thursday starts the Easter Triduum, which includes Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

On Holy Thursday, we remember the washing of the feet. The priest and other members of the parish take on the role of Jesus, washing the feet of the people at mass. After the Last Supper, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where he spent the night in prayer. In the morning he was arrested, tortured and sentenced to death by crucifixion.

Good Friday



This is one of the most important days for us as Catholics. It is the day that Jesus was crucified (when He died on the cross). This was following His sentence to death after large crowds insisted Pilate condemn Jesus to death and Barabbas be released. This was the day in which Jesus died to save us, the whole of humanity, and free us from sin. He became our sacrificial lamb.

Easter Sunday



Easter Sunday is the culmination of Holy Week. On Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We read the scripture about when Jesus' tomb was found empty. It is the most important Christian festival, and the one celebrated with the greatest joy. It reminds us that with God we have eternal life in His loving embrace.



The Church during the Easter season, we often see white decorations and flowers. We also celebrate baptisms at this time. White is the symbol of purity and baptism.



The Easter lilies that are found in many North American churches and homes are similar to lilies found in Christian art. We see them especially in paintings of the Annunciation, where the Angel Gabriel tells Mary that she will give birth to Jesus, the Son of God.



Lambs are also associated with Easter. We call Jesus the Lamb of God.

