



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday of Holy Week, the final week of Lent. During this Holy Week Jesus' complete self-giving is remembered by Christians in the liturgies of the Easter Triduum - (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday). Throughout Holy week/Lent the church statues and crucifixes are covered in purple cloths. There are no flowers and the Alleluia is not sung. These symbols remind the Church family of the 'dying' in order to celebrate the 'new life' of Easter.



MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

On Maundy Thursday evening the Church family remembers Jesus giving himself to his friends at the Last Supper and the giving of himself to his enemies in Gethsemane to be crucified.

During the Mass of the Lord's Supper the Church family remembers how Jesus washed his friends' feet as they prepared to celebrate together. Peter was unhappy at first, but Jesus ordered the apostles to follow his example. This is why the parish priest follows Jesus' example and washes the feet of twelve parishioners. The Pope traditionally washes the feet of twelve people in Rome. This symbolises the self-giving Jesus asks of those who follow him.