

## **Palm Sunday and Holy Week**

The week we call **Holy Week** starts on Palm Sunday and ends on that day that changes everything, **Easter Sunday**. It is the **greatest** week of all time when we follow the story of Jesus as he eats his last meal with his friends on Holy Thursday, dies on the cross on Good Friday and rises from the dead on Easter Sunday.

On **Palm Sunday**, the first day of Holy Week, we remember how when Jesus came to Jerusalem, crowds of people came out to welcome him, cheer him and call him their king. They cut down branches from the nearby palm trees (which is why we call it Palm Sunday) & put them on the ground in front of him. They also spread out their cloaks in front of him, making a kind of carpet. (A bit like our idea today of putting out a 'red carpet' for celebrities or special visitors). They were full of joy & happiness at seeing him. They sang 'Hosanna to the King' & 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord'. Do these words remind you of any prayer we say at Mass?

### **PALM SUNDAY**

*We remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a donkey*



For you to think about: is this how you would expect a King to arrive to the capital city? What does this tell us about the kind of King Jesus is?