

Religious Education Knowledge Organiser

Year 1

Spring (ii)

What are the symbols of Easter?

Substantive Knowledge - Easter is a Christian festival celebrating the resurrection of Jesus.

The key events in Easter Week

Palm Sunday – Jesus arrived into Jerusalem on a donkey to observe Passover.

Maundy Thursday – Christians remember the Last Supper when Jesus blessed wine. and bread and shared it with his friends.

Good Friday – the day of Jesus' crucifixion. He died for our sins.

Easter Sunday – Jesus rose from the dead.



Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

Easter Sunday

Easter is a Christian festival

Easter is the most important holiday of the Christian Church calendar. It celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead after he was crucified for the sins of the world. Christians believe Christ's death brought them everlasting life.

Symbols of Easter



Hot Cross Buns

They are **symbolic of this significant day in the Christian faith when Jesus was crucified.** Each bun is decorated with a cross made from flour paste, which represents the cross on which Christ died.



Palm Leaves

Christian churches across the country will incorporate palm branches into their services on Palm Sunday. Many hand out palm branches that have been blessed by the priest to the congregation, who will then make them into crosses. The branch is meant to serve as **a reminder of the Christ's victory over death.**

An Easter Service

First Part: The Liturgy of Light

The church is shrouded in darkness as a fire is lit outside the church and the Easter candle is lit from it. The candle represents Jesus Christ, the light of the world.



Second Part: The Liturgy of the Word

A number of readings are read, still in the darkness of the church. From Genesis through to the New Testament, God's marvellous plan is unfolded. The readings are often interspersed with chanted passages or hymns.

Third Part: The Baptismal Liturgy

The water of the baptismal font is blessed in order to prepare for those who will be washed clean from their sins and reborn in the death of Christ. Those present renew their baptismal vows.



Fourth Part: The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The liturgy draws to its culmination and conclusion with the celebration of the holy Eucharist.

Portable Knowledge – What we need to remember

The key events of Easter week:

- **Palm Sunday** – Jesus entered Jerusalem and walked on palm leaves
- **Maundy Thursday** – Jesus and his 12 disciples had the last supper
- **Good Friday** – Jesus died on the cross
- **Easter Sunday** - Jesus rose from the dead



Core Vocabulary

Easter – a Christian festival celebrating the resurrection of Jesus

Symbols – a thing that stands or represents something else

death – to stop living

Resurrection - When Jesus returned back to life

Everlasting - continued life after death