

# HOLY WEEK

## INTRODUCTION

Why is Holy Week the most significant week of the Christian year?

As Vincentians this week we are preparing for and celebrating a very special series of sacred events. These are at the core of the Christian Faith. We begin today, which is called, Holy Thursday and move together towards Easter Sunday.

This evening we join Jesus as he institutes the sacred celebration of the Eucharist, which today remains the most important liturgical ceremony of the Church. Jesus also models how we must treat others through the washing of his disciples feet, service to others is foundational to our common goal as members of the St Vincent de Paul Society. These celebrations led into the early hours of Friday morning, we call it Good Friday, when we walk with Jesus to Calvary, where he sacrifices himself for every single one of us.

The culmination of our special week takes place on Easter Sunday morning when the disciples discover that Jesus had risen and once more dwelt among us.

Through Jesus' actions over these next four days all the prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled, and we can grasp, and carry on, the salvific plan God has for all peoples.

