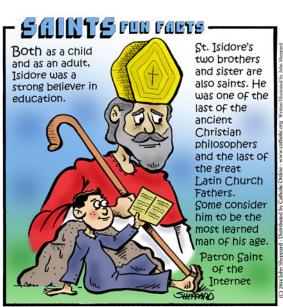


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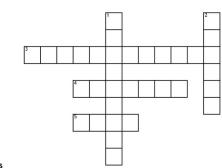
Palm Sunday (April 5th) is the first day of Holy Week.

On this day we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. He rode a donkey because there were prophecies in the Old Testament about the King coming in humble appearance, riding on a donkey. Many people welcomed Jesus by shouting 'Hosanna!', waving palm branches, and making a path of branches and garments. They hoped that Jesus was the promised Saviour. At Mass we hear a long reading about the Last Supper and Jesus' Passion. On Palm Sunday the priest blesses palm and distributes the palm to the congregation for their homes. Left over palm is burnt and used on Ash Wednesday the following year.



April 4, Feast of St Isidore





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- 3. Before entering Jerusalem Jesus predicted his death and
- 4. The word shouted by the crowds
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- 1. The city that Jesus entered
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GOSPEL FOR THE LITURGY OF PALMS SUNDAY, 5 APRIL



Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, `The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion,Look, your king is coming to you,humble, and mounted on a donkey,and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,"Hosanna to the Son of David!Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!Hosanna in the highest heaven!"When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."