

Holy Week- **We Remember**- Stations of the Cross

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Some background: "Our school sits in a big circle and watches the tableau which takes place in the middle of our basketball court.

A big wooden cross forms part of the circle and a wheelbarrow at the base. The wheelbarrow represents our sowers who provide food for us all. Project Compassion boxes are collected and students place these into the wheelbarrow. At the end of the Tableau, we wheel the wheelbarrow to the presbytery to handover the boxes to the Parish.

As each class group moves into the centre for their "Station" we play the accompanying song for the Stations of the Cross Collection "We Remember"

Reader: Welcome to our Holy Week liturgy. If you have a Project Compassion box in your hand, we ask you now to come forward to place the box into the wheelbarrow. After today's liturgy, we will wheel the barrow of boxes to the presbytery to give to the Priest. He will ensure the money is delivered to CARITAS so they can help people in need.

(pause)

We ask that you sit quietly to watch, listen and reflect on the journey that Jesus took to the cross.

1. Jesus Enters Jerusalem: Foundation

Bless Our King by Andrew Chinn

RE Leader: As Jesus and His disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the Mount Of Olives. Jesus sent two of his disciples ahead to a village to find a donkey. They brought the donkey to Jesus and spread their cloaks over it. The people cut branches from trees and spread them on the ground too. They cheered and chanted "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest"

Foundation Teacher: Is Jesus in your life? Do you think about him?

Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you

All: You gave up your life to save us

2. The Passover. -Year 4

When We Eat This Bread by Andrew Chinn (First 2 verses only)

RE Leader: Jesus told two of his disciples to prepare for the Passover feast. At the feast Jesus took some bread, blessed it and broke it. "Take and eat," Jesus said to his disciples. Then he took a cup filled with wine and gave it to them saying "Drink all of you from this, for this is my blood. Do This In Memory of Me"

Year 4 Teacher: Have I been a good person to others? Do I share and include others?

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3. Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane - Year 2

RE Leader: After the meal with his disciples, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. Jesus was really scared and asked his disciples to stay with him while he prayed. Jesus knew what was going to happen and he asked God if he really had to do this. He knew God would be with him. Jesus checked on his disciples 3 times but they were asleep. Jesus felt disappointed that his disciples were not there for him.

Garden of Gethsemane by Andrew Chinn (or use instrumental)

Year 2 Teacher: Are you a good friend? Do you let your friends down when they ask you to do something which is difficult for you?

Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you

All: You gave up your life to save us

4. Jesus Is betrayed By Judas and Arrested Year 3

RE Leader: While Jesus was speaking, Judas, one of the disciples who shared the Passover meal with Jesus, arrived and with him were a crowd with swords and clubs and soldiers too. Judas had betrayed Jesus. Judas told the Chief Priests, who did not like Jesus, that he would kiss the man they were looking for. Judas went up to Jesus and said "Rabbi".

And then kissed him. The soldiers arrested Jesus and took him away.

Year 3 Teacher: Do we treat our friends fairly? Do I let others have their say? Am I loyal to my friends and classmates?

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5. Jesus Is Condemned To Die Year 3

We Remember: Station 1 Jesus Is Condemned to Death by Drew Lane

RE Leader: Jesus is standing before Pilate. Pilate asks Jesus “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus feels sad. There are angry people who are yelling and saying mean things to Jesus. Some of them tell lies about him saying that he did bad things.

Year 3 Teacher: Has anyone ever said mean or hurtful things to you or told lies about you? Do you find it hard to forgive others when you have been hurt?
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All: You gave up your life to save us

6. Jesus Takes Up His Cross Year 3

We Remember: [Station 2 Jesus Carries His Cross](#) by Drew Lane

RE Leader: The soldiers put a heavy cross on Jesus’ shoulder. He knew he had to carry that cross a long way and he knew it would be very hard for him. Jesus knows God is with him and asks God if he will help him to carry his cross even though it is too heavy.

Year 3 Teacher: Have you ever had something happen that was hard for you? How did you get through this difficult time?
Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you

All: You gave up your life to save us

7. Jesus Falls The First Time Year 1

We Remember: [Station 3 Jesus Falls for the First Time](#) by Drew Lane

RE Leader: Jesus was tired as he walked along the road. The stones on the road hurt his feet and the heavy cross kept pushing into his shoulder. People yelled at Jesus and pushed him. Jesus fell down but he never gave up. The love in his heart was stronger than his hurt and pain. Jesus got back up with his cross.

Year 1 Teacher: How do you feel when something seems too hard and you feel like giving up? How do you feel when you can’t make anyone understand what you are trying to say?
Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you

All: You gave up your life to save us

8. Jesus Meets His Mother Year 1

We Remember: [Station 4 Jesus Meets His Mother](#) by Drew Lane

RE Leader: As Jesus carried his cross, his mother Mary came up to him. Mary was so sad to see her son Jesus in pain. Mary and Jesus can't say anything to each other but Mary consoles Jesus. Mary's love for Jesus kept him going.

Year 1 Teacher: How do you feel when you see someone you love in pain? How do you feel when your Mum holds you?

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9. Simon Helps Jesus Carry The Cross Year 1

We Remember: [Station 5 Simon of Cyrene bears the Cross](#) by Drew Lane

RE Leader:: Jesus was very tired and the soldiers could see that Jesus could no longer carry the heavy cross by himself. The Roman soldiers looked in the crowd and saw a passer-by named Simon of Cyrene who looked strong enough to carry Jesus' cross. Jesus looks at Simon and quietly says 'Thank you'. They continue on the long road carrying the cross together.

Year 1 Teacher: Do you go out of your way to help others in need? How do you feel when helping is difficult?

Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you

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10. Veronica Wipes The Face of Jesus Year 5

Station 6 Veronia wipes Jesus' face by Drew Lane

RE Leader: Jesus is hot, tired and sweating. His hair is tangled and he is covered in dust from the long walk. Suddenly a woman pushes her way out of the crowd and stands in front of Jesus. She takes a clean cloth and gently wipes the face of Jesus. Jesus' face print is left on the towel.

Year 5 Teacher: Have you helped someone? Have you done something that makes someone feel better? Do you realize what a difference you can make to someone?

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11. Jesus Falls the Second Time Year 5

Station 7 Jesus falls for the second time by Drew Lane

RE Leader: In spite of the help from Simon of Cyrene, the cross was heavy and the road hard and full of stones. Jesus was unable to hold its weight and so he fell a second time. The noise of the crowd and the soldiers made Jesus feel worse.

Year 5 Teacher: Have you ever had a hard time with something? Maybe you can't do something the way you want to? How does your heart feel when this happens?

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12. Jesus Falls A Third Time Year 5

Station 9 Jesus falls for the third time by Drew Lane

RE Leader: Jesus is so tired that he can hardly take another step. It is hard for him to breathe. He has been walking along the dusty road and he has no energy left. Then Jesus falls for a third time. Jesus asks God to help him and Jesus gets up again though this is very hard for him.

Year 5 Teacher: How can we be the helping hand for others? How can we be more understanding of others who find it difficult to do their best all the time? Have you ever persisted and tried again?

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13. Jesus is Stripped of His Clothes and Nailed To The Cross Year 6

Station 10 Jesus clothes are taken away by Drew Lane

RE Leader: When they reached the place called the Skull, the soldiers crucified Jesus there with two criminals. One on the right and the other on the left. Jesus asked God to forgive them. The soldiers cast lots to share out Jesus' clothing. Jesus looks at his mother and tells her to take care of the others. Even though Jesus accepts his fate, there are those around him that are filled with anger and hate.

Group Chant: Crucify him! Crucify Him!

Station 11 Jesus is nailed on the cross by Drew Lane

Year 6 Teacher: Can you think of a time when someone hurt you with unkind words or actions? Was it hard to forgive?

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14. Jesus Dies On The Cross Year 6

RE Leader: It was now the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the temple was torn right down the middle and when Jesus cried out in a loud voice he said, "Father into your hand I commit my spirit" With these words he breathed his last and bowed his head.

(Drum beat and dies)

Station 12 Jesus dies on the Cross by Drew Lane

Year 6 Teacher: What sacrifices are we prepared to make for the sake of others? Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you

All: You gave up your life to save us

15. Jesus Is Taken Down From The Cross and Placed in the Tomb Year 6

Station 13 Jesus is taken down from the Cross by Drew Lane

RE RE Leader:: Jesus' friends took him down from the cross. They gave him to his mother and she held him. This was a sad moment. Jesus's friends stayed close to Mary. After this they washed him and wrapped him in a clean sheet. They put him in the tomb and rolled a door across the doorway. They had to say goodbye to Jesus.

Station 14 Jesus is laid in the tomb by Drew Lane

Year 6 Teacher: Do you ever thank others for special things they do for you? Are you thankful for Jesus in your life? Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you

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(Classes leave solemnly and return to classrooms)

We Are Waiting by Andrew Chinn