



VOX POPULI

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This Sunday the Church celebrates Palm Sunday, commemorating Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, a significant moment in the final stages of His ministry.

The narrative of Palm Sunday is rich with importance and symbolism.

It marks Christ as the Messiah who was foretold in the Old Testament and his role as the bringer of peace.

It is the fulfilment of the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The donkey is a symbol of humility and peace, not an animal of war, like the horse. It symbolises his entry as the Prince of Peace, not a king of war.

In the Gospel of Luke, as he approaches Jerusalem, he foresees his Passion and the destruction of the Second Temple and weeps for the city.

As Catholics, it is the sign for us to enter deeply into the final week of Lent before the Easter season. Just as Jesus was aware of his Passion, so we too focus on the impending Passion during this week.

During this coming week, we should heighten our dedication to prayer and reconciliation, as we prepare for most important time in our Catholic calendar.