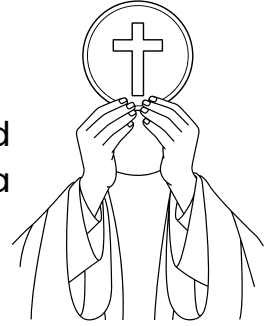




# IDEAS AND DATES FOR THE DIARY APRIL

## 2<sup>nd</sup> April- Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday)

Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of the Easter Triduum. At the Last Supper, Jesus gave us the Eucharist, His real presence with us and showed the true meaning of service by washing the disciples feet. It is a powerful reminder of Christ's call to humility, love and service to others. Perhaps read or watch this [Spiritual Reflection](#) on Holy Thursday.



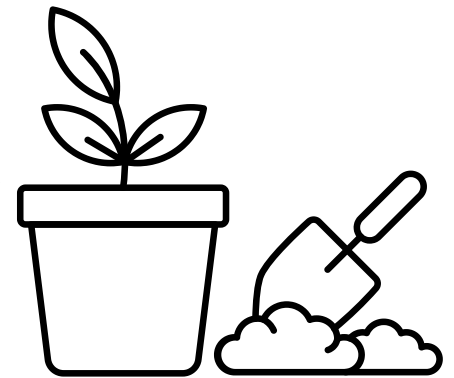
## 1<sup>st</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> April- National Pet Month

National Pet Month celebrates the joy and companionship that animals bring to our lives. This month also offers a lovely opportunity to reflect on the witness of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment.

In 2026 we celebrate the 300th anniversary of his canonisation, a reminder of his deep love for all creation and his belief that every creature reflects God's goodness. There is a great Catholic podcast, if you want to learn more about St Francis of Assisi, [listen here!](#)

## 22<sup>nd</sup> April- Earth Day

Could you offer to tidy up the parish garden or local clean space? Perhaps you could watch the television series, 'Dirty Business' and pray for our leaders to make responsible decisions for the environment.



## Happy Birthday Blessed Frédéric Ozanam and St Vincent de Paul

- Blessed Frédéric Ozanam (23rd April 1813)
- St Vincent de Paul (24th April 1541)

Our founder Blessed Frédéric Ozanam and our patron St Vincent De Paul have birthdays only 1 day apart.

This is a great opportunity to celebrate their legacy and look to the future with hope. Perhaps you could have a bake sale or a community gathering.

Our [Tea with the SVP](#) resources are a great go-to for events like this.

