

Maundy Thursday



Thursday of Holy Week marked the purifying end to Lent prior to Easter. Foot-washing ceremonies recalled Christ washing his disciples' feet at the Last Supper and commanding them to love one another

Maundy is thought to originate from *mandatum*, Latin for **commandment**. Early Christian dignitaries followed the example of foot washing as a symbolic act of humility and spiritual cleansing, but nowadays British sovereigns opt for another Maundy custom – issuing specially minted charity coins to selected deserving citizens