

Sequence: Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. / The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; / and Christ, the undefiled, / has sinners to his Father reconciled. / Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! / Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. / Tell us, Mary: say what did you see upon the way. / The tomb the Living did enclose; / I saw Christ's glory as he rose! / The angels there attesting; / shroud with grave-clothes resting. / Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. / That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. / Victorious king, your mercy show!

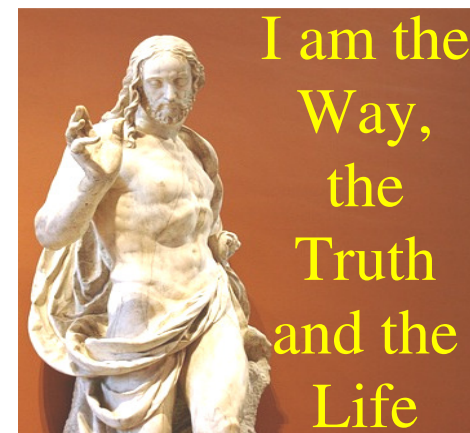
Easter is the holiday that celebrates and commemorates the central event of the Christian faith: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after his death by crucifixion. All major branches of Christianity observe the holiday. Today, other than church attendance, the holiday often involves Easter Eggs for toys and candy as well as the imagery of bunnies and rabbits. Easter occurs the Sunday after Good Friday. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the centrepiece of the Christian faith, according to the Apostle Paul, who even says that if Jesus Christ has not been resurrected then the Christian faith is worthless and futile (1 Cor. 15:14-17). Therefore, without Easter there is no Christianity. Easter is the oldest Christian holiday and the most important day of the church year. All the Christian movable feasts and the entire liturgical year of worship are arranged around Easter. Easter is preceded by the season of Lent, a 40-day period of fasting and repentance culminating in Holy Week, and followed by a 50-day Easter Season that stretches from Easter to Pentecost.



There is evidence that Christians originally celebrated the Resurrection of Christ every Sunday, with observances such as Scripture readings, psalms and the Eucharist. In the first two centuries, however, it became customary to celebrate the Resurrection specially on one day each year. Many of the religious observances of this celebration were taken from the Jewish Passover. The specific day on which the Resurrection should be celebrated became a major point of contention within the Church. First, should it be on Jewish Passover no matter on what day that falls, or should it always fall on a Sunday? It seems Christians in Asia took the former position, while those everywhere else insisted on the latter. The eminent church fathers Irenaeus(125-202) and Polycarp (80-167) were among the Asiatic Christians, and they claimed the authority of St. John the Apostle for their position. Nevertheless, the church majority officially decided that Easter should always be celebrated on a Sunday (Eusebius of Caesarea 260-341 AC).

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5th April 2015 (B)

Easter Sunday

Mass during the day

1ST READING: Acts 10:34; 37-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made;
 let us rejoice and be glad.

2ND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

(Please see opposite page for
 "Sequence")

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become
 our paschal sacrifice; let us feast
 with joy in the Lord.

GOSPEL: St John 20:1-9

Internet resources:

"Zenit News"; "Catholic on Line";
 "Liturgical Year Calendar", "Spirit Daily",
 Children's web: Google, EWTNKIDS.
 Deepen your faith-find answers on "Tim
 Staples; Catholic Sacraments" videos;
www.vocationcentre.org.au

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am

Wed: 6pm

Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Stn Cross Hostel)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

RECONCILIATION:

Wed: 5:15 – 5:45pm

Sat: 4:15 – 4:45pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME &

WEDDINGS: By appointment

ANOINTING MASS:

Quarterly: 1st weekend

1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

100% tax deductible. Please join by
 contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

MASS INTENTIONS:

Easter Vigil: Pro Populo

Sun 5pm: †Mona Osboldstone

Sun 8am: Special Intention

Mon: †Yolanda & Giuseppe Pappalettera

Sun 9:30am: Thomas John Munro (sick)

OUR SICK: Marie and Edgar Busuttill, Pat Raby, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Moira Butler, Alan Sargeant, Henry Morris and Minerva Alimario...

Happy Birthdays to: Joseph Burton, Dianne Burton & Dadney Payet (6th), Mark Sarmiento (7th) and Pat De La Motte (8th)

Please return all **PROJECT COMPASSION** donation boxes **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** for processing to Caritas Australia. (Please place your boxes in the designated basket and fill in your details if you require a tax receipt.) Thank you.

Easter Offerings: on behalf of all the priests of the Archdiocese I say thank you for your generous support given to us that we priests can continue our mission in the Church. Fr. Jerzy

WYD 2016 LAUNCH + YOUNG ADULT WELCOME TO ARCHBISHOP ANTHOY – Tuesday 21st April. All young adults are invited to meet our new Archbishop at the St Mary's Cathedral College Hall from 7:30pm. It will be a huge night of celebration with Polish food, Polish dancing, information stalls, a catechesis from the Archbishop and even a spot of fine Polish vodka! Come and hear about the exciting pilgrimages that Sydney will be taking in 2016 to the City of Mercy. (The Archbishop will also be presiding at City Silence (the weekly young adult holy hour in the Cathedral from 6:30pm). For more information see the event at www.facebook.com/catholicyouthservices or email wyd@catholicyouthservices.org. #getexcited#bemerciful



Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – Upstairs 1-bedroom unit may be available soon. For further details please call Joe de Andrade (Manager-Property) on 0438 696 396 or Patricia Low (Manager-Admin) on 9349 1292

Easter Vigil: P Tjugito, B Purdon, V Hage (R), M Wong, G Hage, M Butler (C)

This weekend: Easter Vigil: All acolytes see above for Readers & EMHC Thomas W/P Low (M)

8:00am: G Diab (A) G Guerrero, F De Andrade (R) O Sarmiento, V Meyer(C) P Low (M)

9:30am: A Varghese (A) I Tjahjadi, Darlene T(R) N Jenner, L Jenner (C) A Burton (M)

5:00pm: R Yang (A) J Chandra, D Sarmiento (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** B Dunn, H Morris (Wed 8/4)

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggart (A) L Paquin, J Spora (R) S Kim, S Boen (C) Thomas W (M)

8:00am: G Diab (A) A Burke, Volunteer (R) Sr Betty, J Yong (C) P Low (M)

9:30am: A Varghese (A) H Evening, K Wong (R) J Lie, I Lie(C) T Chin (M)

5:00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** J De Andrade



DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY

12th April

Adoration, confession, devotions and
Benediction from
3.00 – 4.00pm.



**May you always rejoice
in the Triumph of the Lord...
May you always find happiness
in the Glory of the Lord...**

**May you find comfort, love and serenity
in the Presence of the Resen Lord...
Wishing you a Happy and Blessed
Easter Anno Domini 2015!**

My Dear Friends. It has been a wonderful time to walk together with you throughout Lent. Our Spiritual Journey has been concluded at Easter Festival of Life of the Risen Christ. Travelling along different ways we merged on our Lord. His Sacraments of Easter rejuvenate and empower us in order to pursue our ultimate aspiration and destiny, to live for Eternity in the House of our God. This can be accomplished by accepting Christ's invitation to follow Him, as **He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.** Thank you for your remarkable presence and support. May God bless you All.

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God's law is about love for God and for others, not cold, abstract doctrine, Pope Francis said at a morning Mass. "It's sad to be a believer without joy and there is no joy when there is no faith, when there



**Rejoice,
Rejoice in
the Lord!**

is no hope, when there is no law, but only rules and cold doctrine," he said at the Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae March 26. "The joy of faith, the joy of the Gospel is the touchstone of a person's faith. Without joy, that person is not a true believer," he said, according to Vatican Radio.