

Holy Thursday 9 April
You can watch 7.30pm Holy Thursday Mass
from St Patrick's Cathedral on channel 31

READINGS

Exodus: 12: 1-8, 11-14
1Corinthians: 11: 23-26
John: 13: 1-15

LITANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Response: Have mercy on us

Jesus, the Father's beloved Son,
Divine Wisdom, Splendour of his glory (R)
Jesus, son of Adam, Abraham's Seed,
Holy Root of David (R)
Jesus, fulfilment of prophecy,
Fullness of the Law, humanity's goal (R)
Jesus, gift of the Father,
Conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Son of the Virgin Mary (R)
Jesus, born for our salvation
Revealed to the shepherds
Manifest to the Magi (R)
Jesus, light for the Gentiles,
Glory of Israel, hope of the nations (R)

Jesus, baptised in the Jordan,
Manifested through the Spirit,
Revealed by the Father (R)
Jesus, tempted in the desert
Praying on the mountain, gloriously exalted (R)
Jesus, teacher of truth, word of life,
Way to the Father (R)
Jesus, healing for the sick,
Consolation for the afflicted
Pardon for sinners (R)

Jesus, way and gate to salvation,
Shepherd and lamb, resurrection and life (R)
Jesus, condemned to death
Crowned with thorns
Wounded by stings of the lash (R)
Jesus, nailed to the wood of the cross,
Buried in the earth, rising from the dead (R)
Jesus, descended into hell
Ascended into heaven, giver of the Holy Spirit (R)
Jesus, hope of the Bride, reward of the just
Abundance of the Kingdom (R)

Jesus, Living God *to you praise and glory*
Jesus, alive in your Church *to you praise and glory*
Jesus, living for ages unending *to you praise and glory*

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION POPE FRANCIS

Say this prayer while gazing on a crucifix or a picture of Jesus:
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Good Friday 10 April
You can watch 3pm Good Friday Liturgy
from St Patrick's Cathedral on channel 31

*Try to maintain a spirit of silence at home—
no TV, no Internet, no radio or noise at least around 3pm.*

READINGS

Isaiah 52: 13-53: 12
Hebrews 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9
John 18: 1-19: 42

WAY OF THE CROSS AND STABAT MATER

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HOLY ROSARY—SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

1. Jesus' Agony in the Garden
2. Jesus is Scourged at the Pillar
3. Jesus is Crowned with Thorns
4. Jesus carries the Cross to Calvary
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

PRAYER AT THE CROSS

As we recall Christ's saving death, let us pray to God the Father:
Lord, unite your Church throughout the world
Keep Pope Francis in your loving care
Sanctify by your Spirit the entire people of God
Deepen the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism
Gather all Christians into unity
Bring the Jewish people to the fullness of redemption
Shed your light on those who do not believe in Christ
Show the signs of your love to those who deny your existence
Guide the minds and hearts of governments and rulers
Comfort those who live in sorrow
Grant to the dead eternal rest. Our Father.....

PRAYER DURING CORONAVIRUS

Let us pray also for all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

Almighty ever-living God,
only support of our human weakness.
Look with compassion upon
the sorrowful condition of your children
who suffer because of this pandemic:
relieve the pain of the sick;
give strength to those who care for them;
welcome into your peace those who have died;
and, throughout this time of tribulation,
grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love.
Through Christ our Lord.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Permit me not to be separated from you.
From the wicked foe, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me
and bid me come to you
That with your saints I may praise you
For ever and ever. Amen.

Christ is Risen ! A Blessed Easter to All !
You can watch 7.30pm Saturday Easter Vigil and 11am Easter Sunday Mass
from St Patrick's Cathedral on channel 31

Readings: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; 1Corinthians 5:6-8; John 20:1-9; Matthew 28:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

Holy Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And suddenly there was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken by fear of him that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going ahead of you to Galilee; that is where you will see him." Look! I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. And suddenly, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, clasping his feet, they did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; there they will see me.'

Meditation

Happy Easter! Christ is risen! Sin is defeated, and death has lost its sting! The long years of waiting and hoping have finally come to an end. You would think that the Gospel reading for today would reflect all the joy embedded in these truths. But that's not what we hear. Rather, we hear a tale of panic, misunderstanding, and incomplete faith. Mary Magdalene thinks Jesus' corpse has been stolen. Peter is stunned by the empty tomb. And John? He begins to believe, but he still leaves the scene unsatisfied. Where is the joy? What about the victory that Jesus has promised? It's on the threshold, just about to break through. One more thing still had to happen. The disciples still have to meet the risen Lord. Over the next few days Mary Magdalene, the apostles, the Emmaus disciples, and Peter all have personal encounters with Jesus. And when they do—that's when the joy comes in. Christ is risen—for you. He has overcome sin—for you. He has opened heaven—for you. Take hold of these gifts by taking hold of Jesus. Then watch as your heart is filled with joy.

Spiritual Communion St John Henry Newman

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go.
Flood my soul with Your spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly,
That my life may only be a radiance of Yours.
Shine through me, and be so in me
That every soul I come in contact with
May feel Your presence in my soul.
Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus!
Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as You shine,
So to shine as to be a light to others;
The light, O Jesus will be all from You; none of it will be mine;
It will be you, shining on others through me.
Let me thus praise You the way You love best,
by shining on those around me.
Let me preach You without preaching,
not by words but by my example,
By the catching force of the sympathetic influence of what I do,
The evident fullness of the love my heart bears to You. Amen.

The Sequence of Easter

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath 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 thou didst 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, thy mercy show!

General Intercessions

Let us place our needs before God our Father, rejoicing because Christ has triumphed over death and entered into glory.

1. For the Holy Father, Pope Francis, that like Saint Peter, he may continue to lead the Church in witnessing to the joyful truth of the Resurrection.
2. For all who have dedicated their lives to God, that they may "look for the things that are in heaven," and be Christ's witnesses in the world.
3. For those unjustly deprived of their freedom, that they may draw fresh hope of freedom from the mystery of the Resurrection.
4. For the family of God sharing in Easter joy, that we may bear witness to the risen Christ and reflect him in our lives.
5. For the sick, those afflicted with COVID19, nurses and doctors, and scientists searching for a vaccine.
6. For those who have died, that they may rise to eternal life in Christ.

Almighty Father, your beloved son has risen from the dead, as he promised us. In peace and joy we present our prayers to you, through Jesus our risen Lord. Amen.

Litany for Easter Sunday

(R) Christ is risen, alleluia!

Father of life, we give you praise and glory. *(R)*
You have given Jesus victory over sin. *(R)*
You have raised him from the dead. *(R)*
You have made his cross a sign of glory. *(R)*
You have made us sharers in your life. *(R)*
With Christ, you have buried us in death to sin. *(R)*
With him you have raised us to new life. *(R)*
He is seated with you in glory. *(R)*
He sends his Spirit to guide our lives. *(R)*
Jesus will come again in glory. *(R)*