

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## EASTER SUNDAY

16<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Year A/1



Resurrection of Christ and Women at the Tomb,  
Fra Angelico, 1442

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm (Mass in Polish)  
6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am  
10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday-Friday: 8:00am  
Saturday: 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: after 8:30am Mass

Benediction: Saturday 5.15pm

### ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Patricia Riley - Principal

#### School Office Times

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

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# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGY

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

#### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:30pm

8.30am

10:00am

**For the Parish**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Octave of Easter</b>	<b>Blessings for the Nive Family</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Octave of Easter</b>	<b>Blessings for the Pieri Family</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Octave of Easter</b>	<b>Blessings for the Bastoli Family</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Octave of Easter</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Octave of Easter</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Octave of Easter</b>	

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests.  
In the case of Emergency please call the emergency number at the front of this bulletin.

#### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office.

#### HYMNS FOR WEEKEND MASSES:

Entrance: 303                      Sequence: 344  
Offertory: Screen                Communion: 353, 507  
Reflection: Screen                Recessional: Screen

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be no Adoration before morning Mass from Monday to Wednesday during April, due to Fr Pawel being away and our commitments.

#### DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

##### Novena

Weekdays - after 8.00am Mass

##### Divine Mercy Devotions

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 3.00pm

#### YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass is Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm.  
Please spread the word to our young people.

#### POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTIONS:

##### Universal: Youth

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Katalin Domotor, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davies, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery, Jason Isbitski, Rosslyn Talbot, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado, Elaine D'Arcy & Kathleen Angoves

**SICK LIST:** If you have anyone for the sick list, (due to privacy laws) contact the Parish Office to fill in a form and update it at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.



## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

### THE HOLY FATHER'S CATECHESIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Last Sunday we recalled Jesus' entrance in Jerusalem, between the festive acclamations of the disciples and a great crowd. Those people placed many hopes in Jesus: so many expected miracles and great signs from Him, manifestations of power and even of freedom from the occupying enemies. Which one of them would have imagined that from there shortly Jesus would instead be humiliated, condemned and killed on a cross? The earthly hopes of those people collapsed in face of the cross. But we believe that precisely in the Crucified our hope is reborn. Earthly hopes collapse in face of the cross, but new hopes are reborn, those that last forever. But what kind of hope is this? What hope is born from the cross?

What Jesus said, in fact, after entering Jerusalem can help us understand it: *"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit"* (John 12:24). Let us try to think of a grain or a small seed, which falls into the earth. If it remains closed in itself, nothing happens; instead, if it is broken, it opens and then gives life to an ear, a bud, then a plant and the plant will give fruit.

Jesus brought a new hope to the world, and he did so in the way of a seed: He made Himself small — small, like a grain of wheat; He left His heavenly glory to come among us: He "fell to the ground." But this was not enough yet. To bear fruit Jesus lived love to the end, letting Himself be broken by death as a seed lets itself be broken under the earth. If one of you asks: "How is hope born?" "From the cross. Look at the cross, look at Christ Crucified and from there hope will come to you that no longer disappears, which lasts to eternal life." And this hope sprouted precisely by the strength of love: because a love that "hopes all, endures all" (1 Corinthians 13:7), love that is God's life, has renewed everything it has reached. Thus at Easter, Jesus, taking our sin upon Himself, transformed it into forgiveness, our death into resurrection, our fear into trust. See why there, on the cross, our hope is born and is always reborn; see how with Jesus every darkness of ours can be transformed into light, every defeat into victory, every disappointment into hope — every, yes, every. Hope surpasses all, because it is born of the love of Jesus who made Himself like a grain of wheat in the earth and who died to give life and from that life full of love hope comes.

When we choose Jesus' hope, little by little we discover that the winning way of living is that of the seed, that of

humble love. There is no other way to overcome evil and to give hope to the world. Have you thought of this? One who loves loses power, one who gives, dispossesses himself of something and to love is a gift. In reality the logic of the seed that dies, of humble love, is the way of God, and only this way gives fruit. We see it also in us: to possess always pushes us to want something else: I have obtained something for myself and I immediately want something greater, and so on, and I am never satisfied. That is an awful thirst! The more you have, the more you want. One who is voracious is never sated. And Jesus says it clearly: "he who loves *his* life loses it" (John 12:25). You are voracious, you want to have so many things but . . . you will lose everything, also your life, that is: one who loves *himself* and lives for his interests is puffed up with himself and loses. Instead, one who accepts, is available and serves lives God's way: then he is victorious, saves himself and others; becomes *seed of hope* for the world. But it is good to help others, to serve others . . . perhaps we will get tired! But life is like this and the heart is filled with joy and hope. This is love and hope together: to serve and to give.

This true love certainly passes through the cross, sacrifice, as it did for Jesus. The cross is the obligatory passage but it is not the aim, it is a passage: the aim is glory, as Easter shows us. And here another very beautiful image comes to our aid, which Jesus left His disciples during the Last Supper. He says: "When a woman is in travail she has sorrow, because her hour has come; but when she is delivered of the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a child is born into the world" (John 16:21).. And this is what mothers do: they give another life, they suffer, but then they are joyful, happy because they have given birth to another life. It gives joy; love gives birth to life and even gives meaning to sorrow. And each one of us can ask himself: "Do I love? Have I learned to love? Do I learn every day to love more?" — because love is the engine that makes our hope go on.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, during these days, days of love, let us allow ourselves to be enveloped by the mystery of Jesus. Let us contemplate the Crucified, source of hope. I would now like to give you a task to do at home. It will do us all good to pause before the Crucifix — all of you have one at home — and look at Him and say to Him: "With you nothing is lost. With you I can always hope. You are my hope." Let us now imagine the Crucifix and all together let us say to Jesus Crucified three times: "You are my hope." All: 'You are my hope.' Louder! "You are my hope." Thank you.