



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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EASTER SUNDAY, THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD — YEAR A

PSALM RESPONSE:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



THIS WEEK'S MASSES & FEASTS

SUNDAY 07h30 <i>Pro Populo</i> 09h30 <i>Blaise & Gustave Zinsou RIP</i> 18h00 <i>Pro Populo</i>	Acts 10: 34,37-43 / Ps 118 Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9
MONDAY <i>FAMILY DAY</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>	Acts 2:14,22-33 / Ps 16 Mt 28:8-15
TUESDAY <i>Pro Populo</i>	Acts 2:36-41 / Ps 33 Jn 20:11-18
WEDNESDAY <i>Pro Populo</i>	Acts 3:1-10 / Ps 105 Lk 24:13-35
THURSDAY <i>ST MARCELLINUS</i> <i>Douglas Sachs</i>	Acts 3:11-26 / Ps 8 Lk 24:35-48
FRIDAY <i>ST ANSELM</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>	Acts 4:1-12 / Ps 118 Jn 21:1-4

* *Italics indicate Mass intention*

Proclaimers

07h30
Stephen Mina
Paul Mina

09h30
Victor Houliston
Rob Herring

Ministers of the Eucharist

07h30
Colin Lesar
Geofrey Sulamoyo
Tilly Michaels
Mary Salmon
Maevé Jacobs

09h30
Hilary Masenda
Mike Fiore
Wendy Davies
Paul coombes

Hospitals

Sr Judy

Flowers

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday: 13h15

Sunday: 07h30 | 09h30 (*Sung*)
18h00

MORNING PRAYER

Sunday: 09h00 (*before 09h30 Mass*)
Join in the prayer of the Church
led by our *Schola Cantorum*

CONFESSIONS

Monday – Friday: after 13h15 Mass

EXPOSITION

Monday – Friday: 12h00-13h00

BENEDICTION

Friday: 13h00

WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

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Acc No: 002294192

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PARISH NOTICES

Happy Easter!

Rejoice and be Glad Christ has risen!! We would like to wish all our Parishioners a Happy Easter.

Easter Monday

There will be Mass on Easter Monday at 09h00. Please note that there will be no 13h15 Mass.

Theft in the church

We urge all parishioners please to carry their bags with them when going up for communion as there has been theft. Thank you.

Morning Prayer

There will be no morning prayer on Sunday, 23 April 2017.

Proclaimers

We are looking for proclaimers for the 07h30 Mass, if you would like to be added please email Tilly Michaels - tilymichaels@yahoo.com. Thank you

Cry Chapel

We remind parents with children who are likely to distract others that the Cry Chapel next to the altar can easily be reached along the side of the Church. The ushers will gladly help.

Family Ministry

Gabriel has a fresh supply of family reading material: Family Matters, Marfam reflections, etc.

Silence

We encourage all parishioners to go and watch the movie Silence.

Martin Scorsese's Silence tells the story of two Christian missionaries (Andrew Garfield and Adam Driver) who face the ultimate test of faith when they travel to Japan in search of their missing mentor (Liam Neeson) - at a time when Christianity was outlawed and their presence forbidden. The celebrated director's 28-year journey to bring Shusaku Endo's 1966 acclaimed novel to life and will be in theaters this Friday, 21 April 2017.

Sick List

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the parish, especially Maria da Matta, Veronica Phirir, Bill Brogan, Seignon Zinsou, Daniël Enslin, Meagan Petersen, and Mike Fiore. Please pray for those who have died, may they rest in peace.

Should you wish to add anyone to the sick list, please e-mail Kelsey (parish@trinityjhb.co.za). If you do not have access to e-mail, please add a note into the collection, with the name of the sick person and your own contact details.

PASTOR'S CORNER

'Early in the morning, before it was light....'

That first Good Friday really was good. Despite the grief, the pain, the horror, it was good, because in the real world the drama of our salvation was won by Jesus' loving us... and loving us... and loving us....

On that Sabbath, it was as if all creation paused... and wept. Despite the denial, the weakness, the pain, the fear, and the guilt, those who loved Jesus grieved, and despite all these actions and emotions which are so typically human, those who still loved Jesus were very, very many. On a Holy Day, they did not observe the formalities of mourning, but in their hearts they surely grieved. They probably wondered, because we would too, if things could get any worse.

On that first Easter morning, going to the tomb, the women found that things just got worse, as bad as they could possibly be, for the body of Jesus was not there. And it was at that very moment that the Risen Lord appeared to Mary... who did not recognise him, not until he called her by name.

On my first Easter in Braamfontein in 1993, Chris Hani was assassinated on Holy Saturday. The nation paused. Pain, fear, guilt, and grief joined hands with anger, simmering and about to boil over. Madiba, not yet President, addressed the nation, holding out hope and light:

'Tonight I am reaching out to every South African, black and white, from the depth of my being.... Now is the time for all South Africans to stand together, against those who, from any quarter, wish to destroy what Chris Hani gave his life for – the freedom of us all.'

Christ himself concluded that first Easter Day saying to us 'Peace be with you.'

Blessed Easter to each of you.

Graham Pugin SJ

PS: What is the Risen Lord asking of me personally?

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The Long Resurrection

By Anthony Egan SJ

For varied reasons, many people may find themselves uneasy with the joy of the Resurrection we celebrate liturgically at Easter. Some – faced with ongoing problems ranging from fear generated by political uncertainty, through economic woes like poverty and unemployment, to personal crises like bereavement, broken relationships, loneliness or depression – may even feel a profound lack of resurrection in their lives.

The good news, however, is that through a diligent journey with the Scriptures of the Easter Season one may come to a deeper, more profound sense of hope amidst chaos.

Easter proclaims joy and hope. To those living with fear, anxiety and sorrow they all too easily seem a slap in the face. How can I be joyful as I deal with the death of a loved one or the collapse of a significant relationship? How can I celebrate as I struggle to find a job, to feed and clothe myself and my family? And where is the hope for the future in a context of social inequality, economic downgrades, mounting corruption, the steady rise of populist authoritarianism, wars and rumours of war, and a sense that the great democratic dream is dying?

To some it may seem patently dishonest to pretend joy in such circumstances. Such behaviour may rightly be seen as the worst kind of pious escapism.

Yet if we look at the New Testament closely and see the Resurrection as more than just a single event, perhaps we can see a glimmer of light in the gloom. The Resurrection, certainly, is an event – the supreme example of what some theologians call God's interruption of human history. But it is also a process for those who experience it, the disciples.

The realization that Christ's life and teachings are brutally cut short – a judicial murder, the result of a conspiracy of a ruthless ruling elite of Romans, nobles and religious authorities – is not the end, that faith in Christ is vindicated by the experience of Christ risen is not, as Scripture reveals, a one-off event. The Gospels depict a growing awareness by the disciples that their faith was not in vain.

Some disciples simply see an empty tomb and believe. For others it is Christ present in their midst – in a garden, in an upper room, or on the road home to Emmaus. Some disciples want proof – and get it. And throughout the process until the Ascension there remain those who are uncertain about the Risen Christ and what they are to do next.

This is the genius of the New Testament and the Church's use of it during this Season. It speaks lovingly to disciples of every shade of faith and doubt. It challenges us to change our attitude and to act in faith.

For those today who feel they are still living through personal and collective Passions, though this Season may not change their situation, a close and faithful engagement with the Resurrection may offer the promise that – however slowly – life emerges out of death, joy out of sorrow, hope out of despair.