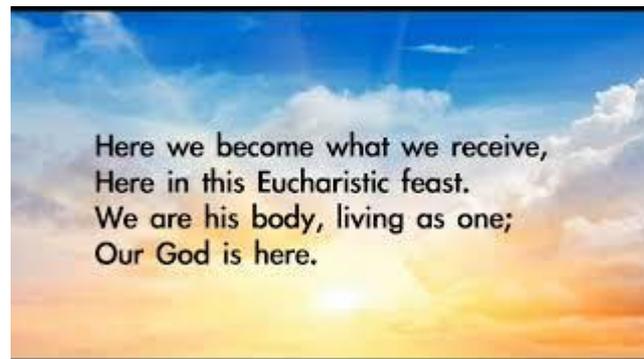


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We gather together to love,
value and respect each other
within our Catholic family, to
nurture each individual's
talents and skills as Jesus
taught us.

*Everyone matters and is loved
by God.*

Peace be with you
and with your Spirit

Jesus Christ light of the world
... **shine brightly in our lives**



Jesus Christ God's living
Word
... **speak to us your truth**



Jesus Christ God's love
revealed
... **dwell among us**



Our lit candle reminds us that
we are in God's presence as
we mark ourselves with the
sign of the cross

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen**

We Say Sorry

You call us to love one another
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

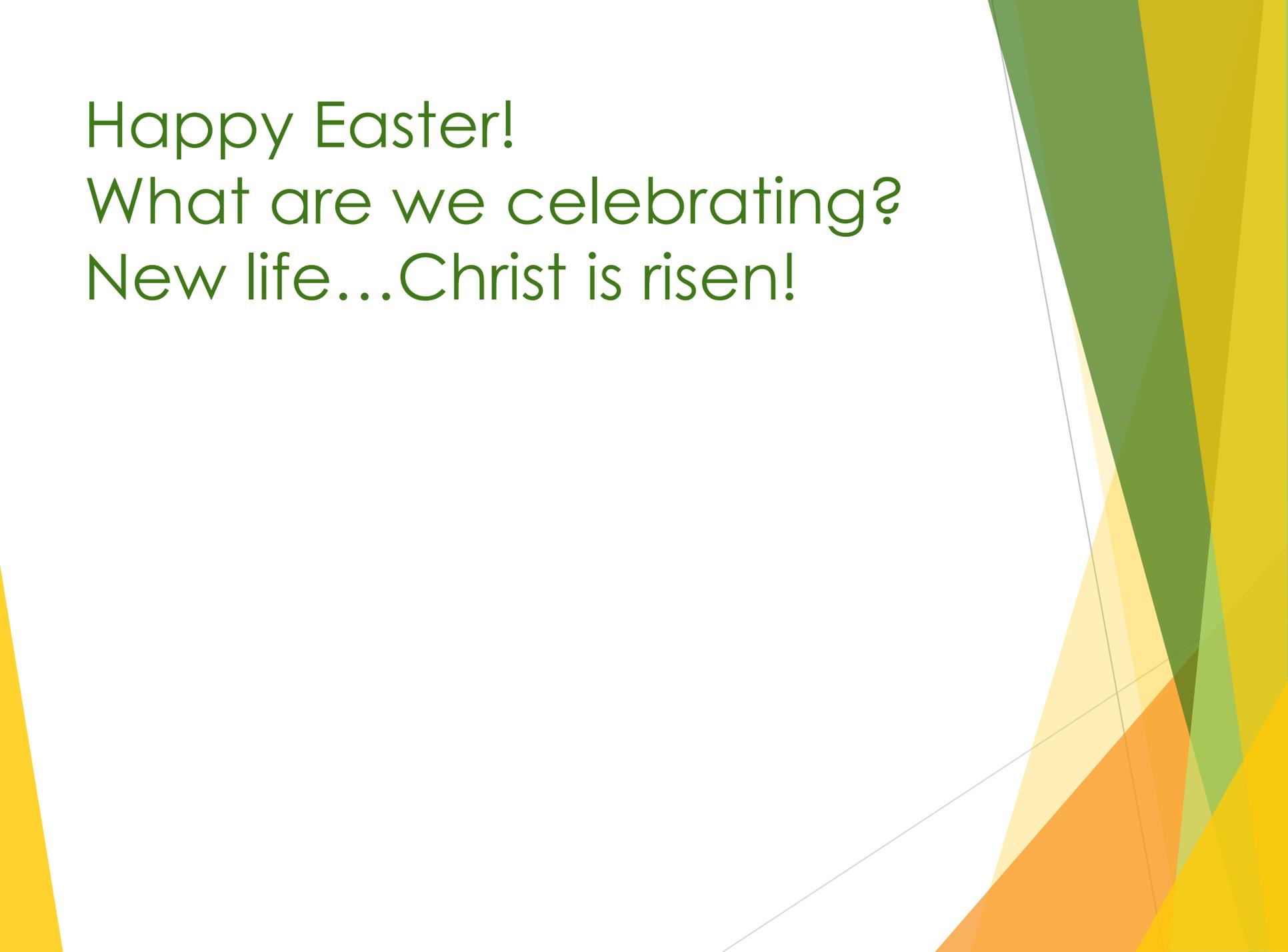
You make us all children of God
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You invite us all to call God our
Father
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Happy Easter!

What are we celebrating?

New life...Christ is risen!



God of wonder, we rejoice
because Christ is risen and we
know that all things are possible
for you. Bring us new life and
help us to make our world a
better place for everyone.

Amen

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
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We listen to the word

Gospel according to John 20:1-9

May the words of Jesus be

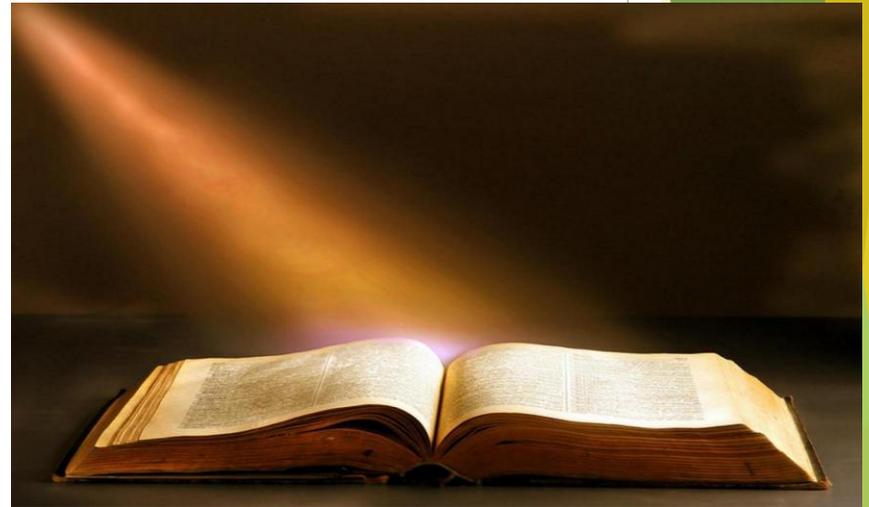
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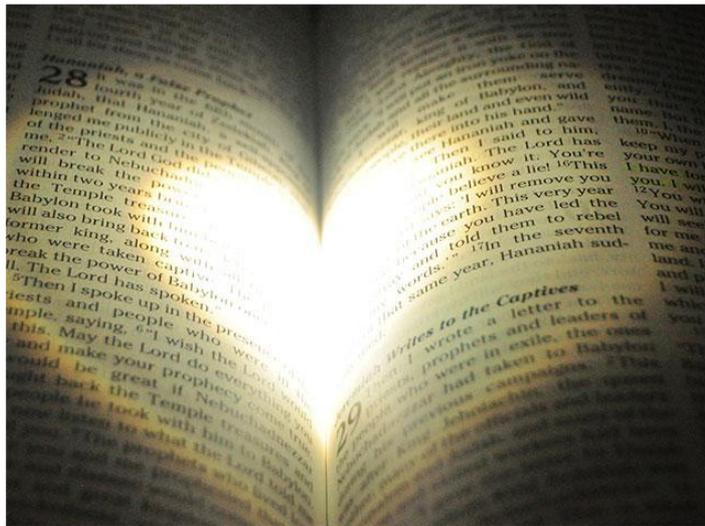
The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

We are still and silent as we reflect on God's word for us in the Gospel.



Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb where Jesus's body has been laid, but the stone blocking the entrance has been moved. She thinks that someone has moved Jesus.

How do you think this makes her feel?

She runs back to fetch Simon Peter and John and tell them that Jesus has gone. When they arrive at the tomb, they see that it is empty except for the cloths that the body had been wrapped in.



The disciples realise that Jesus has risen from the dead and they believe in him.

Jesus is risen from the dead, giving new life to us all.

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is risen?



Easter is a time of great joy,
happiness and celebration.

It is also a time of great hope,
because the resurrection of Jesus
shows us that nothing is
impossible to God.



Jesus is risen from the dead to forgive our sins and bring us all new life. It is a day for fresh starts and new beginnings, knowing that Jesus will always be with us. And so today we are filled with joy and we look to the future with hope.



Hope is not just about wishing for things to get better without doing anything about it.

We have been told that a person “who has hope lives differently”. They have “been granted the gift of new life.” (*Pope Benedict, Spe Salvi*)



And in this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has asked us all to be signs of hope to those who are facing difficulties and challenges of any kind.



How do you think you could be a sign of hope to others?

How could hope make you live differently?

What will you do to help other people who are finding things hard?



We live differently because we are trying to change the world, so that it becomes a place where everyone has the chance to live free from poverty.

Even when it is very difficult, we cannot give up, because we have hope.

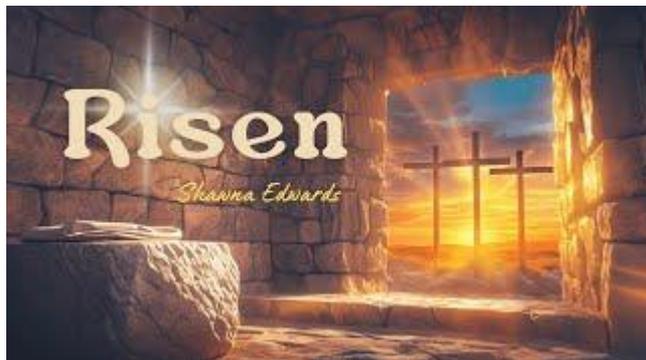


What makes you joyful this Easter?
And what is your hope for the
world?

Is it peace for all people? Enough
food for all? For no one to be
lonely? For the world to be a
fairer place?

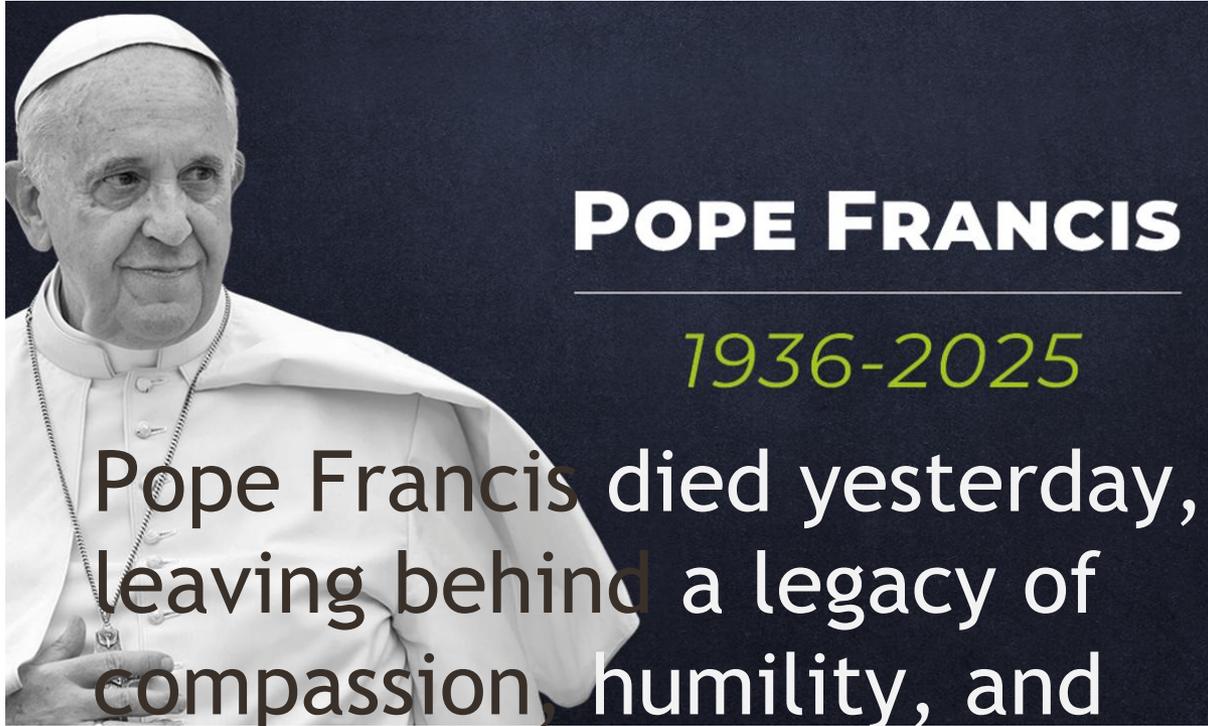


Whatever your hope, as we give thanks to God this Easter for all the things that bring us joy, we also pray that our hopes may become a reality. And filled with hope we go out to work towards making this happen.



In silence, pray for each other -
that God will be with all of us.





POPE FRANCIS

1936-2025

Pope Francis died yesterday, leaving behind a legacy of compassion, humility, and

courage. His impact reached far beyond the Catholic Church—touching hearts across faiths and nations. We grieve, but above all, we give thanks. Rest in peace, Holy Father.

Let us take this time to remember Pope Francis.

<https://youtu.be/2ubgyYvOKPY>

POPE FRANCIS
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Eternal rest grant upon him,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.
Amen.



Heavenly Father, we commend to you the Soul of Our Holy Father Francis, who has died.

May he be admitted into paradise and may his works of love and care for the poor accompany him on his journey into his heavenly reward.

May he, like St Joseph, be held in the arms of Jesus and Mary, and may our sorrow turn into Easter Joy, trusting in your gift of eternal life as we celebrate these Easter Days.

Eternal rest grant unto Francis, O Lord.

And let the perpetual light shine upon him.

And may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



We pray for all the leaders of nations: that they may renew their efforts to bring peace and fairness to the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for all members of our global family: that we may be filled with hope for the future and inspired to work together to make this hope a reality.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for our school,
parish, families and
friends: that we may
always spread joy and
love to others and never
lose hope of a fairer
world for all.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

In this Jubilee Year, we pray
that we may be signs of hope
in our world through all that we
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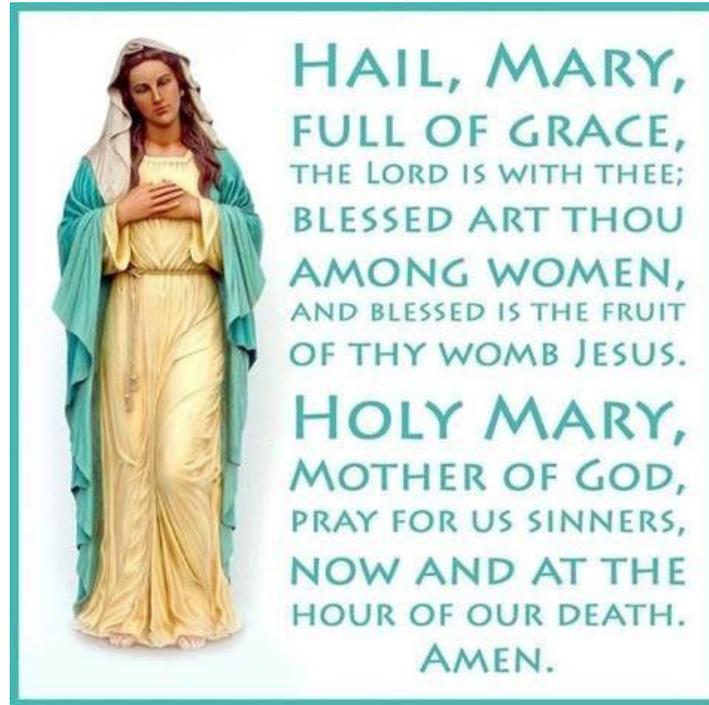
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We take a moment now to pray for our own intentions

We ask our Lady to intercede on our behalf as we say together



Risen Christ, we give thanks
for the new life you have
given us. Show us how to live
in hope and make a
change, so that all people
may live in peace, free from
poverty.

Amen.

Gracious God,
You know our needs even before we ask
and heed our faltering prayers, spoken
and unspoken.

Hear our voice above the murmurs of
sorrow
for it is the voice of confusion
seeking your still small voice of calm.

Hear our voice as we give thanks for your
faithful servant
for it is the voice of praise
joining with sadness and joy.

Hear our voice as we pray for the future
for it is a voice of hope
longing to see your Church made whole.

Hear our voice as we watch with those
who deliberate
for it is the voice of humility
asking for their wisdom and discernment.

Hear our voice as we pray in solidarity
with the poor
for it is the voice of peace
searching for justice.

O God, hear the voice of the voiceless
for it is the voice of silence
crying out from the cross
through whom your Spirit may be heard
and your will be recognised.

For Jesus Christ's sake,

Amen.

St Anthony

Pray for us

St Mark

Pray for us

St Francis

Pray for us

St Alban

Pray for us

How will
you follow
Jesus this
week?

In the week ahead let's try to ...

- ▶ understand that with God's help our hopes for the world might become real
- ▶ pray and work for peace in our world

Jesus, I offer my day to you
Jesus, I offer my day to you
Jesus, I offer my day to you

Let us go in
peace

Thanks be to God

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