

## Easter Sunday – Homily of Pope Francis for Mass of the day

(St Peter's Square, 20 April 2025)

***From the now last message of Pope Francis to the Church and the world, as he died the next day.***

This is the message of Easter: *we must look for him elsewhere*. Christ is risen, he is alive! He is no longer a prisoner of death, he is no longer wrapped in the shroud, and therefore we cannot confine him to a fairy tale, we cannot make him a hero of the ancient world or think of him as a statue in a museum! On the contrary, we must look for him and this is why we cannot remain stationary. We must take action, set out to look for him: look for him in life, look for him in the faces of our brothers and sisters, look for him in everyday business, look for him everywhere except in the tomb.

We must look for him without ceasing. Because if he has risen from the dead, then he is present everywhere, he dwells among us, he hides himself and reveals himself even today in the sisters and brothers we meet along the way, in the most ordinary and unpredictable situations of our lives. He is alive and is with us always, shedding the tears of those who suffer and adding to the beauty of life through the small acts of love carried out by each of us.

For this reason, our Easter faith, which opens us to the encounter with the Risen Lord and prepares us to welcome him into our lives, is anything but a complacent settling into some sort of “religious reassurance.” On the contrary, Easter spurs us to action, to run like Mary Magdalene and the disciples; it invites us to have eyes that can “see beyond,” to perceive Jesus, the one who lives, as the God who reveals himself and makes himself present even today, who speaks to us, goes before us, surprises us. Like Mary Magdalene, every day we can experience losing the Lord, but every day we can also run to look for him again, with the certainty that he will allow himself to be found and will fill us with the light of his Resurrection.

Brothers and sisters, this is the greatest hope of our life: we can live this poor, fragile and wounded existence clinging to Christ, because he has conquered death, he conquers our darkness and he will conquer the shadows of the world, to make us live with him in joy, forever. This is the goal towards which we press on, as the Apostle Paul says, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead (cf. *Phil* 3:12-14). Like Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, we hasten to meet Christ.

The Jubilee invites us to renew the gift of hope within us, to surrender our sufferings and our concerns to hope, to share it with those whom we meet along our journey and to entrust to hope the future of our lives and the destiny of the human family. And, so, we cannot settle for the fleeting things of this world or give in to sadness; we must run, filled with joy. Let us run towards Jesus, let us rediscover the inestimable grace of being his friends. Let us allow his Word of life and truth to shine in our lives.

The Risen Christ opens our life to hope. He is alive, he still wants to renew our life today. In the wonder of the Easter faith, carrying in our hearts every expectation of peace and liberation, we can say: **with You, O Lord, everything is new. With you, everything begins again.**

### — A Feast for All Peoples —

*“When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. [...] Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast”. Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.” (Jn 21, 9.12.13).*

**152.** The miraculous catch of fish concludes with a feast. The Risen One asked the disciples to obey His Word, to cast their nets and pull them ashore. It is He, however, who prepares the banquet and invites them to eat. There are loaves and fish for all, just as when He multiplied them for the hungry crowd. Most of all, there is the wonder and enchantment of His presence, so clear and bright that no one needs to ask questions. Eating with them once again, following their abandonment and denial of Him, He invites them anew into communion with Him, imprinting upon them the sign of His eternal mercy that opens onto the future. Those who participated in this Easter would thus identify themselves as – those *“who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.”* (Acts 10:41).

**153.** By sharing meals with His disciples, the Risen Lord fulfils the image of the prophet Isaiah, whose words have inspired the work of the Synodal Assembly: a superabundant and sumptuous banquet prepared by the Lord on the mountaintop, a symbol of conviviality and communion intended for all peoples (cf. Is 25:6-8). The breakfast that the Lord prepared for His disciples after Easter is a sign that the eschatological banquet had already begun. Even if it finds its fullness only in Heaven, the banquet of grace and mercy is already prepared for all. The Church has the mission of bringing this splendid announcement to a changing world. While nourished in the Eucharist by the Lord’s Body and Blood, the Church is aware it cannot forget the poorest, the last, the excluded, those who do not know love and are without hope, nor those who do not believe in God or do not recognise themselves in any established religion. In its prayer, the Church brings them to the Lord and then goes out to meet them with the creativity and boldness that the Spirit inspires. The Church’s synodality, thus, becomes a social prophecy for today’s world, inspiring new paths in the political and economic spheres, as well as collaborating with all those who believe in fellowship and peace in an exchange of gifts with the world.

*Excerpt from ‘Conclusion to the **Final Document of the Synod on Synodality**’ — **For a Synodal Church***



## CALENDAR

### MONDAY

April 28  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 4:23-31  
Jn 3:1-8

### TUESDAY

April 29  
St. Catherine of  
Siena, Virgin and  
Doctor of the  
Church  
Acts 4:32-37  
Jn 3:7b-15

### WEDNESDAY

April 30  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:17-26  
Jn 3:16-21

### THURSDAY

May 1  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:27-33  
Jn 3:31-36

### FRIDAY

May 2  
St. Athanasius,  
Bishop and  
Doctor of the  
Church  
Acts 5:34-42  
Jn 6:1-15

### SATURDAY

May 3  
Sts. Philip and  
James, Apostles  
1 Cor 15:1-8  
Jn 14:6-14

### SUNDAY

May 4  
Third Sunday  
of Easter  
Acts 5:27-32,  
40b-41  
Rv 5:11-14  
Jn 21:1-19  
or 21:1-14

## COMMUNION

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

*John P. Murray osa*  
*Pastoral Leader, 10 am Mass Community*

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### MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.  
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by  
mass  
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.  
English 10:00 hrs.

### BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.  
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am mass.

### CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).  
English before 10:00 am mass.

### CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite  
the entrance of the Cathedral.

### Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.  
Sat : 08:30 – noon  
Sun & public holidays : Closed

# Dear Padre

April 27, 2025

***How do we maintain our faith in a world  
that shames religion and creates doubt in  
our beliefs?***

I would respond to your question with one of my own: "When has it ever been different?" In what place has there been universal praise and acceptance of the practices of faith and belief? When has there been a time when there is no doubt? This is a good question for this Sunday, when we hear about St. Thomas, the doubting disciple.

Many years ago, unanimity might have been understood as the norm in a tight-knit neighborhood community of people with the same experience and belief. However, in the wide world today that is so connected and disconnected at the same time, sameness and uniformity cannot be assumed. It may cause unease, or even fear, to learn that someone disagrees with you, perhaps even someone you love, but it should no longer be a surprise or considered out of the ordinary.

Doubt can help a person grow in faith and belief. Even though doubt is challenging, it is often a necessary experience in order to be strengthened and to persevere. Doubt is not something that should cause us to quiver in fear, but rather to rejoice in hope, in the confidence that what we believe is worth living and has something to teach us. ●

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**PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY: WE WALK BY FAITH (No. 680)**

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All:** **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**HOLY (No. 263)**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. (Repeat)**

**Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. (Repeat) PLEASE KNEEL**

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)**

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

**DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

**GREAT AMEN (No. 374)**

**Amen, amen, amen.**

**COMMUNION RITE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**Priest:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**LAMB OF GOD (No. 391)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (Repeat)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. PLEASE KNEEL**

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All:** **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**COMMUNION: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE (No. 945)**

**FINAL: BE NOT AFRAID (No. 683) PLEASE STAND**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year C)**

**Sunday, 27 April 2025**

**ENTRANCE HYMN: PILGRIMS OF HOPE PLEASE STAND**

**INTRODUCTORY RITE**

**Priest:** I confess to almighty God,

**All:** and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

*– and, striking their breast, they say –*

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Priest:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All:** **Amen.**

**KYRIE, ELEISON / LORD, HAVE MERCY**

**Kýrie, eléison, (2); Christe, eléison, (2); Kýrie, eléison, (2).**

**GLORY TO GOD**

**Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.**

- 1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**
- 2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)**

**FIRST READING: Acts 5:12-16**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:**

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid

them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 118: GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD**



Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is ever-lasting.

1. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."  
Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever."  
Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever." (R)
2. I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me.  
My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior.  
The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just: (R)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.  
By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.  
This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. (R)

**SECOND READING: Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19**

**A reading from the Book of Revelation:**

I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest.

When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards."

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA PLEASE STAND**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

**All: You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!**

**GOSPEL: Jn 20:19-31**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** A reading from the Good News according to John

**All: Glory to you, Lord.**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

**Priest:** The Good News of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** I believe in God,

**All:** the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**"Risen Lord, hear our prayer."**

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

# Pilgrims of Hope

## Hymn for the Jubilee Year 2025

Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri

English translation: Andrew Wadsworth

Music: Francesco Meneghello

With Confidence  $\text{♩} = c. 69$   
INTRODUCTION

Organ

REFRAIN

Like a flame my hope is burn - ing, may my song a - rise to you: Source of

life that has no end - ing, on life's path I trust in you.

## Pilgrims of Hope

VERSES

1. Ev - 'ry na - tion, tongue, and peo - ple find a light with - in your Word. Scat - tered  
2. God, so ten - der and so pa - tient, dawn of hope, you care for all. Heav'n and  
3. Raise your eyes, the wind is blow - ing, for our God is born in time. Son made

*to Refrain*

1. frag - ile sons and daugh - ters find a home in your dear Son  
2. earth are re - cre - a - ted by the Spir - it of Life set free  
3. man for you and man - y who will find the way in him