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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION - 20th April, 2025 - C

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

Mondays

Holy Family Cathedral - 8:00 am

Tuesdays

Holy Family Cathedral **6:00 am** Potters - **6:00 pm**

Wednesdays

Holy Family Cathedral - 6:00 am

Thursdays

Holy Family Cathedral – **6:00 am** Villa - **6:00 pm**

Fridays

Holy Family Cathedral **6:00 am & 12:15 pm**

Saturdays

Holy Family Cathedral - 8:00 am

Holy Family Cathedral's Parish Council will host a takeaway breakfast on Sunday 20th April 2025 immediately after the 9:00 am Mass.

Tickets are \$25.00, All proceeds will go towards the ongoing maintenance.

Parishioners please note that Mass on Monday, 21st will be at 8:00 am at Holy Family Cathedral.

Catholic Radio - invites all to Small Ffryes Beach on Easter Monday (21st April, 2025) to its Annual Beach Lime Fundraiser. There will be lots to eat and drink on SALE. Please support.

THE DIVINE MERCY ASSOCIATION (In formation) Invites All Parishioners to Pray THE NOVENA TO DIVINE MERCY In Community:

The **FIRST DAY** of Our Novena will be Prayed after the **3:00pm** Service in the Cathedral on Good Friday.

We will gather in THE AREA OF THE CATHEDRAL CLOSE TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL. Please remember we are dismissed IN SILENCE at the END of the 3:00pm Service.

We will Meet Again to Pray **The SECOND DAY** on Saturday Morning at 9:00am in the Cathedral.

The **THIRD DAY** and the Following Days will be prayed In Community Daily 15 Minutes before Holy Mass.

On Sunday April 27th - THE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY'S HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION will begin in the Cathedral at 3:00pm. ALL Are Invited.

The Holy Family Cathedral Liturgical Dance Group & The Xclamation Mas Troupe will host a Finger Food Sale on Sunday 27th April at Holy Family Cathedral after Mass.

The Catholic Men's Fellowship will hold an important meeting on Sunday 27th April at 6:00pm at St Lwanga Youth Centre. All past, present and prospective members are invited.

Please pray for the candidates who will be confirmed on **May 4th**. We pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire and ignite them to become disciples of Christ.

Letrell Anthony, Kristina Butros, MayaAnn Crawford, David Doumet, Amaiaa Emanuel-Yearwood, Nia Gomes, Alejandra Gonclaves, Lynnier Greene, Vernon Henry, Alyssa Jardine, Skylar Joseph, Zariya Joseph, Ashlyian Lewis, Kayden Lewis, Joneiker Lopez, Dejanae Meade, Sunday Mitchel, Mekhi Prosper, Jean Regelan, Ruez Titre, Shane Walsh, Grace Zreibi.

We also pray for those in the RCIA programme who will receive the Sacraments during the Easter Vigil celebration:

Jordan Byron, Mary Grace Espeleta, Ulica Gauducheau. Jillarina Greene. Renee Quinland and John Uzoma.

The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on Sunday May 11th. Parents wishing to have their children baptized are asked to bring a copy of the birth certificate for registration and the names of two confirmed Catholics as godparents.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 13th April, 2025

Cathedral		1st	2nd
Saturday		\$1,650.52	\$ 325.90
Sunday	7:00 am	\$ xxx	\$ xxx
	9:00 am	\$3,639.63	\$1,538.29
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 Potters
 \$ 469.75
 \$ 345.60

 Parham
 \$ 720.00
 \$ 185.00

 Villa
 \$ 9 1 1.55
 \$ 295.00

 Diocesan Schools
 \$ 60.00

Thanks for your Generosity

Christ the King High School is now accepting applications for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Please collect an application form from the school's office or send an email request to **ckhs1933@outlook.com.**

Application Deadline is Friday **16th May**, 2025.

St. Joseph's Academy Entrance Exams and Interviews

- Application Forms for students wishing to enter Forms 1 – 4 are now available at the school's office. Office hours are from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm.
- The final date for submitting applications for Form 1 students is Thursday, May 8.
- The exam for students wishing to enter Form 1 will be held on Saturday, May 10, beginning at 8:00 am.
- Interviews for students wishing to enter Forms 2 – 4 will begin on Monday, May 26, 2025.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & SHUT- INS:

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands.

We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Amen.

Gillian Howie, Catherine Durand, Georgina -Glave-Toussaint, Catherine DeTouche, Edward Lewis, Arnold Gomes, Jean James, Conrad Looby, Cecelia John, Justin Joseph, Carmen Ambrose, Tyler Lockhart, Joan Underwood, Cosmas Rowe, Andrea Brown, Rose Margetson, Niethia Dyier, Victor Charles, Junie Browne, Andrea Canterbury, Colette Simon, Brenda Frederick, Elma Skerritt.

The funeral Memorial Mass of Mrs. Jill Fernandez mum (Erica Maria Stephanie Williams) will be held on Thursday 1st May, 2025 at 4:00 pm at Holy Family Cathedral. May her soul Rest in Peace.

The Charismatic Renewal Pre-Pentecost

Lunch will be on May 31st on Holy Family Cathedral Grounds.

Dishes on Sale

- ♦ Ducanna & Saltfish
- ♦ Potato Dumpling
- ♦ Coconut Dumpling
- ♦ Fungi, Chop up & Saltfish
- ♦ Bull Foot Soup
- ♦ Seasoned Rice
- ♦ Lots of Drinks

Tickets are only \$25.00 and can be purchased at the Pastoral Office or from any member of the Charismatic Renewal Prayer group.

Proceeds are in aid of our ongoing Food Program.

The Prophetic Word a new radio program by Fr. Arnold Francis will now be played every Monday at 8:00 am and Friday at 5:00 pm.

Tune in to Catholic Radio 89.7FM



Where The Sound is Different.

Jubilee of Teenagers will be celebrated worldwide from April 25-27, 2025. In celebrating our teens the events planned are:

Friday Youth Evening - 6:30pm—9:00pm At St. Lwanga Youth Centre.

Saturday- Sports Day - 10:00 am to 2:00pm at HFC

Sunday - Mass - celebrating our teens at the 9:00 am Mass.

Food and drinks will be on sale - Friday evening and on Saturday during the sports activities.

The Jubilee Prayer (Amended)

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

LECTIO DIVINA



"He is Risen!"

Read: Early in the morning, Mary of Magdala discovers the empty tomb and runs to tell the others. Peter and John the Beloved disciple run to see what has happened. Peter bends down and looks inside to see that the linen cloths have been purposefully placed to one side, rather than pulled off. This is no grave robbery. John enters and understands the implications even more deeply. "He saw and believed" what Christ had foretold. He is risen!

Reflect: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." The God who made all things has created them anew in his Son Jesus Christ. Every day, every moment, is the Lord's; we have our very being from him. of the Lord's This dav Resurrection was also planned and made by God. We are not here by chance, but through the merciful love of God, who brought us into being, redeemed us and now carries us forward to eternal life. So, this day was made by the Lord to set us free, to bring us new life. That is a cause for rejoicing! Alleluia!

Pray: Rejoice in the Risen Lord today. Give thanks for the gift of life, and the gift of salvation in Him.

Act: Share your Easter joy with others praising Christ's name.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading
Acts 10: 34, 37 – 43
Responsorial Psalm
Psalms 118: 1-2, 16–17, 22-23
Second Reading
Colossians 3: 1-4
Gospel
John 20: 1-9

"She saw that the stone blocking the tomb had been moved away"



Readings for Monday to Saturday

Monday 21st April

Acts 2: 14, 22-33 Psalm 16: 1-2 & 5, 7-11 Matthew 28: 8-15

Tuesday 22nd April

Acts 2: 36-41 Psalm 33: 4-5, 18-20 & 22 John 20: 11-18

Wednesday 23rd April

Acts 3: 1-10 Psalm 105: 1-4, 6-9 Luke 24: 13-35

Thursday 24th April

Acts 3: 11-26 Psalm 8: 2 & 5, 6-9 Luke 24: 35-48

<u>Friday 25th April</u>

Acts 4: 1-12 Psalm 118: 1-2 & 4, 22-27 John 21: 1-14

Saturday 26th April

Acts 4: 13-21 Psalm 118: 1 & 14-21 Mark 16: 9-15

WHAT THE FIRST READING SAYS TO ME

In this speech of Peter, Luke wants to bring out the basic message of the early Church: the Lord's rejection ("they put him to death"); God's vindication ("God raised [him]"); and the apostles' witness to the Christevent ("he commissioned us to preach").

Referring to the stone rejected and made the headstone of the corner, the Church applies Psalm 118 to the death and resurrection of Christ. Indeed, "this is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad".

WHAT THE SECOND READING SAYS TO ME

The First Reading proclaims the living Christ, his life, death, and resurrection. This Second Reading tells us about the implications of all of this for us. Through baptism you have died to your own sinful and egotistic self and you have been raised up to a new life with Christ. You are a Christian. This life is hidden. In its fullness, it will appear in the life to come.

The lesson is: "Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." This is a strong Semitic saying with the obvious meaning: Do not be so captivated by the tinsel of life or so infected with the commercialism of the day that you lose sight of the things above!

WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME

The point (God's Word) seems to be: "He saw and believed." The disciples were slow in coming to a realization of the resurrection since the Holy Spirit had not yet come to enlighten the Church concerning all these divine mysteries. We need the Holy Spirit! "God our Father,... let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us".

What is Easter?

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils" and Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

"What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind;... So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak: it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being," the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one." (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49)





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