

Pope Francis Easter Vigil 2024

Brothers and sisters, Jesus is our Pasch. He is the One who brings us from darkness into light, who is bound to us forever, who rescues us from the abyss of sin and death, and draws us into the radiant realm of forgiveness and eternal life. Brothers and sisters, let us look up to him! Let us welcome Jesus, the God of life, into our lives, and today once again say "yes" to him. Then no stone will block the way to our hearts, no tomb will suppress the joy of life, no failure will doom us to despair. Brothers and sisters, let us lift our eyes to him and ask that the power of his resurrection may roll away the heavy stones that weigh down our souls.

Let us lift our eyes to him, the Risen Lord, and press forward in the certainty that, against the obscure backdrop of our failed hopes and our deaths, the eternal life that he came to bring is even now present in our midst.



Sister, brother, let your heart burst with jubilation on this night, this holy night! Together let us sing of Jesus' resurrection:

"Sing to him, everything sing to him: rivers and plains, deserts and mountains ... Sing to the Lord of life, risen from the tomb, more brilliant than a thousand suns. All peoples beset by evil and plagued by injustice, all peoples displaced and devastated: on this holy night cast aside your songs of sadness and despair. The Man of Sorrows is no longer in prison: he has opened a breach in the wall; he is hastening to meet you. In the darkness, let an unexpected shout of joy resound: He is alive; he is risen! And you, my brothers and sisters, small and great ... you who are weary of life, who feel unworthy to sing... let a new flame be kindled in your heart, let new vitality be heard in your voice. It is the Pasch of the Lord, brothers and sisters; it is the feast of the living" (J-Y. QUELLEC, *Dieu face nord*, Ottignies, 1998, 85-86).

him by the generic name "God". And "in a loud voice" he asks the question "why?", the most excruciating "why?": "Why did you too abandon

Holy Week Masses and Services



**Our
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and St Benedict
St. George and St Martin**

2025

Times of Masses and Services

All Masses and Services are in St George and St Martin's unless otherwise stated.

Holy Thursday 17th April
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00 pm

Good Friday 18th April
Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's
Passion 3.00 pm

Stations of the Cross with
Veneration of the Cross 7.30 pm
(at Our Lady's and St Benedict's)

Holy Saturday 19th April
Office of Readings and
Morning Prayer 10.00 am

Easter Vigil 7.45 pm People of the Parish
(Especially the Sick and Housebound)

Easter Sunday 20th April
9.30 am Maria and Antonio Angotti
11.00 am John and Margaret Corbishley
(at Our Lady and St Benedict's)

Easter Monday 21st April 10.00 am at Holy
Trinity Newcastle (Easter Monday Mass with
Bishop Timothy Menezes)



Easter Tuesday 22nd April 9.00 am
Goodall Family

10.30 am Irene Bailey (Funeral Service at
OLSB)

Easter Thursday 24th April 9.45 am
Luby Family (Int)

Easter Friday 25th April
9.45 am (at OLSB) Marion Lawton (Int)

Easter Saturday 26th April
10.00 am Kate, Des and Desmond MacNamara

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday Saturday 26th April
5.00pm Joan Hodgkinson (at OLSB)

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
27th April 9.30 am James Ajala



*I wish you and all your
families a very happy and
blessed Easter Fr Adrian*