



Celebrating Easter: A time of renewal, hope and giving

At the heart of Easter, lies the Christian belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after crucifixion, signifying victory over death and the promise of eternal life. His body was brought down from the Cross and buried in a tomb. Three days after this, Jesus rose from the dead.

Celebrated with joy and reverence, Easter is a time for Christians around the world to reflect on the themes of hope, renewal, and redemption. It is also a time to come together as a community, extend kindness to others, and engage in acts of giving. Today we celebrate Easter.

The Meaning of Easter

Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which, according to Christian belief, took place three days after his crucifixion. This miraculous event is seen as the foundation of the Christian faith, offering the promise of new life for



Paschal candle being lit at Easter vigil to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ at Immaculate Conception Church in Panjim

all who believe. Easter is celebrated with church services, feasts, and various traditions that bring families and communities together in a spirit of gratitude and joy.

The Easter season begins with Lent, a period of fasting, reflection, and self-discipline, which culminates in



the celebration of Easter Sunday. While Lent encourages introspection and repentance, Easter signifies the triumph of life over death and the power of love and forgiveness.

For many, Easter is also a time of renewal, not just in a spiritual sense, but in their relationships with others. It encourages a fresh start, a chance to embrace new opportunities, and a reminder to extend compassion to those in need.

Celebrating through service and giving

One of the most meaningful aspects of Easter is the spirit of giving. Christians are called to follow the example of Jesus Christ, who lived a life of service, love, and generosity. Easter provides an opportunity to emulate this by reaching out to those who are less fortunate and offering support through charitable acts.

Many communities organise food drives, clothing donations, and fundraising events to assist families in need, ensuring that everyone can partake in the joy of the season. Church groups often coordinate efforts to provide Easter

WHY EASTER IS IMPORTANT TODAY

In today's fast-paced world, Easter stands as a beacon of hope and renewal for Christians. It is a time for believers to reconnect with the essence of their faith, reflecting on the profound love and sacrifice that Jesus Christ demonstrated through His resurrection. This celebration transcends mere historical commemoration; it is a personal invitation to experience transformation and renewal in our lives. Easter reminds us that, despite our challenges and adversities, redemption and new beginnings are always possible through faith in Christ. It encour-

ages us to live out the values of love, forgiveness, and compassion in our daily interactions, inspired by Jesus's example. Moreover, Easter fosters community and unity among Christians as they celebrate their shared faith and the promise of eternal life. This collective observance reinforces the bond among believers worldwide, highlighting the inclusive and transcendent nature of Christianity. Easter is a reflection of our faith's past and a vibrant expression of its ongoing relevance and power to shape our lives and the world around us.



meals for those who may be struggling financially or facing difficult circumstances. These acts of giving embody the Christian values of compassion, selflessness, and caring for one another.

Ways to Say Happy Easter

- May the joy of Easter fill your heart with renewed faith and happiness
- Christ is risen! Wishing you a blessed Easter filled with the light of His presence and the warmth of His love
- Hallelujah! May the miracle of Easter renew

your spirit and guide you in faith, hope, and love
■ As we celebrate the resurrection of our Saviour, may His love and grace shine brightly in your life this Easter and always
■ Wishing you a blessed Easter filled with the joy of knowing Christ's victory over sin and death

A celebration of community and spirit

Easter is not only a celebration of faith but also a time to connect with family, friends, and neighbours. Church services are often filled with joyous hymns and prayers, and families gather for festive meals. Easter egg hunts, parades, and community events also provide opportunities for families to come together in celebration and make lasting memories.

The holiday brings people together in a shared spirit of hope and renewal. It is a reminder that through

compassion and love, we can help build a brighter, more inclusive community. As we celebrate Easter, we are also reminded of the importance of kindness and generosity toward others, embracing the spirit of

the holiday in everything we do.

As many celebrate Easter, let us embrace the themes of renewal, hope, and giving. May this season inspire us to live with greater compassion, extend kindness to those in need, and work together to create a more caring and inclusive world.

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Happy Easter

filled with joy, peace, and the spirit of renewal!
May your day be bright and your heart full of happiness.

Best wishes from
MR. ALEIXO REGINALDO LOURENCO
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PASTRY PALACE

Easter Goodies

- Easter English Forest cake
- Easter Bunny Cupcake
- Mini Egg Brownie
- Easter Chocolate Nest Cupcake
- Easter Chocolate Mousse
- Chocolate Bunny Meringue Straws
- Fun Easter Egg Pack (Assorted Chocolate Eggs - Egg Dipped)

Happy Easter

May the renewal of life at Easter bring new blessings of love, hope, peace, good health & happiness to you and your loved ones...

Embrace the Renewal of life

Venzy Viegas

(Benaulim MLA)

Easter commemorates the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ, giving us the eternal message of peace, forgiveness, hope, faith and brotherhood.

"Easter is a time to share love and happiness. On this day, let us strive for the welfare of the society & join hands in building a new society, wherein the interests of others will reign above all.

Wishing everyone a Blessed & Happy Easter!

Dr. Pramod Sawant
Hon'ble Chief Minister

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