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POPE FRANCIS TO VISIT HUNGARY 28—30 APRIL



With the motto 'Christ is our future,' Pope Francis returns to Hungarian territory to bring his closeness to Hungary's faithful. This marks his 41st Apostolic Visit abroad, after having celebrated closing Mass in 2021 of 52nd International Eucharistic Congress, the Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni, tells journalists, while pointing

out that this travel, however, takes place as Europe faces a migration and humanitarian crisis, as the war in Ukraine takes place across the border. Pope Francis is set to embark on his 41st Apostolic Journey abroad to the Central European nation of Hungary, even if it is not the first time the Holy Father was in the nation's capital after having presided over the Closing Mass of the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress, recalled Matteo Bruni, Director of the Holy See Press Office, in a briefing to share details on the visit on Friday. With the motto 'Christ is our future,' Pope Francis will set out on his three-day visit to the majority-Christian nation, underscored the Director of the Press Office, even if this time the Pope's message for hope will echo in a new way as the war in Ukraine provokes increased suffering on the nation's northeast border. Since the start of the war in Ukraine, some million refugees provoked by the Russian invasion have passed through Hungary to Europe, where they received aid, and a fraction of whom have stayed. This travel marks the second Apostolic Journey of 2023, after his Journey to the African nations of the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan at the beginning of the year. Pope St. John Paul II visited Hungary twice, in 1991 and 1996, after the fall of the Berlin Wall, Mr. Bruni recalled. Even if some question why the Holy Father geographically returns to the same country for the second time within two years, the difference lies in the fact that in 2021, he was there to participate in an international event bringing together faithful from some 83 countries, whereas this time he returns to visit the local Church and the people of the country, which was not the situation when he stayed in Budapest for the Mass for a few hours, before making his Apostolic Journey to Slovakia. The Holy Father had expressed his desire to visit Hungary for more time on his return flight from Slovakia to Rome in 2021. "Pope Francis is maintaining his promise to the people of Hungary to return," Matteo Bruni recalled. Among the highlights of the Apostolic Journey's programme will be a meeting with migrants and poor people, another with blind and disabled children, and his encounters with civil authorities and the diplomatic corps, clergy, young people. He will celebrate Mass for Hungarian faithful, recite the Regina Caeli, and will have his usual private meeting with his fellow Jesuits. The Director of the Holy See Press Office announced that there will also be an encounter on 29 April with the Greek-Catholic community. The entire visit will be taking place in Budapest, noting that Hungary has produced several saints, many of whom came from noble origins, and then dedicated their lives to taking care of the ill or poor. This Apostolic Journey takes place as there is war in Europe, and a humanitarian and migration crisis across the border and around the world. Bruni acknowledged that among the themes the Pope will highlight, will certainly be the nearby suffering and appealing for peace. The Hungarian government has adopted measures to facilitate participation in the Pope's visit, including free transit for those attending events. Christianity has more than a 1,000 year history in the country, dating back to St. Stephen, King of Hungary.

Courtesy Deborah Castellano Lubov, Vatican News

Remembered in Prayer

Saturday 6pm Mass

Gean Nugent
(Month's Mind)
John, Josephine, Mary & Joan Hannon
Maureen, Jerry & Paul Coughlan

Sunday 11.30am Mass

Joe Kelly (1st A)
Pat Hyland (3rd A)
Julie and Denis Hyland
Carmel and John Kelly
Eilish McDonnell
Patsy Miley (1st A)



Cup of Tea & Chat

Next Sunday 30th April there will be a cup of tea or coffee after the 11.30am mass. You are welcome to join us. It's an opportunity to get know each other a little better. This will be a regular event on the last Sunday of each month.



Culture Date with D8

Culture Date with Dublin 8 is taking place on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May and Dublin 8 will come alive with over 50+ free events, exhibitions, guided tours, workshops, outdoor cinema, performances, family activities and much more in all of your favourite Dublin 8 venues, museums, parks, breweries and cultural amenities! Full programme [here](#)



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Penitential Rite

As we begin our celebration, rejoicing in the Risen Lord, let us remember God's immense goodness to us.

In your mercy you call us to hope. Lord have mercy

From your goodness, you heal us and make us whole.
Christ have mercy

By your love you defeat death and destruction, bringing us new life. Lord have mercy

May our great and gracious Lord, who has conquered death and destruction, have mercy on us, forgive us our sin and bring us to life everlasting. Amen

Acts 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed them in a loud voice: 'Men of Judaea, and all you who live in Jerusalem, make no mistake about this, but listen carefully to what I say. Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: "I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence." 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, 'what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

1 Peter 1:17-21

Take If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days'. 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Prayer of the Faithful

As Father, Son and Spirit, you inspire us to risk the journey of life with You. We praise you and thank you. Lord hear us

Lord, as you opened the hearts and minds of your disciples, so may we be open to your presence in our lives.
Lord hear us

God of compassion, may we be a community which seeks not only our own good, but the good of those most in need.
Lord hear us

We remember, with joy and thanksgiving, all those who have died and especially those who have died through violence and war. May their life's journey inspire us to be more faithful to the gospel, until we are united again in your love.
Lord hear us

For all people, who are finding the journey of life difficult, that they may find in our parish community the life-giving support and encouragement of Jesus the Word made flesh.
Lord hear us

In silence, we put aside our own needs and remember all who need our prayer and support.....Lord hear us