

In Italy **Easter** is a very  
important festivity

**Buona  
Pasqua**

# LA DOMENICA DELLE PALME

Churches are adorned  
with palm baskets and  
olive branches

The priest blesses them

People exchange an olive  
branch as sign of peace



# GIOVEDÌ SANTO

- The ceremony of the cleansing of the feet
- It reminds the last supper



# VENERDI' SANTO

- Every town commemorates the Passion of Christ
- In every town or city there is a procession.
- The Station of the Crosses are recreated.
- Processions can be very suggestive and very spectacular like "La cerimonia degli incappucciati/la Via Crucis"

# Gli Incappucciati



# La Via Crucis



# SABATO SANTO

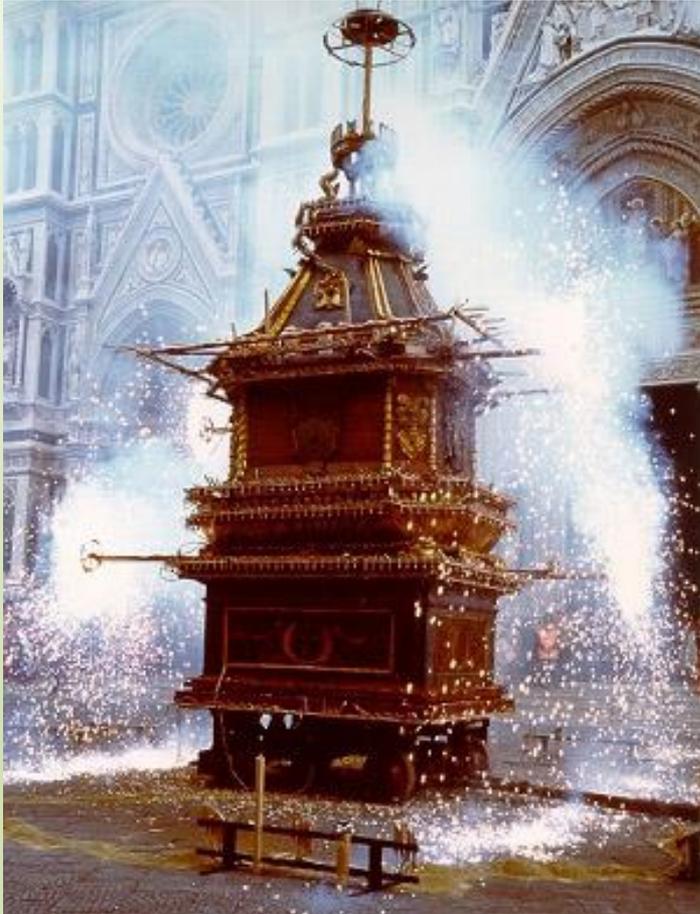
- Prayers
- Preparation
- Mourning
- Midnight Mass
- Ceremonies after midnight



# LA DOMENICA DI PASQUA

- People attend the Mass
- Everybody wear nice dresses
- After mass, everyone goes to a traditional long banquet with friends or family
- People give each other Easter chocolate eggs
- In some cities or towns there are typical ceremonies

# Scoppio del Carro in Florence



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMdXdKvpxs0>

# La Madonna che Corre in Piazza in Sulmona



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9YgOt86Ybk>

# PASQUETTA

- People do outdoor trips and picnics
- People go to the beach, countryside, mountain or lake for a picnic.
- Young people do picnics and outdoor discos.
- Pasquetta, or Lunedì dell'Angelo, is a day to spend with your family and friends.



# Traditional meals

- Roasted lamb
- Eggs
- Easter cakes
- La Colomba
- L'uovo di Pasqua
- La pecorella

- Each region has its traditional meals but these ones are common elements

# Dolci di Pasqua with eggs



# Uova di Pasqua

## Easter eggs

- Coloured
- Several sizes
- Beautifully wrapped
- Beautifully decorated
- Industrial production
- Handmade
- Surprises also personalised on request

# Industrial eggs



# Handmade eggs



# Cakes with almonds

## Almond pastry



Ingredients are:  
egg yolks, diced  
candied orange and  
lemon rinds, milk  
and almonds



# I colori della Pasqua

Pasqua è **gialla** come un pulcino,  
come il collare di un cagnolino,  
è **rosa** e allegra come un confetto,  
come i bei fiori di quel rametto.  
Pasqua è **celeste** come il mare e il cielo,  
come la trama di questo velo,  
è **verde brillante** come un bel prato,  
come il trenino che ha appena sbuffato.  
Pasqua è dipinta di **tanti colori**:  
come i sorrisi dei nostri cuori.