

EASTER 2016



In keeping with its traditions, Magyar Posta is celebrating Easter by issuing a definitive postage stamp. At the centre of the spring-welcoming, trailing floral, calligraphic design of the stamp is the Hungarian word for Easter “Húsvét”. The stamp with a nominal value of HUF 115 was designed by the graphic artist Boglárka Nádi and produced by ANY Security Printing Company. The new issue will be available while stocks last at first day post offices and Filaposta in Hungary from 4 March, but may also be purchased from Magyar Posta’s online store.

Easter is pre-eminent among high days and holidays as it both welcomes the arrival of spring and is the celebration of the resurrection of Christ in the Christian world.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds laid their clothes and palm branches on the ground to welcome the Saviour, and today in Hungarian churches branches of pussy willow are blessed in remembrance of this. The lamb is another ancient symbol of Easter whose origin is also to be found in the Bible. Yet the Easter lamb is closely associated with the awakening of nature as this is the lambing season bringing new life to the world.

When Lent ends, winter also comes to a close, thus Easter is also a celebration of the rebirth of nature. As the days grow warmer, nature awakes. The first flowers push through the ground and soon the boughs of the trees are covered in blossom, bidding farewell to the bareness of winter as verdure returns to the world.

The decoration of churches with flowers and branches on the Holy Saturday morning for Easter likewise symbolises the rebirth of nature.

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EASTER 2016:

Order code:

2016050010031 (stamp)
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Face value: HUF 115 (non-priority domestic standard letter or postcard)

Printing method: offset

Number of copies:
dependent on demand

Perforated size: 40 x 30 mm

Number of stamps in sheet:
50 (5 bar codes per sheet)

Paper type:
gummed postage stamp paper

Printed by
ANY Biztonsági Nyomda Nyrt.

Designed by
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