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As we celebrate the Easter this weekend, we are tempted to quickly move on from celebrations, viewing Easter as a weekend and not a season.

But the joy of Easter is meant to last well beyond Monday, enduring for 50 days until Pentecost.

Pope Benedict XVI said the Easter Season is the one in which the "central reality of the Christian faith is presented more vividly to the faithful, with its doctrinal richness and inexhaustible vitality, so that they may discover it ever better and live it more faithfully."

Throughout this season, every Sunday becomes like another Easter Sunday, reliving the Lord's Passover and receiving from Him, his testament of love and brotherly service.

The challenge of this season, according to Pope Benedict XVI, is how can we "make Easter become 'life!'" In other words, how can the whole of our interior and exterior take on a paschal form.

"In the Resurrection of Jesus a new condition of being human begins, which illumines and transforms our daily routine and opens a qualitatively different and new future to humanity as a whole," he said.

Easter is therefore not the conclusion of a transformation begun in Lent, but rather it is the beginning of a new way of being, centred on a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, detaching from "things of the earth" and focusing on things that are above.

May the joy of the Resurrection radiate from us this Easter Season, as we proclaim the Good News: He is Risen.