

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY
FAMILY CHRISTMAS
SCHEDULE**



**FEAST OF
THE HOLY FAMILY**

**NEW YEAR'S
DAY**

**PARISH OFFICE &
COLUMBARIUM
OPENING HOURS**

**EARLY CLOSURE ON
NEW YEARS'EVE**

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, 24th December

9:00 pm / 12:00 Midnight Christmas Mass.

"Around the Manger - Reflections through Poetry and Song" You are warmly invited by Genesis II Choir and YOUhf to a collaborative presentation melding poetry, movement and song, as we reflect on and await the birth of the Infant Jesus on **Wednesday, 24th December at 11.15pm** in the Church.

CHRISTMAS DAY (Day Of Obligation)

Thursday, 25th December

9:15 am & 11:30 am; 6:00 pm (Mandarin)

FEAST DAY MASS

Saturday, 27th December Mass @ 6.00pm

Mass will be celebrated by our Archbishop William Goh. All are Welcome!! Feast Day Dinner will be held thereafter at Roland's Restaurant. Admission by ticket.

There will be NO 8.00pm Mandarin Mass.

Sunday, 28th December

7.15am; 9.15am & 11.30am & 6.00pm

All Masses in English

Thursday, 1st January

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am.

There will be No Evening Mass.

24 Dec 2014: 3pm to 9pm

25 Dec 2014: 8.30am to 2pm

31 Dec 2014: 8.30am to 2pm

1 Jan 2015: 9am to 12 noon

The Church gates will be **CLOSED** earlier than usual at **8.30pm on Wednesday 31st Dec 2014, New Years' Eve.** Please keep this in mind especially those who drive.

Father Patrick, Father Damian & Father Donatien

wish all parishioners a very

***Joyous & Blessed Christmas and
a Happy New Year !***



Feast Day Dinner –27 Dec, 7.30pm @ Roland's

A gentle reminder to those who have bought tickets for the dinner– do bring your tickets along so that you can locate your table numbers. Also, please come dressed in our theme of Family, where each family or group identifies with a common theme– be it a dress code (eg. formal , Cosplay) , a unified colour or shades of the same colour, same era (eg. the fabulous 50s or the 80's) or even with common accessories - let your creativity flow!

If you still have not bought your tickets, we have a **LIMITED** number of tickets for sale at \$35 each– Call Gwen at 97315447 for details.

INFANT BAPTISM

The next Infant Baptism will be held on **Sunday 1st February 2015 at 4pm.**

Registration is currently open until **18 January 2015.**

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a mandatory preparation session to be held on **25 January 2015 at 3pm**, in the Meeting Room at the Parish House. Please note that there will be no Infant Baptism for the month of March 2015.

RESPONSIBLE PARKING

If the church car-park is full, Parishioners are reminded to park their vehicles at other car-parks around the vicinity of the church, eg, Katong Mall (I23). Please avoid causing any inconvenience to residents along these two roads, as we come to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus. Thank you for your cooperation.

CATHOLIC NEWS (CHRISTMAS ISSUE WITH CALENDAR)

The Wardens will be distributing a copy of the Catholic News to each **FAMILY** this weekend at the end of each mass at the Church Entrances. Do take **one copy only** for your family.

ADVENT
MAKING A
PLACE FOR
THE LORD
IN MY
HEART

*"I am the handmaid of the Lord,
Let what you have said be done to me" (Luke 1)*

We have arrived at the Fourth Sunday in Advent. It is almost Christmas but not quite. Our Mass readings today are filled with hope and anticipation, reflecting the joy of waiting for the birth of our Saviour.

The reading from 2 Samuel makes us ponder: "Do I have a dwelling place for the Lord in my heart?" We often feel we are in charge busily making our own plans. But God has His plans for each of us, just as King David, Mary and Joseph discovered. When our plans are shaken up, are we able to follow Mary's example of faith and trust in God? What would our response be like? Will it be inspired by Mary's unconditional 'Yes' to God's plan?

In contemplating the experience of Joseph and Mary this Advent, we are reminded of our own 'Yes' to be instruments of God's love for our families and all we serve. With Mary we want to say "Yes, God, I am yours. Do with me as you wish. Make me your hands on earth."

As we go on to celebrate Christmas, let us put Christ at the center of our celebrations. ***"Christmas would never be an impactful event if in the midst of our merry-making, we have no room for Him at our inn; no time to quietly spend time with Mary and Joseph, contemplating the significance of the birth of Jesus Christ."*** Come Lord Jesus, Come!

(Archbishop William's Christmas message: 2014)

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Mass Times

Weekdays:

6.15 am (Mondays to Saturdays)

6.15 pm (Mondays to Fridays)

8.30 am (Public Holidays)

Saturday Sunset Masses:

6.00 pm (English) 8.00 pm (Mandarin)

Sunday Masses:

7.15, 9.15 & 11.30 am & 6.00 pm

(Confession 15 min. before weekend masses)

Novena: 5.00 pm Saturday

Adoration Room

Mon-Sat 7am to 10 pm, Sun / Public Holidays: 7am to 8.30pm

Columbarium

Mon-Sat: 9.30am to 6pm - Sunday: 8.30am to 6pm

9.00am to 12.00pm - Public Holidays

Infant Baptism (monthly)

Preparation last Sunday at 3pm; Baptism 1st Sunday at 4pm

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Every Saturday, 6pm Mass or Every Sunday, 11.30am Mass

Elders Catechism (Dialect)

Every Thursday, 1pm to 3pm @ Meeting Room, Priest House

Meditation Classes

Tuesdays/Thursday 8pm : Wednesdays 7.30pm

Weddings

Apply at Parish Office at least 6 months in advance

4th Sunday in Advent

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MARANATHA!

Gabriel the archangel brought hard joy to the Virgin Mary: "Rejoice, most favored, the Lord is with you. If you agree, you will have a baby who is your savior and your God." What an awe-filled choice. And Mary said yes. Such cooperation between the Lord and the woman begins the revelation of the great hidden mystery: the presence of Christ Jesus, Savior and Lord, among us. Celebrating Mary's choice, give glory to God through the only begotten Son, Jesus.

Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend - 28th Dec

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Hb 11:8,11-12,17-19

Lk 2:22-40