

AN URGENT PLEA FOR DONATIONS

Our poor need your continued support

We are humbled and grateful to the tremendous response to our first appeal for donations. You gave us \$614,000 from March 3—31st.

Given the ongoing pandemic and continues suspension of masses, we will need a further S\$3m to meet the basic needs of the poor till the end of the year.

We once again appeal to your kindness and generosity to meet that target. Many lives have been turned upside down by the current crisis and we anticipate more coming forward to seek our help. Please help them tide over this crisis.

PayNow Donations: UEN Code: S61SS0149BNCS

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DONATIONS TO CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Parishioners who wish to continue their weekly donations may consider sending your cheque favouring **Church of the Holy Family**.

Alternatively you may also send via PayNow. Please enter **T08CC4048E** Unique Entity Number (UEN) for "**Church of The Holy Family**" and in the reference, type **Mass Collection**.

For more information, please refer to Church of the Holy Family website <http://holyfamily.org.sg>.

Additional instructions on how to use PayNow is available on <https://www.catholic.sg/offertory>.

INFANT BAPTISM FOR MONTH OF JUNE — POSTPONED

Due to ongoing circuit breaker mode, please note infant baptism scheduled to be held in June has been postponed. Please check our website regularly for updates.

JOB OPENING FOR PROJECT/ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER FOR CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE ASIA (CHCA)

This role was previously fulfilled by the FMDM sisters themselves. This model of governance is well established across the Catholic health care, education and social service ministries in Australia.

The Project/ Administrative Manager role is to support the administration and management of CHCA and it will grow and evolve with time. Currently the job is part time and flexible. The interested person should be proficient in use of the full range of microsoft programmes.

This is a Contract for Service. Interested applicants can send their resume to: reginalim.chca@gmail.com. We regret that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.



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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) & 6.00 pm (Latin)

Sunday Masses:

7.15, 8.30 am & 6.00 pm

(Columbarium 30 minutes before

weekend masses)

Novena: 5.00 pm Saturday

DIVINE MERCY - Every Friday @

7.00pm in Main Church

Adoration Room

Mon – Sat 7am to 10 pm, Sun | Public Holidays: 7am to 8.30pm

Columbarium

Mon–Fri: 6.00am to 7.00pm | Sat: 6.00am to 9.00pm

Infant Baptism

Sunday: 7.00am to 7.00pm | Public Holidays: 8.00am to 12noon

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Every Saturday, 6pm @ Church Function Hall

Elders Catechism (Dialect)

Every Thursday, 7.30pm @ Church Function Hall

Meditation Classes

Tuesday, 7.30pm @ Church Function Hall

Divine Mercy

Every Friday, 7.00pm @ Main Church

Family Rosary

1st Saturday of every month, 3.30–4pm @ Main Church

Family Eucharistic Adoration

1st Saturday of every month, 4–5pm @ Adoration Room

Weddings

Apply at Parish Office at least 1 year in advance

7th Sunday of Easter

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WHAT A PARADOX

Lord Jesus, the Messiah, leaves his people to send the Holy Spirit and be closer to them. He warns, guides, encourages, and prepares his disciples (including us) for all this. Still, it is almost too much. He is with us, behind us, ahead of us, and waiting for us to catch him. The Spirit and the bride say, "Come, follow, and do not be timid. Enter through the gate to feed from the Tree of Life." Come, Lord Jesus! Give us courage. Nourish us on yourself to take the first step. Amen!

Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 31 May

Acts 2: 1-11 1 Cor: 12:3-7, 12—13 Jn 20: 19-23

MESSAGE FOR THE 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A, 2020

Dear Parishioners of Holy Family Church

The Thursday just passed was Ascension Thursday where the Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ and next Sunday, we shall celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. Thus, we commemorating the first ever Novena (9-day prayer period) held by the Church between the Ascension and the Pentecost. It was a period of preparation to welcome the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the infant Church and each of her pioneer members including Mother Mary (Act 1: 14) as mentioned in the First Reading.

They were together in intensive prayer as instructed by Our Lord. So too must we, for 3 main reasons. (1) To thank God for the great feast of Pentecost where we reminded that we need very much the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit in our life, our families, our schools, our work places, our communities, and our country. (2) To thank God for the fruitful passage through this Circuit Breaker Measures and the precious time and respite that allow us to take stock of many other aspects of our life which otherwise would have been brushed aside due to our tight schedule. (3) To intercede to the Holy Spirit for special gifts that we need so as to make this Transition safe, useful and helpful and without U-turn so that we can be well prepared and equipped for what is to come.

There may be permanent changes in our lives. For some of us, minor tweaks in the way we do things but for some, drastic changes may be unavoidable. The Apostles also experienced that when Jesus ascended to heaven but they know that the Spirit of Jesus is with them as they go about telling the world of God's mercy and love courageously as assured by the 2nd Reading, 'the Spirit of God resting on you' (1 Pt 4:14).

In the Gospel text (Jn 17:1-11) just He was poised to proceed to the definitive phase of his Paschal Sacrifice, he gave an executive summary of His works in the form of a prayer to His Father and our Father. He would not be leaving behind any material items or wealth to anyone but only 'the teaching you [the Father] gave to me' (Jn 17:8) and 'pray for those you [the Father] have given me' (Jn 17:9) giving 'eternal life to all those you [the Father] have entrusted to him [Jesus Christ] (Jn 17:2).

Though Jesus has ascended into heaven, yet He 'want those you [the Father] has given me to be with me where I am' (Jn 17:24). We too want to be with Jesus and the Responsorial Psalm declares our longing to live with God forever, 'to live in the House of the Lord, all the days of my life' (Ps 26:4). In Preface I of the Ascension of the Lord to the Eucharistic Prayer, we have 'He ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we,

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His members, might be confident of following where He, our Head and Founder, has gone before.' We trust the Holy Spirit to help us stay the course to our heavenly homeland.

Today, while we commemorate the feast day of St Joanna, wife of Chuza (Lk 8:3) and St Vincent of Lerins, it is also the World Day of Prayer for the Church in China. We also to our Mother, 'Our Lady, Help of Christians'. 25th May is the feast day of Pope St Gregory VII, St Bede the Venerable and St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi. 26th May is the feast day of St Philip Neri while 27th May is that of St Augustine of Canterbury. 28th May is the feast day of St Justus and 29th May is the feast day of Pope St Paul VI. 30th May is the feast day of Pope St Felix I and St Joan of Arc who was canonized in 1920 and made Patroness of France.

From the Nicene Creed, let us truly believe what we recite, 'I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.' Alleluia

God bless

Fr Stanislaus PANG

Assistant Parish Priest

PARISH TRIDUUM IN PREPARATION FOR PENTECOST

Dear Parishioners,

Hope you are all keeping well and healthy and strong in mind, body and soul!

This year we will not be able to gather together for our annual Pentecost Triduum because of the pandemic sweeping the world.

But we will go ahead with the Triduum online.

The Triduum will be celebrated on **27-29 May 2020 at 8pm.**

We invite all our parishioners to please tune in to our **Holy Family Channel on YouTube.**

The video will start playing at **8pm each of the three nights.**

It would be really wonderful to gather the whole family together, as if we were all in the physical Church, and attend the Triduum together as a family and community.

Let us all come together at **8pm** and prepare together for the renewal of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Hope we all have a meaningful Pentecost Triduum.

God Bless!

Fr Eugene Vaz

Parish Priest