

**\*IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ATTENDING MASS \***

Dear Friends of Holy Family,  
To facilitate the increase in capacity for worship, Church of the Holy Family will be transiting to TraceTogether SafeEntry (TTSE) only. **We strongly encourage parishioners to download the TraceTogether App**, an app by MOH and GovTech, at <https://www.tracetgether.gov.sg> #SGUnited or to collect your Safe Entry token. This is in preparation for the phasing out of Safe Entry using Singpass and Camera QR Code scanner.

Do note that you will still need your NRIC / FIN card / other ID for MARS booking verification (for Mass) if you are using a token; whereas your NRIC barcode can be accessed if you are using the app. If you need any assistance, do approach someone from our team who will guide you as needed.  
Thank you all and God bless!

**COLUMBARIUM**

The Columbarium is open on **Mondays to Fridays, 9.30am to 5.30pm except 12.30—2.30pm and Saturdays 9.30am—12.30pm**. Entry will be restricted to a maximum of 5 per group. Please book online minimum **48 hours in advance** via this link: <http://calendly.com/holyfamilysg/columbarium>.

Please note the Columbarium will be closed for painting from **11th to 23rd January 2021**.

**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**.

**MASS OFFERINGS—3 WAYS**

**Cash**—drop your envelopes in the donation boxes in Church or at Parish Office  
**Cheque** favouring Church of the Holy Family with the time, date of mass, intention and name(s)

**Paynow** T08CC4048E Unique Entity Number (UEN) for "Church of The Holy Family" and in the reference, type **Mass Offering**. Send a screenshot of the acknowledgement of transfer by email to [chf.secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:chf.secretariat@catholic.org.sg) with time, date of mass, intention and name(s).

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Those seeking Sacrament of Reconciliation are requested to make an appointment by sending an email directly to: Fr Adrian Yeo ([adrian.yeo@catholic.org.sg](mailto:adrian.yeo@catholic.org.sg)) or Fr Stanislaus Pang ([stanislaus.pang@catholic.org.sg](mailto:stanislaus.pang@catholic.org.sg)).



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**Mass Times**

**Weekdays:**

6.30 pm (Mondays to Fridays)

**8.30 am (Public Holidays)**

**Saturday Sunset Masses:**

4.00 pm & 5.30pm (English)

**Mandarin Mass**

8.00 pm (1st & 3rd Saturdays)

**Sunday Masses:**

8.00, 9.30 & 11.00 am

5.30 pm

Columbarium

Mon—Fri: 9.30am to 5.30pm except 12.30—2.30pm. Online booking only, Please check with the Secretariat Office for dates.

Infant Baptism

Apply at Parish Office at least 1 year in advance

Weddings

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

Adoration Room

Every Saturday, 6pm Mass or Evening Mass 1.30am Mass

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Every Thursday, 1pm to 3pm @ Adoration Hall

Elders Catechism (Dialect)

Tuesdays/Thursday 9am to 10am @ Adoration Hall

Meditation Classes

Every Friday, 7am to 8am @ Adoration Hall

Divine Mercy

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

Family Rosary

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

Family Eucharistic Adoration

**SUSPENDED**



4th Sunday in Advent  
December 20, 2020 – Year B  
Sunday Missal Page No: 627

**MARANATHA!**

Gabriel the archangel brought hard joy to the Virgin Mary: “Rejoice, most favoured, the Lord is with you. If you agree, you will have a baby who is your saviour 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. Maranatha! We are called to be ready for the harvest.

**Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 27 December**

Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3 Heb 11:8,11-12, 17-19 Lk 2:22-40

## **MESSAGE FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT , YEAR B, 2020**

For us Christians, the heart of today's Gospel passage – continuing immediately from yesterday's text – is a turning point in the history of the world. As it is also even for those who do not know Christ or who refuse to believe in his origins.

As the story is told by Luke, Mary must have been truly alarmed at the words of her unexpected visitor. Her cousin Elizabeth is now pregnant six months. The incident is taking place in Nazareth, not exactly the centre of the earth, or even of Palestine. A future disciple of Jesus will be heard to say with some cynicism, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Truly in the eyes of the more sophisticated it was something of a backwater. Yet this is the place God chooses to enter our world – not Rome, not Athens, not Alexandria nor any of the other great centres of power, culture and learning in the world of the time.

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" is the greeting of the angel Gabriel, the same one who spoke to Zechariah. How did Mary react to such an extraordinary salutation? The Gospel says that she was "greatly troubled" and well she might be. As a young girl in an obscure little town what could the words possibly mean? "Full of grace" really means that she is being showered with God's special favours. It is more something that is happening to her than something she already has. The nature of that favour is expressed in what follows – she is to become the mother of a Son whom she is to call Jesus (meaning "God saves") and who will be a King "of whose kingdom there will be no end".

What really disturbs Mary is that, although she is already betrothed to Joseph, she is not yet married to him. In other words she is not sleeping with him as his wife. How can she become a mother? It will happen because the conception will be the work of God, the "overshadowing of the Spirit" so that the child who is born will be, in a very special sense, the Son of God. He will also, of course, be the son of Mary. In this way we have the deep mystery of the Incarnation expressed in the language of a story. Jesus will be at the same time someone who is fully divine and fully human. Jesus will be the unique bridge between God and his creation. He will be human "like us in all things but sin". He will also, through his whole life, his words and actions, be the "splendour of the Father".

In a great leap of faith and trust in the angel's message, Mary says 'Yes'. "Behold, I am the slave girl of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." For us Christians, the moment of that 'Yes' is a turning point in the history of the world. As it is also even for those who do not know Christ or who refuse to believe in his origins. It is the moment of Incarnation, when the Word became flesh and began to live among us as one of us. The world would never be the same. In a way, this is a more important moment than Christmas but it is understandable that we should tend to celebrate more the visible presence of God in Jesus at Bethlehem.

Mary had yet to learn what that 'Yes' involved but it was made unconditionally and it was never withdrawn. Through a life of trials and tribulations, of which we can know surely only a fraction, right up to those terrible moments as she stood beneath the Cross and saw her only Son die in agony and shame as a public criminal, she never once withdrew that 'Yes'.

There is a clear message there for us. We too have been called in our own special way to give birth to Jesus in our lives and in our environment. We too have been called to say 'Yes', an unconditional 'Yes' to following Jesus. Now is the time for us to renew that pledge with Mary's help and example.

- *Living Space*



Father Adrian Yeo, Father Stanislaus Pang  
and Deacon Clement Chen  
wish all parishioners a very  
***Joyous & Blessed Christmas***



### **PARISH OFFICE OPERATING HOURS**

Christmas Eve 24th December: 9am—1pm  
Christmas Day 25th December: **CLOSED**  
New Year Eve 31st December: 9am—1pm  
New Year Day 1st January: **CLOSED**



### **CATECHESIS COMMENCEMENT DATES**

Dear Parents,  
Please note that catechesis for all levels will commence on the weekend of  
**16/17 January 2021.**

#### **Zoom Timing**

Level 1 to 3                      Saturdays at 2pm  
Levels 4 to 6                     Saturdays at 4pm  
Levels 7 to 10                    Sunday mornings.

**Classroom Catechesis** for RCIC, RCIY and Special Needs. Time and venue will be confirmed later.

### **THRIFT SHOP**

Due to upcoming renovation of Emmaus House, the Thrift Shop will be closed indefinitely. **Please do not leave your pre-loved items in the Church compound.**