

**\*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.  
 Please note we will be increasing our capacity for masses from January 2021.

**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>.  
 The Columbarium will be closed **from 1.00pm on 31st December and will open on 2nd January at 9.30am**.  
 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*

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*Adoration Room*

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

*Liturgy of the Word for Children*

*Every Saturday, 6pm Mass or Evening Prayer 7.30am Mass*

*Elders Catechism (Dialect)*

*Every Thursday, 1pm to 3pm @ Adoration Hall*

*Meditation Classes*

*Tuesdays/Thursday 9am to 10am @ Adoration Hall*

*Divine Mercy*

*Every Friday, 7am to 8am @ Adoration Hall*

*Family Rosary*

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

*Family Eucharistic Adoration*

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



**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

December 27, 2020 – Year B  
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**GOD'S TIME**

In God's own good time, not ours, the promise of salvation is fulfilled. Abraham and Sarah were promised a land and as many descendants as there are stars in the sky. Finally they received a son, Isaac, and his aged mother laughed at the very idea of him. They all lived out their lives in expectant faith that the Lord's promise would be kept. Joseph, Mary, Simeon and Anna saw the infant Jesus who, despite all obstacles, would be a light to enlighten the nations and the glory of the people Israel. God still takes time to give us time to follow Jesus and to place faith in the Saviour.

**Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 3 January**

Is 60 :1-6 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

## **MESSAGE FOR THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, YEAR B, 2020**

The feast of the Holy Family is a time when we can reflect on the quality of our own family life in the light of the Church's (if not the world's) 'First Family'.

For a large part of his life Jesus was part of a family. We always imagine that this must have been an extremely happy family. Yet, like every other family, it must have had from time to time its ups and downs, its joys and sorrows, its problems and difficulties.

During Jesus' public life, Mary appears a number of times and she witnessed his death on the cross. But we do not know anything about Joseph. Had he already died by the beginning of Jesus' public life (although his name is mentioned during Jesus' visit to Nazareth [Luke 4:22])? Given the short life expectancy of those days, it is very possible that, by the time Jesus was in his 30s, Joseph had already died. If so, it must have been a painful experience for mother and son. There is no reason to think that Holy Family was spared any of the pains or denied any of the joys of ordinary families.

### ***Leaving the family***

It must have been a painful time – as it can be for any family – when Jesus, already about 30 years old, left his family for the work his Father had given him to do. From now on, he would belong to a new family, the family of the world and especially of those who were committed to follow his Way. His mother, brothers and sisters would from now on be those who became his disciples, those who heard the Word of God and kept it. They would, of course, also include Mary his mother, for no one kept and heard God's Word better than she.

### ***Offered to God***

The roots of this caring attitude are recorded in today's Gospel which describes what we normally refer to as the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Jesus, as the first-born\* child of his parents, has to be offered up specially to the Lord. This was an acknowledgment that all life is a gift from God and that God is the Lord of all life. The child belonged to God and had ritually to be bought back for a small sum of money.

But Jesus is no ordinary child and his arrival in the Temple is welcomed by two very holy people – Simeon and Anna. Simeon, filled with the Spirit of God, had been promised he would not die before seeing the Messiah, Israel's long-awaited Saviour-King. With deep spiritual insight he recognises his Lord in the infant he holds in his arms: "Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace...because my eyes have been the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel."

### ***A stumbling block***

But all is not light. For the child "is destined for the fall and for the rising of many". Jesus will be the source of life and liberation for many but he will also be a fatal stumbling block for those who, in their culpable blindness, reject his way of truth and love. "Come, you blessed of my Father, who recognised and loved me..." but also "Depart from me, you cursed ones, who refused to recognise and love me..." For, as Simeon foretells, Jesus will be "a sign that is rejected", rejected by many of his own people and rejected by many others since.

And the shadow of the Cross looms when he warns Mary that "a sword will pierce your own soul". This was part of the package when she said, 'Yes' to the angel. "I am the slave of the Lord; let it happen according to what you say". Yes, this family will not be spared its problems either.

But these things are fully accepted as part of the family's mission to bring light and life to the world.

### ***Silent witness***

The old woman Anna, too, on seeing the child, breaks into praise of God. And she spoke of him to all who looked forward to the "liberation of Jerusalem". She gives her silent witness to the world's longing for salvation, for wholeness. Placing Anna standing side by side with Simeon, one writer has said, Luke "expresses by this arrangement that man and woman stand together and side by side before God. They are equal in honour and grace, they are endowed with the same gift and have the same responsibilities".

### ***Good family life***

And what is true of Jesus is true of all of us. A happy, nurturing family environment is so important. One gets the impression that in many parts of the world and especially in the so-called "developed" world, family life is in deep trouble.

Ultimately, a Christian family's agenda has to be set in the light of the Gospel's vision of life. In these days, too much of it is being set by a highly pressurised society and sometimes by clinging irrationally to out-dated cultural traditions. Perhaps only the Church as a whole and not individual families can deal with this problem not only for its own members but for society as a whole.

There is no question that the quality of any society depends on the quality of its family life. Society exists for the family but the family also exists for society and, unless these two interdependent relationships are recognised, the vision of God's Kingdom will be thwarted. says: the first child to be born into a family.

*- Living Space*

### **RELOCATION OF PARISH OFFICE**

We are now at the 2nd Level of Pastoral Centre.

### **PARISH OFFICE OPERATING HOURS**

New Year Eve 31st December: 9am—1pm

New Year Day 1st January: **CLOSED**

### **CATECHESSES 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.**