

**\*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 '21**.

**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,

Infant Baptism

Please check with the Secretariat Office for dates.

Weddings

Apply at Parish Office at least 1 year in advance

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 Mass 7.30am Mass

Elders Catechism (Dialect)

Every Thursday, 1pm to 3pm @ St. John's Church

Meditation Classes

Tuesdays/Thursday 9am to 10am @ St. John's Church

Divine Mercy

Every Friday, 7am to 8am @ St. John's 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



**The Epiphany of the Lord**

January 3, 2021 – Year B

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**VENITE, ADOREMUS**

Wise men came bearing gifts to confirm their star talk, for the infant Jesus is revealed as the mystery saving everyone—believers and pagans. All people are encompassed in the good news, the promise of the Gospel. All share the same inheritance. All share Christ's body, the New Jerusalem that is the Church mothering us to salvation. God's brightness draws us close as a family. Daughters and sons share in God's life. Come, let us adore him!

**Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 10 January**

Is 55 :1-11    1 Jn 5:1-9    Mk 1:7-11

## MESSAGE FOR EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD, 6 JANUARY, YEAR B, 2021

'Epiphany' means a 'showing' or 'revelation' and, at this time, we are remembering and celebrating three 'revelations' or 'showings' of God: Christmas, today's feast, and the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River.

We could say that today's Gospel is Matthew's Christmas story, just as the shepherds coming to the stable is Luke's Christmas story. The two accounts are quite distinct from each other and have a different thrust or emphasis. In Luke, the stress is on Jesus being God's revelation to the poor and the rejected. In Matthew, the emphasis is on the universality of Jesus' mission.

As is normal with him, Matthew is rather vague on details. There are many questions we would like to ask: When exactly did this happen? How soon after the birth of Jesus? Where did it happen? There is no mention of the stable, only of Bethlehem. Who were the "wise men"? They are called magoi, interpreters of dreams and readers of the skies, astrologers, even magicians.

Later, under the influence of the Hebrew Testament texts, they came to be referred to as 'kings' e.g. "When kings see you, they will stand up, and princes shall prostrate themselves" (Isaiah 49:7) and "Foreigners shall rebuild your walls, and their king shall be your attendants" (Isaiah 60:10) and Psalm 71 (used in today's Responsorial Psalm), "The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts".

We can also ask, How many wise men were there? Surely three? But, in fact, Matthew does not say. Presumably the number three grew out of there being three gifts. The gifts themselves echo the passage from Isaiah which is the First Reading. As does the tradition that they came on camels (not unlikely, as the camel was the normal transport across the desert).

### ***Following a star***

They followed a star. There is a lot of speculation about this star. Was there a comet at that time? Was there a significant conjunction of planets? And how does one follow a star? Or how does one judge when it is "over" a particular place, especially a small house? It would be like trying to find the end of the rainbow! Such questions really miss the point altogether. The special blessing for today links the light of the star with Jesus as the Light of the World.

It was a common belief in ancient times that a new star appeared at the birth of a ruler. Matthew is also drawing, as he so often does, from the Hebrew Testament. In this case it is the story of Balaam, who prophesied that "a star shall advance from Jacob" (Numbers 24:17).

There is another traditional echo in Herod consulting the chief priests and scribes. Legend has it that "sacred scribes" warned Pharaoh about the imminent birth of one who would deliver Israel from Egypt and the king made plans to destroy him.

### ***What does it all mean?***

We are concerned, not with the details of the story but with its meaning. All the Infancy Narratives, both in Matthew and Luke, point symbolically to future events in the life of Jesus. This story is a foreshadowing of the rejection of Jesus by the religious and political leaders of his own people and his acceptance by the Gentiles.

Although Bethlehem was very close to Jerusalem, no Jewish leader is found making his way to visit the Child. Herod's apparent interest is altogether sinister. "When King Herod heard this [about the birth of the 'King of the Jews'], he was greatly troubled – and all Jerusalem with him." His only concern is to get rid, as soon as possible, of a possible rival.

On the other hand, we have these foreigners, these outsiders coming from some far away place – it is not specified and it does not matter – to worship the Child. The contrast is deliberate and is a foretaste of what will very soon happen when the new Church gets under way.

So in today's Second Reading from Ephesians we read:

"This mystery [about Christ] that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any in past generations; it means that Gentiles now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the Gospel."

Today's celebration then is reminding us that for God there are no foreigners, no outsiders. Everyone can pray "our" Father. There is not one single exception. And if God is Father/Mother of every single person, then every single person in this world is my sister or brother.

**The call then today is to live my life in such a way that in my words to people and about people, in my actions with people, I will never act in any way except as a caring brother or sister.**  
*- Living Space*

### **RELOCATION OF PARISH OFFICE**

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

### **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.**