

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD—BLESSING OF CANDLES, 2ND FEBRUARY

If you wish to have your candles blessed, please bring them for blessing during mass.

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 with time, date of mass, intention and name(s).

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ATTENDING MASS

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 have increased our capacity for masses.

COLUMBARIUM

Columbarium visits resume on **Monday 25th January 2021**. The Columbarium will be opened Mondays to Fridays, 9.30am to 5.30pm except 12.30—2.30pm. Please book online minimum 48 hours in advance via this link: <http://calendly.com/holyfamilysg/columbarium>.

Columbarium visits on **1st & 2nd day of Chinese New Year will be from 9.30am to 12.00nn**. Please make your bookings on the above link.

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) or Fr Stanislaus Pang (stanislaus.pang@catholic.org.sg).

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Little Shepherds' Schoolhouse @ Church of the Holy Family is open for registration for children age 3 to 6 years.

Enquiries are welcome and please contact the Kindergarten office from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm @ 6440 4344 or email us at lss-cohf.admin@catholicpreschool.edu.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 Prayer 7.30am Mass

Elders Catechism (Dialect)

Every Thursday, 1pm to 3pm @ Adoration Hall

Meditation Classes

Tuesdays/Thursday 9am to 10.30am @ Church

Divine Mercy

Every Friday, 7.30pm @ 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

SUSPENDED



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

— Year B

Sunday Missal Page No: 711

DISCIPLES AND APOSTLES

“Come after me,” said Jesus, “and I will make you fishers of people.” Those are two functions, two sides of the same coin. Following the path of a master is the work of a disciple, student or apprentice. Going fishing for people, however, is the work of a person sent in the name of another. The Twelve were fishers of people for Christ Jesus. Are not we also both disciples and apostles for Christ Jesus? Yes. In his name we proclaim the Gospel of God. The time is now; God’s reign is breaking in! We proclaim that Good News in word and deed to all because we love them.

Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 31 January

Deut 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

MESSAGE FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, 24 JANUARY, YEAR B, 2021

Last Sunday we saw the call of two disciples and we considered the nature of God's call and how he calls each one of us. In today's Mass we again look at Jesus calling disciples and see how they responded to that call.

Today's Gospel is in two parts:

- a. the call and the challenge
- b. responses to the call

The setting of today's gospel is immediately after Jesus' baptism in the Jordan, when he received the endorsement of his Father and was filled with the Spirit of God. John the Baptist has been recently arrested, literally "handed over". As Jesus himself will be and his followers after him. We are reminded of this in the consecration of every Mass:

"This is my Body which will be handed over (*tradetur*) for you."

The Kingdom is near

So now Jesus, in Galilee, begins his public life and mission. He begins to proclaim the Good News, the Gospel. It is summed up very simply in two lines:

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near,
and

Repent and believe in the good news.

The expected time has come i.e. the arrival of the Messiah, the Saviour King. And so the kingdom of God is close at hand, the kingship, the reign of God. This 'kingdom' is not a place but rather a web of relationships. Those belonging to the kingdom are those who accept the life vision that Jesus gave to us and whose lives are based on that vision of life. It does not matter who they are or where they are and it exists here and now. The Kingdom extends far wider than the Church, which is called to be the sign pointing to the Kingdom's presence among us.

The key to the Kingdom

How are we to enter that kingdom? "Repent and believe in the Good News." In the First Reading we see Jonah, the reluctant prophet, preaching repentance to the great city of Niniveh. Contrary to his expectations, the pagan peoples of the city "believed in God" and "renounced their evil behaviour".

'Repent' here is more than just being sorry for the past; it involves a radical conversion (*metanoia*), a change of direction and priorities in my life. It is a turning from but much more a turning to.

This consists in believing IN the Good News. It is not just to accept as true what Jesus or the Church teaches. To believe IN involves a total commitment, a throwing in of one's lot with Jesus without any guarantees or preconditions. It is to invest one's whole self (as people do in a good marriage, for better or for worse, in good times and in bad...).

Responding to the call

The second part of today's Gospel shows the first responses to this call. Four fishermen are called: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of people." At once, we are told,

Peter and Andrew left their nets (the means of their livelihood) and followed after Jesus. At once, leaving their father Zebedee and his hired men, James and John also went after him.

It was a complete act of trust and a total surrender of themselves. To what? Actually, they had no idea where they were going. They had no idea of what the future held. This was the extent of their great trust in this man who came out of the blue into their lives and challenged them to leave behind their security and throw in their lot with him. They would, in fact, go through many unexpected experiences, some of them joyful, some of them full of pain.

They would indeed become "fishers of people (*anthropon*, 'anqropwn, men and women)", continuing a great movement begun by their Master Jesus to bring people to a new way of living in truth, love, freedom and justice. But they never regretted that day they walked away from their security. They found experiences that transcended all their dreams.

Our response

The call is still going out to each one of us. Am I ready to answer? to follow? What are my nets, limiting my freedom to follow? What personal relationships are blocking my way? What anxieties? What self-centred ambitions?

Paul in today's Second Reading tells the Corinthians to live in total freedom and detachment. Nothing we have, whether things or personal attachments, are permanent and can disappear at a moment's notice. Whether life is very good or very bad: nothing lasts except the fundamental values of truth and love, of freedom and justice. It is what we are, not what we have that counts.

So ask today to hear the call. Ask to have the freedom to follow the call and to be ready to go wherever Jesus is asking us to go.

- *Living Space*

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**.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP

We would like to request for a **washing machine** (new or used) for one of our FINs (Friends in Need) whose washing machine has broken down.

We are looking to recruit **tutors (pro-bono)** willing to give their time to tutor the children in our FIN households who need help with their studies but are unable to afford tuition. We welcome tutors who can teach all levels (primary and secondary) and subjects. No experience is necessary, just a generous heart and willingness to serve.

If you are able and willing to help, or have questions about how you can help, please call or whatsapp Jacqueline at 97834694.