

### CHANGE OF SUNDAY MASS TIME

Please note from **4th April** the 11.00am mass will be rescheduled to **11.30am**. This is to facilitate easier flow of traffic from 9.30am mass.

### FRIDAYS IN LENT 2021

For each Friday in the season of Lent, there will be a combined worship event (2-in-1) of the Stations of the Cross and Mass at **7.30 pm**. To attend, please book online at [mycatholic.sg](http://mycatholic.sg).



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Bookings for Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on calendly from **10am to 12nn on 6th, 20th and 27th March**. Alternatively for weekdays, you can still make appointments by 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))



### OPENING OF CHURCH FOR SILENT PRIVATE PRAYER & WORSHIP

Starting from Tue 2 Mar 2021 the Church will be open for private prayer & worship as follows:  
**Tue, Wed & Fri - 4.30 pm to 5.45 pm and 7.15 pm to 10.00 pm except Fridays evenings in Lent (9pm—10pm).**

**Sun - 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm**

For those who wish to attend, you will be allowed to enter the Church by the Chapel Road Entrance only if you have done your temperature screening and SafeEntry check-in via TraceTogether App or Token & sign in to the register. Please observe safe distancing during the prayer time and keep your masks on at all times.

**In the event that the Church is in use for other activities during the prayer times, we seek your understanding that we will not be admitting any persons into Church during this block-out period.**

### OPENING OF CHAPEL ROAD GATES (UPDATED TIMING)

The Chapel Road Gates will be open with effect 1 Mar 2021. Please note the operations hours of all the gates during normal days are as follows:

Entry Only at Chapel Road and Sea Avenue – Mon and Thu Opening at 9.00 am and Closing at 8.00 pm. Tue, Wed & Fri Opening at 9.00 am and Closing at 9.30 pm. Sat Opening at 9.00 am and Closing at 8.00 pm. Sun Opening at 7.30 am and Closing at 6.30 pm

Exit Only at East Coast Road – Mon & Thu Opening at 9.00 am and Closing at 8.30 pm. Tue, Wed & Fri Opening at 9.00 am and Closing at 10.00 pm. Sat Opening at 9.00 am and Closing at 8.00 pm. Sun Opening at 7.30 am and Closing at 6.30 pm

### COLUMBARIUM OPENING HOURS

The Columbarium is open **Mondays to Fridays, 9.30am to 5.30pm except 12.30—2.30pm and Saturdays 9.30am—12nn**. Please book online minimum 48 hours in advance.

### SSVP FEB 2021 BRIEF FINANCIALS

Brief financials for SSVP Holy Family Church Conference for month of February 2021:

- a) Amt collected through Church Collections: \$ 4,190.00
- b) Donations received (up to 28 Feb 2021): \$ 1,419
- c) Amt disbursed in February: \$ 18,232.95

### CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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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

**(11.30am from 4/4) & 5.30pm**

#### Columbarium

Mon—Fri: 9.30am to 5.30pm except 12.30—2.30pm.

Sat: 9.30am to 12nn. Online booking minimum 48 hours in advance via <http://calendly.com/holyfamilysg/columbarium>.

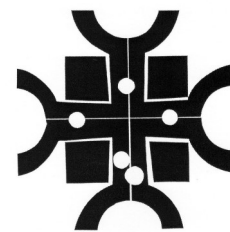
#### Infant Baptism

18th Apr, 30th May, 25th July, 26th Sep and 28th Nov, subject to change

#### Weddings

Apply at Parish Office at least 1 year in advance

~~ All other activities and events remain suspended ~~



#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 7, 2021 – Year B  
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#### STRENGTH

God's foolishness and God's weakness, the Ten Commandments and the foolish wisdom of humans – all lead us to the crucified Jesus, the sanctuary destroyed and raised up in three days. Prejudgments are obstacles to standing by the cross of Jesus, who ties heaven and earth and all else together. Through Jesus, we are redeemed and our life has meaning. By his glorious cross we are saved. Jesus knows what each of us has inside. He offers strength for our weakness.

#### Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 14 March

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

## **MESSAGE FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, 7 MARCH, YEAR B, 2021**

The Gospel presents a dramatic scene where Jesus shows himself as Lord of the Temple. It does not seem in character to see Jesus with a small whip of cords physically driving out the traders in cattle, sheep and pigeons – animals to be used in sacrifices. And the moneychangers. They were needed because only Jewish money could be offered in the Temple. Roman coins had the image of *Divus Augustus* (the 'divine Augustus') and so were regarded as idolatrous; they had to be exchanged for Jewish coinage.

Jesus objected not to the trade as such which was quite legitimate but to its being done in the temple precincts, "my Father's house". "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market." Such business should have been carried on just outside the temple precincts but we know that in our own time hawkers try to get as close to the action as possible, especially if they have competition. It is also not at all impossible that the temple authorities connived at the practice and may have even benefited if the traders had to "rent" spaces in the Temple to do their business.

This would explain the priests' anger at what Jesus was doing. "What's going on here? What sign can you show to justify what you are doing?" Jesus replies: "Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up." They come back: "It has taken 46 years to build this temple and you can raise it in only three days?" This was indeed true and, in fact, the building had not yet been fully completed at this time.

But Jesus was speaking about another sanctuary, another temple where God lived – his own body. Through this event we are reminded during Lent of what we are preparing to remember and celebrate – the death and resurrection of Jesus.

### ***A hard saying***

It is the very heart of our faith. But, as Paul explains, writing to the Christians of Corinth, Jesus' death to the Jews was (and is?) a stumbling block, a scandal, an insurmountable obstacle. It was impossible for them to accept that the Messiah, their Saviour and King, could suffer such an ignominious death at the hands not only of Israel's enemies but even more of his own people. That just could not be; God could not allow it.

To the Gentiles, the pagans, it was meaningless. Power and domination and influence were what counted in their world. The idea that someone executed like and with common criminals should be worshipped as Lord was nonsense, it was something to be ignored and laughed at and rubbished – as it still is by many in our own society today.

### ***God's wisdom***

But to those who have been called and who answer the call – be they Jews or Gentiles, men or women, slave or free – it is the power and wisdom of God. The death of Jesus to any objective observer seems like utter failure, to believe in such a Lord seems stupid but those with the eyes of faith can see the power of love in that death. — *Living Space*

## **CARITAS SINGAPORE – CHARITIES WEEK 2021**

The season of Lent is the time when the Caritas Singapore conducts its annual Archdiocesan fundraising campaign – Charities Week 2021. Your donation will provide much-needed funding to support the work of the Caritas Singapore family to journey with the vulnerable and marginalised in our community such as low-income families, youth-at-risk, the incarcerated, people with physical disabilities, and people with mental health issues.

Please pick up an appeal envelope and give generously. It will enable our Catholic charities to further their cause and do more to help our brothers and sisters in need. All Donations are eligible for 250% Tax Deduction.

### **MASS OFFERINGS—3 WAYS**

**Cash**—drop your envelopes in the donation boxes in Church or at 2nd Level Pastoral Centre.

**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).

*For those who wish to have your Mass Offerings printed for the upcoming masses from Saturday to Friday, please submit them by dropping it into Mass Offering Box at the Office, Pastoral Centre Level 2 latest by Friday 12 noon.*

*Mass Offerings placed into the black boxes at the Exit of the Church during the week will only be updated once a week on the following Monday for the upcoming masses from Saturday to Friday.*

### **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](mailto:lss-cohf.admin@catholicpreschool.edu.sg).

We are also looking for a committed, passionate and experienced **L2 Chinese Language Teacher**.

Interested applicants kindly email the kindergarten at [lss-cohf.principal@catholicpreschool.edu.sg](mailto:lss-cohf.principal@catholicpreschool.edu.sg)

### **MODULE 2 OF MY PERSONAL MORAL COMPASS 2021 - BY REV FR DAVID GARCIA, OP.**

How do we become persons? Come join Caritas Singapore for Module 2 – Becoming Persons, of the My Personal Moral Compass (MPMC) programme

Module 2 will start on 11 March 2021 and will be held weekly on Thursdays. Sessions will be conducted physically (30 slots available) or online. To register, please go to <http://bit.ly/2MJLpeE>. For enquiries, please email Caritas at [formation@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:formation@caritas-singapore.org)