

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.

COLUMBARIUM OPENING HOURS

The Columbarium is open **Mondays to Fridays, 9.30am to 5.30pm and Saturdays 9.30am—4.30pm except 12.30—2.30pm**. Please book online minimum 48 hours in advance.

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).



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

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 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.

MAKE YOUR MARRIAGE A PRIORITY!

Marriage is a project to be worked on together and a process of growth. Pope Francis (Amoris Laetitia, no. 218, 221). Good marriages can always be made better. To deepen your couple relationship, sign up for a Marriage Encounter Weekend **on April 16, 17, and 18, 2021**. This In-person and non stay-in weekend will be at **Agape Village, 7A Lor 8 Toa Payoh**. Please contact David & Clara @ 96705390 or email at mewkend@gmail.com.

"WELCOME HOME"

Landings Singapore will start an 8-week programme on Thursdays (8pm to 10pm) commencing on **15 April 2021 till 3 June 2021**. We invite Catholics seeking a reconnection with the faith to register. Please register for the programme at <http://bit.ly/Landings-Apr2021> or scan the QR code in the e-poster entitled 'Welcome Home' by 7 April 2021. For more information on Landings, please email singapore@landings.org.sg or visit www.landings.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

(11.30am from 4/4) & 5.30 pm

Columbarium Mon—Fri: 9.30am to 5.30pm and Sat: 9.30am to 4.30pm except 12.30—2.30pm. 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 ~~



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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TEMPLE

Cyrus, the great anointed king of Persia, ordered a temple built for God's presence in Jerusalem. Jesus, the anointed Son of God, is raised up to be the new temple of God's living presence for every believer. He is the healing sign of salvation by faith, our "gift from the God of infinite richness." His flourishing cross is "God's work of art created in Christ Jesus," the vine on which we can be the branches that bud and flower during Lent. Will we receive him – with his cross – joyfully?

Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 21 March

Jer 3:31-34 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33

MESSAGE FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, 14 MARCH, YEAR B, 2021

At first sight one might wonder at the choice of the First Reading and what its relevance might be to Lent, let alone the Gospel. (There is usually some link between the First Reading and the Gospel.)

Because of the sins of the Jewish people, from the priests down, because of idolatry and other shameful and sacrilegious practices and after God sent them messenger after messenger who were not listened to, a terrible punishment fell on the whole people. This is how the sacred writer understands the destruction of the Temple and the whole city of Jerusalem and the survivors being carried off to Babylon and exile by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylonia.

Many years later, Cyrus, the king of Persia, became the agent of God by which God's people were once more able to return to Jerusalem and begin to rebuild their traditions and a new Temple.

Jesus, an agent of God

The Gospel has a parallel theme but on a much higher level. Jesus, the Son of God, becomes the agent of God's salvation, not just for one sinful people but for the sinfulness of the whole world. On this Fourth Sunday of Lent we are coming closer to the celebration of how that salvation was brought about.

The gospel makes a comparison with Moses, who was also an agent of God and a saviour of God's people. The Israelites in the desert had been complaining bitterly about their conditions so they were punished by a plague of serpents and many died (Numbers 21:4-9).

At God's instructions, Moses raised up a bronze serpent on a pole "and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he recovered". John sees here a foretype of Jesus being lifted up. For John Jesus' being "lifted up" includes both his being raised up on a cross and being raised up to be with his Father in glory. In the process we were saved, healed and made whole. All those who look up to Jesus in faith will be saved, will be given "eternal life", a life that never can be taken away.

And all of this is a sign of God's own love. God sacrificed his only Son so that we might have that eternal life. He emphasises that God sent his Son to save and not to judge or condemn. In fact, no one who puts their whole self in God's hands through faith can be condemned. And it is never too late to make that step of faith.

Darkness of chosen evil

On the other hand, whoever refuses to believe is already condemned. This is not at all directed at those who sincerely follow another faith, another religion, another vision of life. Judgment and condemnation happen where people prefer darkness to light, as indicated by lives of evil and immoral behaviour: hate instead of love; vengeance instead of forgiveness; greed instead of sharing; taking instead of giving life... It is not a loving God who condemns; rather people choose to alienate themselves from his love. John says that all those who do wrong deliberately hate the light and choose

darkness. A person who lives by truth and integrity is not afraid of the light. Such a person has nothing to hide, nothing to be ashamed of.

Such persons are like the salt of the earth, like a city on a hill, like a candle on a lamp stand. People can see their goodness and so be led by them to Jesus and to God.

Fear of being judged

However, there is another kind of darkness in which people live. It is the darkness of shame when there is something in their lives which they would like to share but are not able to bring out into the open. The reason is their fear of judgment, rejection or ridicule by others. One thinks of the young girl who finds herself pregnant but has no one to turn to, least of all members of her own family, or sometimes even members of the Church. One thinks of the young person who discovers he/she is homosexual and is condemned to live in the darkness of the "closet", terrified to "come out" even to, or especially to family and friends.

These are just two examples. In these cases the agents of darkness are those who sit in judgment. They themselves are living in the darkness of prejudice and hate, usually the symptoms of an inner fear and insecurity.

But as the Second Reading reminds us today, all our goodness is God's gift to us and is nothing for us to boast about. Our goodness, such as it is, is his goodness shining through us.

Let us then look at Jesus lifted up on the cross and in glory. Let us see the colossal love of God for us shown there. Let us open our hearts to that love and let it flow right through us to bring life and hope to others.

— Living Space

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.

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.

