

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Those seeking Sacrament of Reconciliation are requested to make an appointment by sending an email directly to:
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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.

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.

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**.

GIFT CONTRIBUTIONS

This being the 3rd weekend of the month, there will be a call for contributions for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) programme to build a more vibrant, evangelising and missionary Church. Please give generously to support the organisations and projects of the archdiocese by making a monthly giving pledge. GIRO forms, cheques or cash can be sealed into GIFT envelopes and dropped into the collection boxes. Or, give via PayNow (UEN: 201231391K). More info at catholicfoundation.sg

PARA-COUNSELLING SERVICE BY CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE

Need someone to journey with you through the stages and challenges of life? Trained Para-Counsellors are available via Zoom. Please call **66318963 (Mon – Fri 12pm to 4pm)**, email paracounselling-info@familylife.sg or visit <https://cpc.familylife.sg/> to book your session.

2021 EASTER REFLECTION E-BOOKLET

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a reflection e-booklet to journey with you throughout Easter. They are available in English, Chinese and Tamil. The reflection theme for Easter is "The Word Liberates". Please download the e-booklet at: bit.ly/TheWordLiberates
Short weekly videos that complement the e-booklet will also be uploaded on **Thursday 8pm, starting 1 April** at tinyurl.com/oneyoutubechannel.



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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 ~~



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 21, 2021 – Year B
Sunday Missal Page No: 657

SEEING GOD

"We want to see Jesus – to see God." Philip, with Andrew, goes to Jesus. Jesus is guided by how his being lifted up on the saving cross will glorify the Father. His willing struggle for obedience to the Father plants the new covenant in our hearts. His cross becomes the source of eternal salvation. Seeing Jesus we approach the Father. By the power of the Holy Spirit we are drawn through Jesus to the Father – to see God.

Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 28 March

Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15, 47

MESSAGE FOR 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, 21 MARCH, YEAR B, 2021

We are just one week away from Holy Week and our celebration of God's love for us in his passion, death and resurrection. Today we look at the meaning of what Jesus did for us. Some Greeks, probably converts to Judaism, approach Philip (whose name is Greek), saying: "We want to see Jesus." Philip tells Andrew (another Greek name) and they both go with the request to Jesus. We are not told if those men ever did see Jesus but we do know what seems at first sight the rather strange answer that Jesus gave to his disciples: "Unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest." The grain, of course, does not actually die but is totally transformed into something completely new: roots, leaves and fruit. Similarly the caterpillar lets go of being a caterpillar to become transformed into something altogether different and often much more beautiful – a moth or butterfly.

Seeing Jesus

To SEE Jesus is not just to look at him, which is what those Greeks presumably wanted. (It is similar to the curiosity of the tax collector Zacchaeus who climbed a sycamore tree to get a better look at Jesus as he passed by underneath.) To SEE Jesus is to enter totally into his way of thinking, to understand WHY he had to suffer and die and rise again. Like the grain of wheat, Jesus has to let go of everything, including his own life, in order to bring life to himself and many others. In the process, both he and we will be transformed. If we cannot see this as the core of Jesus' life, we have not really seen him. But Jesus goes further and says we must have the same way of thinking. "Anyone who clings to his life, will lose it (we think of someone like Howard Hughes, the billionaire who died a fear-filled, lonely recluse); the one who is willing to let go will find a much richer and enriching life." And, if we want to be close to Jesus, we have to walk his Way. "If a man serves me, is my disciple, he must follow me. Where I am, my servant will be there too." It means walking with Jesus and with Mary all the way to Calvary, wherever that happens to be for each of us.

Ready to let go and let

God Are we ready for that? Are we afraid to let everything go? Is Jesus asking too much? Let us have no doubt, Jesus himself was afraid, deeply afraid. "Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: 'Father, save me from this hour?'" It is clear that that is the prayer Jesus would like to pray. The Letter to the Hebrews (Second Reading) puts it graphically: "During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the One who had the power to save him from death..." Letting go did not come any more easily to Jesus than it does to us. But, after his prayer, when he sweat blood in fear and trembling, he was able to say, YES. "Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering" and, as a result, "he became for all who submit themselves to him the source of life and salvation." As Jesus himself says at the end of today's gospel, "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself." "Lifted up" refers both to the cross and to the glory of the Father where we are invited to follow. So let us today learn to SEE Jesus, the Jesus of the Gospel. The Jesus who let go of everything for

us and who invites us to be with him all the way. Let us pray for his courage and his trust in his Father, that the life and happiness and fulfilment we all long for is in that letting go and letting God.
—*Living Space*

HOLY WEEK AND PASCHAL TRIDUUM 2021 SCHEDULE

All bookings for the following masses / services is to be done on MyCatholic.sg starting from Tue, 23 March at 3 pm. You must be registered with Holy Family Church to attend any of these events.

Palm Sunday

Sat 27 Mar - Masses at 4 pm & 5.30 pm (in English) & at 8 pm (in Mandarin).

Sun 28 Mar - Masses at 8 am, 9.30 am, 11 am & 5.30 pm (all in English)

Monday 29 Mar to Wednesday 31 Mar of Holy Week - Mass at 6.30 pm

Maundy Thursday 1 Apr

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6.30 pm & 8 pm.

Adoration & Prayer Time 1 Apr - 3 time slots at 9:15 pm, 10.15 pm and 11.15 pm.

Good Friday 2 Apr

Stations of the Cross followed by the Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Services at 8 am (in Mandarin); 10 am, 12.30 pm, 3 pm and 5.30 pm (all in English)

Easter Vigil 3 Apr

Mass and Adult Baptism at 7.30 pm

Easter Sunday

Masses at 8 am, 9.30 am, 11.30 am and 5.30 pm (all in English) and at 4 pm (in Mandarin)

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.

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.