

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—4.00pm except 12.30—2.30pm**. Please book online minimum 48 hours in advance.

Please note it will be closed on Good Friday, 2nd April.

OPENING OF CHURCH FOR SILENT PRIVATE PRAYER & WORSHIP

During Holy Week (28th March to 4th April), the Church will be open for private prayer & worship on **Tue and Wed - 4.30 pm to 5.45 pm and 7.15 pm to 10.00 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.

PARISH OFFICE OPERATING HOURS ON GOOD FRIDAY

9am—1pm

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 upcoming masses from Saturday to Friday.

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 ~~



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 28, 2021 – Year B

Sunday Missal Page No: 290

Gospel Reading – Page No: 312

HOSANNA!

“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!” At each Mass we join in the same cry, proclaiming Jesus as the “one obedient unto death, even to death on the cross.” He, now our glorious Lord, shares his work with us when we take up the cross of our baptism and follow him on the way to glory. The man on the donkey leads us step by step through the gates of heaven into his paschal mystery. Follow him confidently, full of faith. Hosanna!

Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 4 April

Ac 10:34, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

MESSAGE FOR PALM SUNDAY, 28 MARCH, YEAR B, 2021

We should see this week as one unit, summed up under the phrase “Paschal Mystery”. It includes the suffering, death and resurrection as well as the ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit. In fact, all these elements can actually be seen present on the cross on Good Friday.

Triumph and tragedy

This is a day both of triumph and tragedy.

There is the joy of Jesus entering Jerusalem and getting an enthusiastic welcome from the crowds. “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” Words we continue to sing during the Eucharistic Prayer at every Mass. But the picture very soon changes to darkness, to suffering and death.

Having the mind of Christ

Our key to understanding this week is in today’s Second Reading from Paul’s letter to the Philippians. “Let the same mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus.” Though Jesus was in the form of God, he “emptied” himself, and went down to the lowest depths of degradation and humiliation, dying naked and as a convicted criminal.

This is the measure of his love us, laying down his life for his friends, an expression of God’s love for us. And, because of the intensity of the love he showed he is swept up into the glory of God. So that we, too, may follow.

But, on the way, we also have to be ready to empty ourselves in love for him and to be totally at the service of our brothers and sisters.

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As Adam was created in the divine image and likeness, so Jesus was ‘in the form of God’.

Yet unlike Adam he did not grasp at Godhead; he resisted the urgings of the catechesis of evil. He did not sin.

Yet he freely chose to enter into the condition of the sinful human being, to go to the very bedrock of human destitution which comes as a result of ‘grasping’ the great emblems of which are slavery and death.

Where this happens to the sinful, grasping human being as a result of sin, Jesus freely chose to take upon himself a disfigurement which he had in no way merited.

He did this in obedience to a divine plan, a plan which would have him go to the depths of human destitution so that God might transform the destitution and lead the human being back to the Garden [of Eden].

Jesus appeared in the form of the sinful human being.

He appeared as a slave, choosing the powerlessness of the one who has no will of his own.

But he went more deeply still into human destitution: he who was son became not only a slave, but also a corpse.

At that point, he chose to enter into an utter powerlessness; and in accepting the most ignominious death known to the ancient world he went to the bedrock of the

destitution and disfigurement caused by sin.

And it was there that he was met by a God whom he could see as he entered the darkness.

He was met by a God who moved as power in the utter powerlessness of the Crucified. He was met by a God who was power enough to lead Jesus (and with him humanity) back to the Garden; a God who gave him his true name; a God who restored to him the lordship proper to the human being (Genesis 1:28); a God who restored him to the glory which was always the Creator’s intention, the glory which in no way contends with the glory of God (as the catechesis of evil had claimed, either God’s glory or your glory) but a glory which redounds to the glory of God the Father.

The hymn is a magnificent proclamation of what Paul will put more enigmatically in 2 Corinthians 5:21: ‘For our sake, God made the sinless one into sin so that in him we might become the righteousness of God’.

The question here is what Paul means by ‘righteousness’.

To be made righteous is to be restored to that right relationship which is the essence of the life of Eden.

Life outside the Garden is a life of wrong relationship – between God and the human being, between human beings, between human beings and the creation.

Life in the Garden is the life of right relationship, with the human being finding his or her right place within the scheme of things in a way that Adam and Eve did not.

—Living Space

HOLY WEEK AND PASCHAL TRIDUUM 2021 SCHEDULE

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 (Mandarin)

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).