

CHANGE IN MASS TIMES FROM 1ST MAY 2021

From May, there will be adjustments to weekend mass times. This is due to the lengthening of masses as singing is now permitted. Saturday masses will be **3:45pm** and 5:30pm. Sun masses will be **7:45am**, 9:30am, 11:30am and 5:30pm. Marked in bold are the masses with its timings adjusted.

OPENING OF CHURCH FOR SILENT PRIVATE PRAYER & WORSHIP

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

Sun - 1.00 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.

THE LECTOR MINISTRY IS RECRUITING!

We are looking for parishioners with public speaking skills who are committed to serving the community and prepared to give their talent and time to preparation and formation. Please contact Angela (cylim_7@hotmail.com) for an application form and we will be in touch for an in-person interview and audition!

MAY SUNDAY ROSARY DEVOTION IN THE MONTH OF MARY

This May, to commemorate the month of Mary, the Legion of Mary will be organising Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament; ending with Benediction on Sundays. We invite you to join us to pray the Rosary and adore Our Lord! Additionally, you may place intentions into our boxes at the Church entrances/exits which will be placed in front of Our Lady during the Rosary.

Date/Time: **May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 / 4pm to 4.45pm**

Register via <https://calendly.com/holyfamilysg/may-sunday-rosary> !



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).

GIFT CONTRIBUTIONS

Every 3rd weekend of the month, parishes have a collection for the Giving in Faith and Thankfulness (GIFT) programme for the operational and infrastructural needs of the Church. To effectively resource these needs, sign up for a monthly GIFT pledge, the most reliable source of funding for the archdiocese.

You can also give regularly via PayNow. Please include your name and mobile number or email address to receive an acknowledgement.

For more information, visit catholicfoundation.sg.

Thank you for your generosity for the vision of the archdiocese.



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Mass Times

Weekdays:

6.30 pm (Mondays to Fridays)

9.00 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 & 11.30am & 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 30th May, 25th July, 26th Sep and 28th Nov 2021, subject to change

Weddings Apply at Parish Office at least 1 year in advance

~~ All other activities and events remain suspended ~~



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021 – Year B

Sunday Missal Page No: 667

TRUTH

“We bear witness to God’s raising of Jesus from the dead.” A witness experiences facts and tells the truth. Jesus explained the law, and prophets and the psalms. Today truth demands that it be preached to all the nations that those who repent are forgiven. Credibility differs: some are trustworthy, others are not. Becoming credible witnesses takes practice. Today you witness the paschal mystery. How do you proclaim Christ Jesus? Be a credible witness!

Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 25 April

Ac 4:8-12 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

MESSAGE FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, 18TH APRIL, YEAR B, 2021

Today we have another account of Jesus appearing to his disciples on Easter Sunday. This time it is from Luke. We should not be disturbed that these various accounts do not tally, nor should we try artificially to put them into a coherent account as used to be done by “harmonies” of the gospels in the past.

In Luke, Jesus’ resurrection and ascension into glory take place on Easter Sunday. This is all the more striking since, in the Acts of the Apostles – also written by Luke – the ascension is clearly described as taking place 40 days later. This indicates that, in dealing with these post-resurrection stories, we are dealing with something more than history.

As today’s Gospel opens, the disciples, gathered in the room, are hearing the account of the two disciples who have just returned from Emmaus after a powerful experience of meeting the Risen Jesus.

All of a sudden there is Jesus among them. He gives them the conventional greeting, “Peace to you!” (Shalom!). As was pointed out when discussing last week’s Gospel, this phrase in Greek has no verb and can be taken as a greeting wish or a statement of fact. And indeed, as we see here and in other instances in the Gospel, the presence of Jesus does bring peace and joy. It is something for us to take note of.

The disciples’ first reaction, however, is one of fear and alarm. As any normal person of the day would have reasoned, Jesus is dead and so this must be his ghost. But Jesus reassures them: he points out to the solidity of his body. He invites them to touch his hands and feet. Ghosts do not have flesh and bones. In one sense, this is not the Jesus who died on the cross (he can appear through closed doors and in widely scattered locations) but it is still fully the same person they had always known.

Now their feelings turn to inexpressible joy. As they look on him with a mixture of happiness and wonder, he pushes them a bit further and asks for food to eat. Ghosts don’t eat. Jesus is truly risen; he is still fully in our world and part of it although in a very different way from before Good Friday.

Why he suffered

He now, as he did with the disciples going to Emmaus, explained how what had happened to him was all foretold clearly in the Scriptures. His suffering and death were no tragedies; his resurrection was no surprise. It was all part of God’s plan.

But it does not stop there. In the name of that Jesus who suffered, died and rose, forgiveness of sin, that is, total reconciliation with God, was to be proclaimed to the whole world.

This is put in other words in the First Letter of John today: “Jesus is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world’s.”

And then comes their mission and mandate: “You are witnesses to this.” We see this mission being carried out as Peter speaks to the people in today’s First Reading. He explains the real meaning of what happened to Jesus and how they are to respond to the message.

Our mission too

Obviously, this mission and mandate is also for us. We also, through our baptism and incorporation in the Church as the Body of Christ, have received the same mission. Without our co-operating with Jesus, the message of reconciliation and forgiveness will not be heard. It is not enough for us just to hear the message and implement it in our own lives, as we sometimes seem to think is all that is required of us.

Again from the Second Reading: “We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, ‘I know him’, and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.”

It is clear that by “keeping the commandments” he means above all the need to follow the commandment of unconditional love, to love others as Jesus has loved us. It is for each one of us today to ask how, given the circumstances of our own lives, we can most effectively get that message across to the people around us. It means proclaiming the coming of the Kingdom among us.

All round us there are people who have never heard the message at all. Others have never heard it in all its clarity and power. Many others have heard it only in a distorted form (and that can include many Christians).

Yet the constant pursuit of money and goods, of power and status, the constant escape into drugs, nicotine, alcohol and the high incident of suicides, especially among young people, all point to people who are looking for meaning, peace and happiness in their lives.

They all need to hear that greeting: “Peace with you” and to experience the peace that only Jesus can give. Will I be the one to carry that message today to even one other person? If we all did just that, we would reach a very large number of people.

~ Living Space

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): AN INVITATION

An invitation to non-Catholics: are you searching for meaning in your life, searching for God? Have you been thinking of joining the Catholic Church? You are invited to come and see what the Catholic Church teaches through a process called the RCIA. Through this process, you are guided and cared for as you are gradually introduced to Catholic belief and way of life.

Calling baptised Catholics: help bring others to faith in Christ! Do you have friends you would like to introduce to the Catholic faith? Invite them to the RCIA in our parish. Live out your baptismal calling by serving as a sponsor in the RCIA to accompany and support others in their journey of faith. Make a difference in your own faith life and in the lives of others by registering as a sponsor. Training will be given.

The next RCIA journey begins on **2 June 2021**. Registration forms for sponsors and inquirers are available in the parish office, or by request at chf.secretariat@catholic.org.sg.