

### PRIESTS' ANNUAL RETREAT

The priests of the Archdiocese will be on their annual retreat from **Monday 28th June to Friday 2nd July 2021**.

### COLUMBARIUM VISITS AND BOOKINGS UNDER PHASE 3 HEIGHTENED ALERT

The Columbarium is now open for visitors from **Monday to Friday 9.30am to 6.00pm** (last booking at 5.30 pm) and **Saturday 9.30am to 12.30pm** (last booking at 12 noon) only. It will be closed on Sundays and Public Holidays.

To schedule your visit, please visit our website ([www.holyfamily.org.sg](http://www.holyfamily.org.sg)). Maximum group size will be 5 persons per group, with a maximum number of 3 groups for each half-hour time slot.

### PRIVATE PRAYER TIME UNDER PHASE 3 HEIGHTENED ALERT

The Church is also open for the above on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 4.30 pm to 5.15 pm and 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm; Sundays from 12.45 pm to 4 pm, except Public Holidays.**

*Should there be other activities being conducted in Church during the above times, the Private Prayer Time will be cancelled.*

### 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**.

### MASS BOOKING FOR JULY 2021

Mass bookings for the month of July 2021 will begin on Tuesday, **29 Jun 21 at 3pm**. Maximum capacity is 50 persons per Mass.

All bookings must be done via MyCatholic.sg and no walk-ins are allowed. All check-ins must strictly be done only via TraceTogether App /Token. Physical IDs must also be brought for verification.

### FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND MASS

We will begin having this monthly event starting with the First Friday in Jul 21 on **2 Jul 2021**. We begin with Eucharistic Adoration at 7.30 pm followed by Mass at **8.00pm**. The usual evening mass at 6.30 pm will be cancelled. Please make your booking starting on Tuesday, 29 Jun 21 at 3 pm.

### CATECHESIS PRIMARY ONE REGISTRATION 2022

Catechesis enrolment for Primary One (2022) is open for registration now. Parents may either submit an online registration form: <https://bit.ly/RegisterHFC> or obtain a hard copy at the parish office (catechist pigeon-hole).



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### Mass Times

#### Weekdays:

6.30 pm (Mondays to Fridays)

**9.00 am (Public Holidays)**

#### Saturday Sunset Masses:

3.45pm & 5.30pm (English)

#### Mandarin Mass

8.00 pm (1st & 3rd Saturdays)

#### Sunday Masses:

7.45am, 9.30 & 11.30am &

5.30 pm

**Columbarium** Mon—Fri: 9.30am to 6.00pm and Sat: 9.30am to 12.30pm except 12.30—2.30pm. Online booking minimum 48 hours in advance via <http://calendly.com/holyfamilysg/columbarium>.

**Infant Baptism** 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 ~~



### **13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

June 27, 2021 - YEAR B

Sunday Missal Page No:

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### **"WHO TOUCHES ME?"**

"Talitha, koum." Both the suffering woman and the young girl revive with the healing touch of Jesus. Here, faith in Christ Jesus, son of God, conquers sickness and death. Today we look to the church's faith to help us overcome death and sin. Here, God's bride, the church, looks to the Lord's generosity for healing and salvation. In the Eucharist, Jesus again asks, "Who touches me?" We do Lord. Help us! Save us!

### **Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 4 July**

Ez 2:2-5 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6:1-6

## **MESSAGE FOR 13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, 27TH JUNE, YEAR B, 2021**

Today's readings are about Jesus as the giver of life. The gospel consists of two related stories, with one inside the other, a typical feature of Mark's gospel known as 'inclusion'. Jesus is approached by an official of the synagogue, called Jairus. His daughter is seriously ill and he wants Jesus to come and lay his hands on her "to make her better and save her life". So Jesus sets out for Jairus' house and is followed by a huge crowd of jostling people.

### ***A woman in fear***

It is at this point that the second story begins. An unfortunate woman who has suffered a haemorrhage for 12 years is in the crowd. Like many others, she had heard about Jesus and, moved by a deep faith in him, she believed that if she could just touch the hem of his cloak it would be enough for her to be healed. In fact, the moment she touched Jesus' clothes her bleeding stopped instantly. It was then that Jesus turned round and asked: "Who touched my clothes?" He knew that power had gone out from him.

### ***Why she was afraid***

Then the woman, in fear and trembling, stepped forward. She was not really afraid of Jesus. She was afraid because she should not have been there at all. Her bleeding problem made her unclean and, if the people around had known about it, she would have been in deep trouble. Like a person with HIV/AIDS in our society, she had to remain in hiding. But she steps forward, falls at Jesus' feet and tells him everything. There is no anger or indignation on Jesus' part. "My daughter," he says kindly, "your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint".

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, has restored her to fullness of life.

### ***'Do not be afraid'***

We now move back to our first story. Just as Jesus finishes with the woman, Jairus is told that his daughter has died and that there is no need to bother Jesus any further. Jesus may be a healer but he is not expected to resuscitate the dead.

Jesus, however, insists on going and he says beautiful words which we need to hear him saying often in our own lives, "Do not be afraid; only have faith."

### ***Giver of life***

Jesus goes into the house with just the parents and his three close companions. He takes the girl by the hands and tells her: "Little girl, I tell you to get up." And the 12-year-old girl immediately got up and walked around quite normally, as if nothing had been wrong with her. Those words "get up" have overtones of resurrection, the "getting up" of Jesus from his own tomb. This is Mark's way of presenting what Jesus says more explicitly in John's gospel: "I am the resurrection and the life." Whether she was dead or in a coma, she was restored to fullness of life and Jesus is revealed as the Lord of life. Instead of basking in the admiration of the onlookers, Jesus reminded them to give the girl some food to eat. This is a small touch on Jesus' part but it reveals how other-centred and caring he is.

## ***We are meant for wholeness***

Both of these stories, with one, as it were, enfolded in the other reveal Jesus as the source of life and healing. As the First Reading says today, "God takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living." And it goes on to say, "To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them...and Hades holds o power on earth; for virtue is undying." We have been made, the book of Wisdom tells us, to be in the image of God's own nature. "God made us imperishable, he made us in the image of his own nature." This is the goal of our lives: to know, to love and to share his life forever. Yet all of us, in some way or another, are constantly in need of God's healing. Healing, health, wholeness, and holiness are, in English, all linked words. We pray for healing which will give us health in every aspect of our lives, and not just in our bodies. The realisation of full health is to become a whole person, where every part of me – spiritual, intellectual, social, psychological and physiological – functions as it ought and in perfect harmony within itself, with people around, and with the environment.

### ***Wholeness comes in sharing***

And part of that wholeness is indicated by Paul in the Second Reading. He reminds the Corinthians how Jesus, rich though he was (not with money but in things of the spirit), became poor for our sake, "to make you rich out of his poverty". Naked and destitute on the cross he poured out his love on us. He even gave his life that we might have life. And because of that he, too, lives forever. And we have been immeasurably enriched. Paul gives that as a model for the way that the Corinthians should share whatever they can spare for their poorer brothers in other churches. Interestingly, he says that in sharing with others we are not expected to give away what we genuinely need ourselves but only from our surplus. And, when I share my surplus today with someone in greater need, I myself can hope to be treated in the same way in my own hour of need. In this way, a balance is maintained and Paul quotes from Scripture: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short. That is an example of wholeness in our society, in our communities. Communism at its best; the way it should be. "To each according to their need; from each according to the ability."

Part of our healing is in the wholeness of our communities, a wholeness which is based on truth, love, compassion and a deep sense of justice for all. And this, too, is holiness, because God is an integral part of the wholeness. He is recognised as the Creator, the Conserver and the Final Goal of all that I am and can be, of all that we are and can be. Let us pray today to Jesus as Lord of life and ask him to help us reach that level of health, wholeness and holiness to which he is calling us.

~ *Living Space*

## **PETER'S PENCE COLLECTIONS**

Please be informed that **ALL** collections taken from next weekend on Saturday Sunset Mass on **26th June to Friday 2nd July 2021** will be for **PETER'S PENCE**. The money collected this weekend will be used by the Pope for philanthropic purposes.