

### MASS BOOKINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

From 1st Sept, we have increased our capacity of the following weekend Masses to 400 pax: Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 7:45am, 9:30am and 11:30am.

Maximum capacity for the following weekday masses will be increased to 150 persons: All Fridays, Wed 8 Sep, Tue 14 Sep and Wed 29 Sep. Parishioners attending these masses must either do a valid Pre-Event Testing (PET) or be fully vaccinated. Remaining weekday masses remain at 50 persons and attendees need not do PET or be fully vaccinated.

Children aged 12 years and below can now also participate in Pre-Event Testing (PET) or Vaccinated-only Masses, subject to the allowable limit of 20%.

When booking a Mass for more than 50 persons, do ensure that you fulfil either criteria (a) or (b) (children 12 and below are exempted from this).

(a) Fully vaccinated:

At least 14 days after receiving a full regimen of the Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty or Moderna vaccines, or any of the vaccines on the WHO EUL listing, with the vaccination status updated in MOH's national IT system

(b) Negative PET test result: from an approved clinic and valid until the end of Mass.

*The capacity for Saturday 3:45 pm and Sunday 5:30pm remains at 50 persons for unvaccinated, and those who have not completed the full regimen.*

### INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

There will be a walk-in session for Individual Confessions by Fr Adrian Yeo & Fr Stanislaus Pang on **Sat, 18 September 2021, 9.30am to 12.00nn at the Main Church.** This will only be available to parishioners who are registered with our parish on the Archdiocesan MARS system. Please note that check-in using TraceTogether Token or App is required before admission.

### PREPARATORY STAGE OF TRANSITION TO ENDEMIC COVID-19

In view of the current situation, as we prepare to transit out of Phase II, please take note of the following:

- ✓ Private prayer time has resumed on Tue, Wed & Fri from 4.30 to 5.45pm and 7.30 to 9.30pm and Sun from 1pm to 2.45pm.
- ✓ Columbarium is now open and available for booking for visits. Please book online at [www.holyfamily.org.sg](http://www.holyfamily.org.sg)
- ✓ Infant Baptism sessions will resume.

*All mass 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 mass attendance verification.*

### SSVP FUND RAISING

As part of celebrating the feast days of our patrons (Bl Frederic Ozanam & St Vincent de Paul), and in conjunction with the October month of the Rosary, we are selling hand made Swarovski crystal rosaries. Buy them for yourselves, as gifts for your friends and family or pledge a rosary for our friends in need! Details in order form: <https://forms.gle/FrcatdZsRhS57i7g7> or contact Felicia at 96542948.

All proceeds go towards supporting our SSVP friends in need. Thank you!  
*Acts 20:35 - It is more blessed to give than to receive*



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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** 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 ~~

#### **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

September 12, 2021 - Year B  
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#### **LIVING FAITH**

“Who do people say I am?” Everyone asks that question. Often we are pushed by people into places we do not want to be—the wrong places. Today Peter gets rebuked because his thinking is “not God’s way.” In our lives, faith in God needs actions to express it, strengthen it and make it grow. Otherwise faith is dead and only an abstraction—interesting, maybe, as a monument to something past. Certainly not for today’s world. If you can say today “I am a faith-filled Christian,” do you think others can detect your faith through your actions?

#### **Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 19 September**

Wis 2:12,17-20 Jm 3:16-4:3 Mk 9:30-37

## **MESSAGE FOR 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 12TH SEPT, YEAR B, 2021**

### ***Who do people say I am?***

Today's encounter of Jesus with his disciples at Caesarea Philippi (represents a high point in Mark's gospel and in their relationship with Jesus.

It is a question of Jesus' identity. "Who do people say I am?" he asks them. They give various answers. The general opinion is that Jesus is certainly some kind of prophet sent by God – perhaps John the Baptist resurrected, or Elijah, who was expected to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah, or some other prophet.

"But you, who do you say I am?" presses Jesus. "You," says Peter, speaking in the name of them all, "you are the Christ." That is, you are the Messiah, the long-awaited liberator king of Israel. 'Messiah' or 'Christ'), means the 'anointed One'. Kings (remember David?) were inaugurated by an anointing. To call Jesus the 'anointed One' is to say that he is King.

### ***An exciting moment***

It must truly have been an exciting moment for the disciples. Their Master was no mere rabbi; he was the Messiah, the King of Israel! And they were part of his inner circle, his close friends and companions. They were now courtiers. Wow! Would they be moving into a palace? Would they be getting important jobs? Power, influence, lots of money, beautiful clothes...What a future was unfolding for these uneducated men!

And then – totally unexpected – comes the shock, a large bucket of very cold water. Because Jesus begins to tell them what is going to happen to him, the Messiah. He will be rejected by the religious and civic leaders of his own people, he will undergo terrible sufferings, he will suffer a horrible and shameful death by execution on a cross, and at the end will rise on the third day (whatever that meant).

### ***An unacceptable scenario***

Peter, again obviously representing all his companions, protests to Jesus in the strongest terms. "Lord, this can never happen to you." It was unthinkable that the Messiah should meet a fate like this. It was totally against all reason that the Messiah should suffer at the hands of his own people. All this nonsense had to be nipped in the bud.

The reaction of Jesus is almost savage. "Get behind me, Satan! Yours are merely human thoughts; they do not represent God's way of seeing things." Peter – the Rock – is seen as a stumbling block. Jesus could be tempted to think like Peter. It would make a much more pleasant future than the one he had just described. But he knew this was the way he was being called to follow.

It is clear that the disciples' (and our) learning experience was not over. They had reached the critical stage of knowing who Jesus was – the Messiah. But now they had to discover – very painfully – just what kind of Messiah he was going to be. They won't know this and they will not see its terrible and compelling beauty until after the resurrection.

### ***More to come***

But Jesus is still not finished with them! Addressing his words not only to them but to everybody, Jesus continues: "If ANYONE wants to be my disciple, then he has to take his cross and come after me." Jesus' Way has also be our way.

So much of the time we try to straddle the fences: be "good" Catholics and have the good things that everyone else wants as well. We don't want crosses. We even think that one of the purposes of prayer is to ask Jesus to take away the nasty things and make life smooth all the way.

But Jesus is urging us to let go. To "save our life" is to cling to things which are not us and to want security in them. Our happiness, we need to learn, is not in having or grabbing, but in sharing what we have. It is in giving, not in getting. It is in letting go and letting God, as they say.

~ *Living Space*

### **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**.

### **SEASIDE RESIDENCES NCC**

It is challenging being a Christian on your own. Even praying alone can feel empty. That is why Christians everywhere come together to encourage each other, learn together and be in fellowship. Christ encouraged Christians into fellowship and said, "Where two or three gather in my name, I will be present."

Covid19 has impacted the lives of all of us. With periods of lockdown, working from home, fear of the disease, and fear of its impact on the economy and our future, it has become even more essential for us to be in fellowship.

As a member of our Christian Community, you are all invited and encouraged to participate in your local NCC. The "Seaside Residences NCC" is here for you who are living in that neighbourhood.

Please call Cecilia Ee at 97832069 for more details.

### **GIFT CONTRIBUTIONS**

This weekend is the collection for the GIFT (Giving in Faith and Thankfulness) programme to build a more vibrant, evangelising and missionary Church. Sign up for a monthly pledge, the most sustainable source of funding for the archdiocese, to support its organisations and projects. Or give regularly via PayNow to 201231391K (include name and mobile no. or email). GIFT envelopes can be dropped into the collection box/bag. More info at catholicfoundation.sg

### **LITTLE SHEPHERDS' SCHOOLHOUSE @ CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

Registration and enrolment is ongoing at Little Shepherds' Schoolhouse @ Church of the Holy Family. We can be contacted :

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