



A Call to Have Faith

Crisis calls us to respond with courage. When situations are beyond us, as in a pandemic crisis – when we wait for the results of an application to a school or for a job, when doctors do not know what the cause of our illness is, in spite of all the extensive tests, or when we are caught in an accident that is life threatening – we can either respond in fear or with faith; with hope or in despair.

God calls us to respond. We don't really have to do very much. We just have to show up and God will take care of everything. Jesus tells the father of the daughter who has just died, **“Do not be afraid. Only have faith.”**

Jesus sees things that we cannot see. He sees death as a sleep. **“The child is not dead, but asleep.”** (Mark 5:39). The crowds laughed at him. They did so in mockery and thought that he was mad for plainly they could see that she had died. Often, when we want to do something surprising, something out of the ordinary, people think we are

mad or stupid. They can laugh at us. But we know that the results can prove us right.

Placed in such a situation, Jesus invites us to have only one response – have faith. He doesn't need us to do anything else.

I wonder when does a person have that kind of faith? When all else has failed, when all help is exhausted, and the best doctors can't do anything more? To whom do we turn to? What else do we have? If there is faith still left at the bottom of the barrel, well and good.

Last year, Pope Francis encouraged us to have faith in God when he spoke in his address *“Orbi et Ubi”* (To the World and Cities) on 27 March, 2020, at the beginning of the Pandemic. *“Like the disciples, we will experience that with him [Jesus] on board, there will be no shipwreck. This is God's strength: Turning to good everything that happens to us, even bad things. He brings serenity into our storms, because with God, life never dies.”*
- Pope Francis.

These words of faith from Pope Francis are powerful and inspirational – *“with God, life never dies”*. It seems to me that there is a reality that we have failed to notice – that God does not want us to die. From our first reading in the Book of Wisdom, we read with assurance: **“Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all.”** (Wisdom 1:13-14)

Let us remember that we are made for God and to be with God for all eternity. Jesus affirms this to us when he restored life to the child with his words of life: **“Talitha Kum!”** which means, *Little girl, I tell you to get up!*

When we are down, when we are confused and lost, when we are tired, Jesus will call us to get up. He will call us to have faith. It is his work, not ours. His words are powerful, and they are life. What more do I need? What is my response? With faith or in fear? With hope or in despair? You hold the key to your answer.

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PARISH NEWS

JULY MASS BOOKINGS

Stage 1 Mass bookings for July opens on **29 June at 3pm** via myCatholic.sg. Parishioners will be able to book **ONE weekend Mass** and up to **FIVE weekday Masses** at each stage, subject to availability.

We are happy to announce that our parish will pilot the introduction of Masses to accommodate **170 pax*** for specific Mass dates and timings to allow more parishioners to attend Mass. The Masses are as follows:

- Sunday, 18 July, 12.15pm
- Sunday, 25 July, 12.15pm
- Saturday, 31 July, 6.00pm (Feast of St Ignatius).

All other Mass capacity remains at 50 pax.

***Do note that in order to attend Masses above 50 pax, the pre-requisite by authorities is that individuals must undergo pre-event testing (PET) or have received two doses of the Covid-19 vaccines (Pfizer or Moderna only). Entry will be denied if you fail to produce the relevant test results or proof of vaccination.**

For the full details on the requirements needed, please go to www.catholic.sg/resumption-of-mass32/

LIVESTREAM MASSES are available on the following days: Mondays - Fridays, 7.00pm. Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 8.15am, 10.15am, 12.15pm and 6.00pm. Please go to bit.ly/stigslivestream

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available every Wednesday and Thursday, 6.00pm-6.40pm. Kindly call the parish office (Pauline/ Suzie) to make an appointment before coming down.

WEEKLY SUNDAY REFLECTION

with Fr Colin Tan, SJ. Please go to stignatius.org.sg/home/

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Join us as we reflect on 'How We Know that Christ is

Alive in Us' and how we can abide in Him. This **Wednesday, 30 June at 8pm**. Email us at cpg.cosi@gmail.com for Zoom details.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR YOUTH

Calling all non-Catholic youths aged 16 to 25 who would like to explore the Catholic faith! Registration for the next RCYI cycle is now open. The new journey begins with a Welcome Tea on **Saturday, 10 July**. To register and for more information, please visit RCYI.sg

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Come and experience the Fullness of Life! If you have a friend or family member who is interested to explore the Catholic faith, we invite them to journey with us. Our new journey begins **27 July, 2021**. **Every Tuesday evening, 8 - 10pm on Zoom**. Register at tinyurl.com/stignatiusgrcia or email st.ignatius.rcia@gmail.com for more information.

VISITING THE COLUMBARIUM

Our Columbarium is open for visits on Saturdays, 5.00pm-5.45pm; and Sundays, 9.00am-9.45am, 11.00am-11.45am, 1.00pm-1.45pm, and 5.00pm-5.45pm.

A maximum of 20 visitors are allowed in the same slot, with a maximum of 5 people in each group. No multi-groups bookings allowed. For **June bookings**, please book at bit.ly/stigscolumbariumJun2021.

If you need help in booking, please call the church office at 6466 0625 (Pauline/Suzie). After office hours, WhatsApp/Telegram/SMS Chad at 9675 6621.

For July bookings, do keep a lookout for the link in our parish website on Tuesday, 29 June, after 3pm.

DIAMOND JUBILEE

Please help yourselves to a Jubilee T-shirt which are gifts from a parishioner! They can be picked up from the Place of Gathering near the carpark lift. Love offerings are optional/welcome!

PETER'S PENCE 2021

All Mass collections received through PayNow, cash or cheques from **26 June 2021 to 02 July 2021** will be set aside for Peter's Pence 2021. Proceeds are used by the Pope for philanthropic works throughout the world and for administrative costs of the Vatican state. Do give generously.

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS

The parish office have been notified of possible scammers who have been sending spoof emails to parishioners by impersonating our parish priests.

Spoof emails usually start with an innocent question or remark which draws a response from the recipient, e.g. "I need a favor from you, please email me back" or "Can you email me back when you have the time?". If the email recipient replies, he/she identifies himself/herself as a potential victim to the scammers.

We would like to remind parishioners to be wary when receiving emails from addresses you are not familiar with. The official email of our Parish Priests ends with the domain **catholic.org.sg**. When in doubt, contact the person by other means.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

ALPHA CATHOLIC CONTEXT

"Is there more to life than this?" If you or you know of anyone who is exploring the Catholic faith, we invite you to come and join us. The next Alpha Catholic Context (AOCC 4) will start on **Tuesday, 13 July**. Register at <http://bit.ly/AOCC4Jul13> or scan the QR code below.



Session 1: Is There More To Life Than This?
Date: 13 July 2021, Tuesday | Time: 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Conducted online via Zoom at the comfort of your home.

Register:
<http://bit.ly/AOCC4Jul13>



For more information/enquiry
Contact Michael Chiam
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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Make your marriage a priority! "Marriage is a project to be worked on together and a process of growth" - Pope Francis (*Amoris Laetitia*, no. 218, 221).

Good marriages can always be made better. To deepen your couple relationship, do register your interest for a Marriage Encounter Weekend by contacting David & Clara at 96705390 or email mewkend@gmail.com

PRIMARY ONE REGISTRATION PHASE 2B

Calling all Catholic parents whose children are ready for Primary One. The Phase 2B Registration will open on **26 & 27 July 2021**. Priority for registration under Phase 2B is for a child of a baptised Catholic parent.

Requirements:

• One parent has to submit the baptism certificate as evidence of Church membership.

• If the Baptism Certificate is not in English, it is mandatory to have it translated into English and certified by a Parish Priest.

A CALL TO TEACH IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attention all MOE educators! If you are interested in answering the call to teach in a Catholic School, or if you want to receive news and resources about Catholic education, join our mailing list. Fill up the form at <https://forms.gle/m3pVkJnKVr6ErA4o7> or scan the QR code below.



The Archdiocesan Commission for Catholic Schools (ACCS) has compiled a list of vacancies in our Catholic schools in 2022.

ACCS will email you the instructions to access this list.

MY PERSONAL MORAL COMPASS 2021

What sexual behaviours does the Church consider immoral? Is pre-marital sex permissible? Should homosexual people be able to marry? Why is there great discrepancy between traditional Christian morality and contemporary culture on sexuality? Can the Church impose its views on society at large? Who decides?

Let us explore these questions and much more in Module 4 of MPMC on *Ethics of Love, Sex and Marriage!*

Module 4 will start on **01 July 2021** and will be held weekly on **Thursdays over Zoom at 7.30pm** for seven weeks.

Register at <https://bit.ly/2RYKMJT> or email Caritas at mPMC@caritas-singapore.org for enquiries.