

Welcome! Whether you are a visitor, long-time parishioner or new to the Parish, we welcome you to our Community, our parish family.

<p>Priests/Deacon of our Parish Rev Fr. Paul Ngo, (Parish Priest) paul.ngo@ihm.sg Rev. Fr. Luke Fong luke.fong@ihm.sg Rev Fr Joseph Kace joseph.kace@ihm.sg Deacon Dexter Chua dexter.chua@catholic.org.sg</p>	<p>Mass Schedule (<i>wef January 2023</i>) Monday to Friday: 7:30am & 6:15pm Saturday: 7am (followed by Novena Devotion), 4pm (Mandarin – Anticipatory Mass) <i>5.30pm (Anticipatory Mass)</i> Sunday: <i>6.45am, 8.30am, 11.30am</i> & 5.00pm</p>	<p>Walk-in Confession at Priest's office: (except on public holidays) Monday: 9am to 11am Tuesday: 9am to 11am Thursday: 4pm to 6pm Friday: 4pm to 6pm</p>
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Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection – 31 March 2024



CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Thank you
Fr. Luke Fong

Our heartfelt gratitude accompanies you. Your guidance and presence have been a blessing to our community.

Wishing you a grace-filled journey as you embark on this new chapter of God's call. May his blessings guide and illuminate your path every step of the way.

Thank You Lunch
7 Apr after 11.30am Mass @ St greg's hall

The next **Infant Baptism** will take place on 4 May 2024 at 2pm. Compulsory briefing for parents and god-parents will be on 27 April 2024 at 2pm. Registration forms are at the entrance of the parish office till 21 April 2024.

Home Rosary for the month of May.
Booking of Home Rosary for the month of May will commence next weekend 6 and 7 April until all the slots are taken up.

Pope Francis offers his prayer intention for the month of **March:**
FOR NEW MARTYRS - Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

Booking of Niches at IHM Columbarium is for IMMEDIATE USE AND for baptised catholics only. Compulsory documents: Baptism Certificate/s of the intended user/s and Death Certificate/s.

CHURCH WEDDING BOOKINGS are to be made 12 months in advance. **Application is to be made only by the bride or the groom.** Booking forms and guidelines are available from the parish office. Please call or email to enquire for availability.

Adoration Room
is opened daily 9am to 9pm. Please observe silence and reverence in the presence of our Lord.

Parish Office
Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri : 9am to *7pm (*subject to changes)
Wednesday : 9am to 5pm
Saturdays & Sundays : 9am to 12pm
Closed on public holidays

Canteen	This Sunday	31 Mar	Canteen Break for Easter Weekend
	Next Sunday	7 Apr	Friends of Canteen

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Easter Pastoral Letter

April 2024

Dear parishioners,

Blessed Easter to you and your family. For some strange reasons this biggest feast in our liturgical calendar has been given the name 'Easter' in the English language, which has rather pagan roots attached to it, instead of Biblical ones. In Latin the feast is called Pascha, in order to make the link with the Jewish feast of Pesach obvious. What Jesus did for us is a fulfilment of what has been foreshadowed in the Old Testament. Since our parish has been studying the book of Exodus I wanted to show 4 clear links between the Jewish Passover and the Exodus event, and our celebration of the Jesus' resurrection.

1) In the OT the Israelites were liberated from their slavery in Egypt by God's mighty hand and brought to freedom in the Promised Land.

In the NT Jesus liberates us from our slavery to sin through his death and resurrection, opening up for us the gates of the eternal Promised Land: Heaven. The 'passing over' of Jesus was from death to life.

2) In Exodus the Israelites had to celebrate the Passover by slaughtering a lamb and put the blood on the wooden beams of the doorposts in order to be saved.

Jesus saves us through his blood on the wooden beams of the cross. And like the lamb in the Passover had to be eaten, so we partake in the Eucharist of the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

3) In the Exodus the Israelites were liberated when God made them pass through the parted the Red Sea. And Paul points out that this was like baptism (cf. 1 Cor 10:2).

We have been saved by Christ, and this initial grace of justification has been given to us through the waters of Baptism. In Baptism we have died with Christ and rose with Him to newness of life (cf. Rom 6:4). Therefore the Adult baptisms are aptly done during the Easter vigil.

4) Fifty days after the feast of Passover the Jews celebrate Pentecost. This feast is for them the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai, where God spoke in tongues of fire.

For us as Christians, the season of Easter ends with the celebration of Pentecost, during which the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles in tongues as of fire. This fulfils the prophecy of Ezekiel and Jeremiah, who both speak of God giving us a new heart of flesh, in which He writes his law in our heart (cf. Ezk 36 ; Jer 31:31-34).

As we enter today into the season of Easter, let us intentionally reflect on the Paschal mysteries of Christ and celebrate the four things mentioned here above, which the book of Exodus foreshadowed:

1. Let us joyfully celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. For in his cross we find mercy and forgiveness and in his resurrection we find hope to live in freedom as children of God.

2. Let us celebrate with exuberance the mysteries of the Eucharist, every day that we can, but above all on Sundays, the day of the resurrection. In the Eucharist we celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection. And we receive the risen Christ in Holy Communion.

3. Let us recall our own baptism and let us learn to walk in the grace of baptism, as redeemed children of God. Oh what a privilege it to be born again as children of God in the waters of salvation.

4. And finally let us prepare our hearts these coming 7 weeks for the celebration of Pentecost, so that we may learn to live the life in the Holy Spirit, who has given us a new heart and an inner desire to walk in the commands of the Lord.

Wishing you all a beautiful season of Pascha,

Fr. Paul, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Luke, Deacon Dexter, the PPC ExCo and the staff of the parish.