

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

Priests of our Parish

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Mass Schedule (*wef January 2023*)

Monday to Friday: 7:30am & 6:15pm

Saturday: 7am (followed by Novena Devotion),
4pm (Mandarin – Anticipatory Mass)
5.30pm (Anticipatory Mass)

Sunday: *6.45am, 8.30am, 11.30am* & 5.00pm

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent 24 December 2023



**CHRISTMAS 2023
PASTORAL LETTER**

Dear parishioners,

Blessed Christmas to you all and to your families.

The essence of feast we celebrate is not the sentimental feelings of family and friends gathered for an elaborate meal, lit up pine trees and sharing gifts with each other. But something much more important. It is not a nice feeling that comes and goes for a moment, but something that lasts forever.

The essence of what we celebrate is announced by the angel to the shepherds:

A Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." (Lk 2:11)

Let us enter into the heart of the Good News as we reflect on the three titles of Jesus given here: Saviour, Christ and Lord.

1. Jesus is the Saviour

In the creed we say that He came down from heaven "for us men and for our salvation." The first thing Jesus does for us is to redeem us from our sinfulness, through the forgiveness He gives us through his death on the cross.

2. Jesus is the Christ

This means He is the long awaited Messiah. He is the Son of man coming down from heaven, as announced by the prophet Daniel. This mystery of the incarnation has deep meaning as the Church father St. Athanasius proclaimed: *God became man, so that we may become god*. Because the Son of God became like we are, human, we in turn can share in the Divine life (cf. 2 Pt 1:4). This is our identity and hope:

"My dear friends, we are already God's children, but what we shall be in the future has not yet been revealed. We are well aware that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He really is." (1 Jn 3:2)

3. Jesus is the Lord

He is truly God and everything needs to be submitted to his Lordship, until He becomes "all in all" (1 Cor 15:28). In order to experience the first 2 points - his saving power and the gift of deification (i.e. sharing in the Divine life) - we simply need to focus on this third point: to make Jesus the Lord of our life. Can you truly say that He is in charge of every aspect of your daily life? If we discover parts that have yet to be submitted to his Lordship, then let us do that in this season of Christmas, so that we may experience what the Shepherds did when they came to the manger and bowed down in worship.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas season and a grace-filled new year,

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

CHRISTMAS 2023 MASS TIMES

24 December (Sunday) Christmas Eve	7.00pm (Mandarin) 9.00pm 12 midnight
25 December (Monday) Christmas Day	8.30am **10.30am 5.00pm
	12.30pm – Vietnamese Catholic Community
	2.30pm – Myanmarese Catholic Community

Catholics are reminded to fulfil both their Sunday and Christmas obligations by participating in the Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass and any of the Christmas Masses. **10.30am is only a one time change for 25 Dec due to Vietnamese and Burmese Masses.

AV Volunteers Required for both weekday and weekend Masses, especially for Monday 6.15pm, Saturday 7am and Sunday 6.45am Masses. Please contact Jane @ 9818 5967 if you are able to help. Thank you.



IHM Mass for the Sick & Elderly (above 65) with the Sacrament of Anointing

1 January 2024, Monday at 4pm
Registration: 2.00pm Rosary : 3.15pm
Confession : 3pm – 3.50pm

Sacrament of Anointing is for baptized Catholics

For Enquiries
Contact Isabelle HP:9683 6287
Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/IHManointing24>



Pope Francis offers his prayer intention for the month of **December**:

FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Let us pray that people with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusion programmes that value their active participation.

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/Thur/Fri : 9am to *7pm
 (*subject to changes)
 Wednesday : 9am to 5pm
 Saturdays & Sundays : 9am to 12pm
 Closed on public holidays

From 26 Nov 2023 to 14 Jan 2024, canteen will operate every Sunday – 8.30am to 11.00am

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