

Reflection

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 1 John 2:1-5 Ps 4 Luke 4:35-48

SIN RUINS THE PARTY

"The community of believers was of one heart and one mind. None of them ever claimed anything as his own; rather He is an Offering for our sins, and not for our sins only, but for those of the whole world." — 1 John 2:2

The Easter season is a 50-day Sunday, according to St. Athanasius. Throughout the Easter season the Lord wants to move us from grace to grace (Jn 1:16, JB) as we "are being transformed from glory to glory into His very image by the Lord Who is the Spirit" (2 Cor 3:18).

This may seem like an unrealistic description of Easter. Many people, even Christians, have long since forgotten about Easter 2009, although liturgically we've only just begun to celebrate the risen Christ. Our spirit of celebration may be stifled because of sin. When we refuse to repent of sin, we go back into the death of the tomb. We withdraw from the resurrection-life.

"Therefore, reform your lives! Turn to God, that your sins may be wiped away!" (Acts 3:19) "I am writing this to keep you from sin. But if anyone should sin, we have, in the presence of the Father, Jesus Christ, an Intercessor Who is just. He is an Offering for our sins, and not for our sins only, but for those of the whole world" (1 Jn 2:1-2). Confession, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, is an Easter sacrament (see Jn 20:23). Repent, go to Confession, and celebrate the whole Easter Season now and forever.

Prayer: Father, send the Spirit to convict me of my sins today (Jn 16:8).

Promise: "Whoever keeps His word, truly has the love of God been made perfect in him." — 1 Jn 2:5

Praise: Alleluia! Praise the risen Jesus, Who reigns now in glory!

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WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

CDM would like to welcome the following newly baptized to our community. We look forward to having them in our parish!

1. Beatrice Ang
2. Annabel Yeo (Beatrice's daughter)
3. May Shen
4. Grace Yap (May's daughter)
5. Angie Ng
6. Michael Lim (son of Angie)
7. Charlene Sia
8. Natalie Sia
9. Alvin Tay
10. Cristina Kow
11. Ivan Tan
12. Joannie Chee (wife of Ivan)
13. Kiern Tan (son of Ivan)
14. Kaylan Tan (son of Ivan)
15. Helen Tan
16. Darlene Berneadette Lim
17. Bernard Yong Wei Choon
18. Patricia Lai

Masses @ Hai Sing

Getting There

We are just opposite Downtown East at the junction of Pasir Ris Drive 3 and Drive 6.

Buses to Hai Sing

3,6,12,17,21,89,354,358

Staying Connected

We welcome your feedbacks and suggestions. If you have articles to contribute, do let us know too!

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Divine Mercy @ Hai Sing

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

Our First Mass at Hai Sing!



We came, we prepared, God blessed and watched over us!

Last Saturday and Sunday, on our parish feast, masses for the Divine Mercy community began at Hai Sing Secondary School. The inaugural masses marked a new chapter for Catholics in the Pasir Ris area - the building of a new faith community.

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Dear Sisters & Brothers-in-Christ,

After months of preparation, D-day finally arrived! Last weekend, we celebrated our first sunset mass, and our first Sunday mass. We did not know what to expect. By the Grace of God, despite the simple, "no frills school hall", the "pews" started to fill up. At a capacity of 500, about 200 turned up on Saturday and 250 parishioners for Sunday mass.

We were encouraged by the numbers and we urge all parishioners to help us spread the word that DM Mass @ Hai Sing has started. If you need help, just turn to page 2 and read why Mass @ Hai Sing is COOL! We have also listed down the bus services to Hai Sing on page 4.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those in our liturgical ministries who have helped out to make our first mass possible. Let us continue to pray for a closer community. God bless and have a restful Labour Day!

Father Johnson Fernandez
On behalf of the priests of Holy Trinity

MASS TIMES

Hai Sing Catholic School Hall
9 Pasir Ris Drive 6

Saturday, 5:30pm
Sunday, 10:00am

Please refer to the back page for location details.

DAILY READINGS

Mon, 27 Apr: 3rd week of Easter

Ac 6:8-15 Ps 118 Jn 6:23-24,26-27

Tue, 28 Apr: [3]; St Peter Chanel, St Louis M. Grignion de Montfort

Ac 7:51-8,1a Ps 30 Jn 6:30-35

Wed, 29 Apr: Easter [3]; St Catharine of Siena,

Ac 8:1b-8 Ps 65 Jn 6:35-40

Thu, 30 Apr: Easter [3]; St Pius V, Pope.

Ac 8:26-40 Ps 65 Jn 6:44-51

Fri, 1 May: Easter [3]; St Joseph the Worker.

Ac 9:1-20 Ps 116 Jn 6:52-59

Sat, 2 May: Easter [3]; St Athanasius,

Ac 9:31-42 Ps 115 Jn 6:60-69

PRIESTS

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Fr. Timothy Yeo 6786 5043

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Fr. Paul Ngo Thanh Phong 6784 6418

MASS OFFERINGS

Mass Offering envelopes are available at Hai Sing on the table near Staircase 7. Please fill in any intentions, enclose the stipend and drop it in box provided. Please approach our wardens if you need assistance.

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There were two Masses – sunset at 5.30pm and Sunday mass at 10am. The arrangements were simple, the hall was “naturally ventilated”, the sound system a bit scratchy, but the mood of the congregation was one of anticipation and eagerness to start on a new journey! Before and after Mass, instead of rushing off, which we were used to, parishioners were encouraged to get to know one another - a great way to start the bonding. There remains much work to be done in the months ahead. The ministries have begun recruitment. The fund-raising continues to keep pace. And as Catholics in Pasir Ris, we have been called to respond.

“I feel blessed. It’s a great start!” – Ms. Doreen Lim

Why Mass @ Hai Sing is COOL!

“No more parking blues!” – parishioner

“I am so happy. I can finally bring my husband (who is paralysed) for mass as Hai Sing is just a short walk from home.” – Mrs. Dolly Lee

MINISTRIES @ CDM

Audio Visual (AV) Ministry

The AV Ministry of CDM is urgently looking for people. Basic knowledge of computer (MS Office) is preferred. For more enquiries, please contact David Wong at 92956346 or e-mail: edavid@singnet.com.sg.

Altar Servers

Why not ask your boys to come forth to serve as altar servers for CDM. Training will be provided. For enquiries, please contact Gyles Melson at 97690418.

Other Ministries

If you want to find out more about the other Ministries @ CDM, please feel free to get in touch with us. For enquiries, please contact Nicole at 98459286 or e-mail: cdm.ministries@gmail.com.

HOLY TRINITY FUN FAIR

Holy Trinity Fun Fair Tickets will be on sale @ Hai Sing. The proceeds of the 7th June Fun Fair will go to Divine Mercy Church. Please support our final stretch in raising funds for our new parish.

The Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

One of the best-known Catholic devotions is probably the dedication of the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary, a practice which arose among Jesuits in Rome in the late 18th century and quickly spread throughout the Western Church. By the time of Pope Pius IX’s declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854, it had become universal.

We can take the month of May as an opportunity to renew our own devotion to the Mother of God by dusting off our rosaries and adding a few more Marian prayers to our daily routine. We can also offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God’s merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother’s throne.

Divine Mercy Devotions

Organised by Pasir Ris CNG IV

Divine Mercy & Rosary Devotion on Thurs 7 May, 8:15pm at Blk 710 Pasir Ris St 72 #02-69. Host: Magdalene & Nicole Nielsen. All are welcome. Please contact Nicole 98459286. Details are also in: <http://pasirriscng.spaces.live.com>

At Holy Trinity Church

Please note that there is NO Divine Mercy devotions in Holy Trinity Church on 1st May, being a public holiday.

CDM Census

Have you filled in the census yet?

CDM census forms are available on the table near staircase 7 of the Hai Sing hall. Please approach our wardens if you need assistance.

YOUTH SPEAK

“Rescued by Love”

Youths aged 16-30 are encouraged to participate in this fun filled retreat from 18-21 June, organized by the Amplify Ministry. For information, please contact Natalie: 98160067 or Sylvester 96587617. Or e-mail: youthinthespiritseminar@gmail.com.

OTHERS

World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2009

2 May 2009, Saturday at Church of the Holy Cross. The session starts at 2:00pm and ends with 5:30pm sunset Mass by Archbishop Nicholas Chia.

FAITH BOOSTERS

In need of faith rejuvenation?

Praise @ Work Life in the Spirit (LSS) Seminar

This is a 6-weeks session for working adults held every Saturday at St. Bernadette’s Church from 30 May – 4 July, 2:30 – 5:30pm.

Fees: \$25 (exclude stay-in retreat on Friday, 26 June (7:30pm) to Sunday, 28June (1:30pm).

For enquiries / registration, please e-mail: liss@praiseatwork.org or contact Stella: 97550829 or Patricia: 81257238.

For more information, visit <http://www.praiseatwork.org>

PARISH SUPPORT

At your wits end? Feeling suffocated?

Free Counselling Services

Please contact Ms. Jackie (appointment co-ordinator). Tel: 97978319 (after office hours)

Legal Aid

Monday, 27 April, 7:30pm to 9pm. Please register at the Holy Trinity Parish Office.

Cancer Support Group

For cancer patients / caregivers. Please contact Patrick. (97287425) or Theresa (96819205)

FAITH FINDER



Do you want to know more about the faith? Do you know of anyone who is curious about our faith?

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) – New session

The new journey is starting on Tues, 5 May @ 1945 at Holy Trinity Church, and thereafter, every Tuesday. Invite your non-Catholic family members & friends to join us.

New sponsors are also needed. Registration forms are available at the Holy Trinity parish office and website: www.holytrinity.org.sg

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Activities happening at Archdiocese level or other parishes can be found at the following:

- **The Catholic News** “What’s On” Section or www.catholic.org.sg/CN
- **Archdiocese of Singapore** <http://www.veritas.org.sg/> “Calendar of Events”
- **Caritas Singapore** <http://www.caritas-singapore.org/> “Events”