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Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity

5th Sunday of Lent, 17 March



Priests

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Mass Timings Weekday 6:30am: 6pm

Saturday 6:30am: 5:30pm

Sunday

6:45am; 8:30am (Mandarin); 10:15am; 12pm & 5:30pm

Parish Office Monday - Friday

9am - 6pm

Saturday/Sunday 9am - 1pm

Public Holidays

Closed

Columbarium

Everyday

6:30am - 6pm

Public Holiday Closed by 10am

Church Wedding

Wedding bookings to be made 1 vear in advance. Please enquire at the Parish Office.



"Unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain" - John 12:24

> Hour of Prayer Monday, 18 March 8:00pm, Chapel

Stations of the Cross

In Teochew Thursday, 21 March 8:00pm, Chapel

In English Friday, 22 March 3:00pm, Chapel 6:30pm, Main Church

Sunday Meditation 5th Sunday of Lent, Year B Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-15; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself. (John 12:32)

This is not the first time in John's Gospel that Jesus uses the image of being "lifted up" to describe his crucifixion (John 12:32). Earlier, Jesus compared Moses' lifting of the serpent in the desert to himself being "lifted up" (3:14). Then, speaking to the religious leaders, he said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM" (8:28).

Of course, after Jesus was nailed to a cross, he was physically lifted up. But John's repeated use of the phrase goes beyond that. Jesus' crucifixion, as horrible and painful as it was, was also an exaltation. That's because through his cross and resurrection, Jesus saved the world. It was a victory over sin, Satan, and death.

This is the paradox of the cross. It was through Jesus' suffering and death that he was glorified—and brought glory to his Father's name (John 12:28). It was by becoming that grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies that Jesus was able to produce "much fruit" (12:24). That "fruit"—our salvation—is why we reverence the cross. It is also why Jesus could talk of his impending death as a lifting up. It was truly a triumph of love over death.

Jesus also promised to "draw everyone" to himself (John 12:32). This, too, was the fruit of his sacrifice. The cross removed the barrier of sin that blocked

our relationship with the Father. Now, forgiven and made blameless through Jesus' blood, we have become sons and daughters of God. Drawn into the heart of the Trinity, we can enjoy eternal life with God, both now and forever.

Today at Mass, gaze at the crucifix above the altar and let it speak to you of God's infinite love for you. Then praise and thank Jesus for his willingness to suffer and die so that you might live. Today is a day overflowing with grace. So turn to the Lord and affirm your faith. Tell Jesus that you believe he is who he says he is. Entrust your life to him. As you do, your faith will continue to grow, and you will trust even more deeply in Jesus' promise of eternal life.

"Jesus, I exalt your name over all the earth!"

Reflection from Word Among Us

Parish Activities

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7:45pm – 9:30pm : RCIA Mandarin

8:00pm-9:00pm: Hour of Prayer

Tuesday, 19 March

7:30pm - 9:30pm: Legion of Mary

Mandarin (天主之母)

8:00pm-9:30pm: Christian

Meditation

Wednesday, 20 March

9:00am onwards : Church cleaning

(by Willing Hands)

10:00am – 12:00pm : JOY Ministry, for the elderly		10:00am – 12:00pm : Primary Catechism		
7:30pm – 9:30pm	: Charismatic Prayer	Eucharistic Adoration		
	Community Talk	10:30am – 12:00pm : Holy Trinity Youth		
8:00pm – 9:30pm	: Extraordinary Ministers Prayer	1:00pm – 2:30pm : Legion of Mary Youth (Mary,		
Thursday, 21 March		Star of the New		
10:00am – 11:30am	: Legion of Mary (Mary, Full of Grace)	Evangelisation) 3:30pm – 5:00pm : Legion of Mary (Queen of		
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7:30pm – 9:30pm	(Our Lady of	Way Mass		
	Charity)	Sunday, 24 March		
7:45pm – 9:30pm	: Society of St Vincent de Paul	10:00am – 11:20am : Mandarin Divine Mercy		
8:00pm - 9:30pm	: Lectors	4:00pm – 5:00pm : Legion of Mary		
8:00pm – 9:30pm	: Legion of Mary Mandarin (圣母升天)	for Children (Mother of Holy Innocents)		
8:00pm – 9:30pm	: Legion of Mary	Other Timings Rosary Prayer before Mass Weekdays: 5:25pm @ Chapel		
	Mandarin (诸圣之母)	Weekdays: 5:25pm @ Chapel		
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East District				
Lenten Penitential Service 2024				
18 March	10:30am			
Church of the	8:00pm			
Holy Family	_			
19 March	10:30am			
Church of Divine Mercy	8:00pm			
20 March	8:00pm			
Church of St Stephen	_			
21 March	8:00pm			
Church of Our Lady	_			
Queen of Peace				

RCIA 2024/2025

The next RCIA journey will begin on 6 June. Application forms are located at the foyer and notice board.

For enquiries: $\underline{rciaht@gmail.com}$

Prayers for RCIA Elect

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in RCIA who are preparing to receive the sacraments during Easter Vigil Mass on 30 March. Their names can be found via tinyurl.com/HTRCIA2024

Charismatic Prayer Community

20 March, 8:00pm A talk on "The Cross, Mercy and Discipleship" by Alfred Pang.

Cleaning of Palms

22 March, 9:00am Level 1 Church Lobby

Calling for volunteers to help with washing and cutting the palm branches.
Cutting appliances and gloves will be provided.

April Infant Baptism

Parents and Godparents
Preparatory Session: 13 April
Rite of Baptism: 20 April
Application forms are located at the
main entrance and notice board area at
level 1.

Archdiocese Events

Marriage Encounter Weekend

English: 5-7 Apr, 31 May-2 June Mandarin: 15-17 March, 16-18 Aug Bahasa Indonesia: 19-21 Apr,

20-22 Sep

20-22 Sep

Good marriages can always be made better! To deepen your couple relationship, visit www.wwmesg.org, or sign-up by contacting Reenie at 9676 7889, or email at mewkend@gmail.com

Catholic Junior College Lenten Evening 2024

22 March, 5:30pm - 9:00pm (includes dinner and tour of campus) Catholic Junior College Auditorium

Catholic Junior College warmly invites all youth aged 15 to 18 to participate in Lenten Evening 2024! Held in collaboration with the Office for Young People (OYP), this event aims to create an opportunity for participants to encounter Christ more deeply, as well as forge bonds across Catholic students from different schools. Register via tinyurl.com/cjclentenevening

New Wine Parish Conference 2024

12 Apr - 7:30pm to 9:30pm 13 Apr - 9:30am to 4:00pm

St Francis Xavier Seminary Building

What makes a Parish truly welcoming? How do we play our part to extend warmth and welcome to friends and strangers alike, so they feel welcomed and belonged when they come to our parish? Join the Office for the New Evangelisation (ONE) at this year's New Wine Parish Conference as we explore how we can unlock heartfelt hospitality and be the welcome for others! Register via bit.ly/newwine2024