

Thursday, 29th March: Maundy Thursday

7pm Mass. The Gloria is sung.

Reflection: The Lord has called us to participate in this most sacred supper. Where in the Law of Moses, the passover is celebrated with the slaughtering of the Lamb, in the Passover of Christ, Jesus takes the place of the Lamb. Our passover as Christians builds on the previous themes of passing-over from Death to Life (c.f. the 10th plague of Egypt), and from slavery to freedom (c.f. Exodus of Israelites from Egypt to the Promised Land. Christ gives us the passing-over from "spiritual death" through slavery to sin, to everlasting life and freedom in God's love for us. Let us ready for our passover.

Procession of Oils: O Redemptor Sumen Carmen

Entrance: 501 Take Up Your Cross

Entrance Ant.: *We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.*

Ordinaries: ICEL Chants of the Roman Missal, 3rd. Ed.

Psalm: *"The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ."*

Gospel Acc.: *Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!*

Washing of Feet: **Mandatum Novum**

Offertory: **Ubi Caritas (Durufle)**

Communion Ant.: *This is the Body that will be given up for you; this is the Chalice of the new covenant in my Blood, says the Lord; do this, whenever you receive it, in memory of me*

Communion: **In Monte Olivetti / 387 When I Survey The Wondrous Cross**

Blessed Sacrament: **377 Pange Lingua (v.1 - 4)**

377 Tantum Ergo Sacramentum (v.5 & 6)



Conductor:

Cantor:

Organist:

On Leave:

No sectionals.

6pm Combined:

- Chants for Maundy Thursday
- Chants for Easter Sunday
- In Monte Olivetti
- Ubi Caritas

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What is the significance of the Mandatum chant accompanying the Washing of the Feet on Maundy Thursday?

"Maundy Thursday", a term probably derived from the Latin Vulgate's translation of the words of our Lord on this Thursday: *"mandatum novum do vobis ut diligatis invicem sicut dilexi vos ut et vos diligatis invicem. in hoc cognoscent omnes quia mei discipuli estis si dilectionem habueritis ad invicem"*; "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34–35).

The "new commandment" which Jesus speaks of is not "new". St. Augustine of Hippo in his sermon of this text gives us inferences to the commandments:

- Thou shalt love thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind; (Commandments 1 to 3) and
- Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself (Commandments 4 to 10)

When Jesus said "just as I have loved you", it infers to the first 3 Commandments of loving God. And when Jesus said "love one another", it infers to the second group of Commandments of loving our neighbour.

By Jesus' washing of the feet of his disciples, he takes the initiative to show the example by which all of us are to follow: serving others first, and tending to their needs. This he does out of love for all of us, and he invites us to love in the same capacity as he does. "By this", it becomes the best way of witnessing the Gospel message of Christ – by our love for each other, our love for humanity. And even if we are to be crucified as he had been for us on our personal Calvary.

Announcements

1. Voices of Singapore 2018 @ CHIJMES – Tuesday 13 March 7pm Concert

We will be participating in the Community Choir segment. We are allocated 30 tickets at \$15 each (price revised by organiser) as part of our participation agreement. Please let Kenneth know the number of tickets you wish to acquire for your friends & family.

We will present the following:

- Drop Drop Slow Tears (Gibbons)
- Ubi Caritas (Durufle)
- Mandatum Novum (chant)

2. Holy Week Schedule for SPP CHOIR (updated, 29 Jan)

The choir is rostered to support the liturgies for the following:

Mon 26 March, 8pm: Holy Week Vespers on Monday evening (**women only**)

Tue 27 March, 8pm: Holy Week Vespers on Tuesday evening (**men only**)

Thu 29 March, 7pm: Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper (note change in Mass time)

Sun 1 April, 11am: Easter Sunday Mass

3. Choir Annual Workshop 2018

Tuesday, May 1st 2018 at CANA Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Level 2

Contribution: \$20 per chorister

0930hrs Welcome, Prayer & Warm-ups
1000hrs Workshop by Facilitator
1230hrs Lunch

1330hrs Session 2
1500hrs Break
1530hrs Session 3
1700hrs End



Saturday, 3rd March: 3rd Sunday of Lent

1st Scrutiny. No Gloria. Organ is muted.

Reflection: In the 1st Reading, we read further into the text to appreciate the back-story that led Moses to plead with God for water for the people. Their lack of trust in the face of harsh and desolate conditions, led to their quarrelling (*Meribah*) among themselves and with God, and testing God (*Massah*). Moses struck the rock and out came water for their survival. In the Gospel, we also see the Samaritan "scoffing" at and ridiculing Jesus on what she saw: a Jew, with no bucket, and asking help from a Samaritan. Yet, the water she does not see, is the Water of Life, and Jesus himself is the well.



Entrance: 347 The Glory of these Forty Days

Entrance Ant.: *My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.*

Ordinaries: Kyrie Mass XVI, Sanctus & Agnus Dei Mass XVIII

Psalm: (YEAR A) *O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.*

Gospel Acc.: *Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world: give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.*

Offertory: 678 O God You Search Me

Communion Ant.: *For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.*

Communion: Jesus My Lord, My God My All

Recessional: 344 Parce Domine

Marian Anthem: Ave Regina Caelorum (chant)

Conductor:

Cantor:

Organist:

On Leave:

Sectionals:

- Vidi Aquam
- Pange Lingua / Tantum Ergo
- Victimae Paschale Laudes

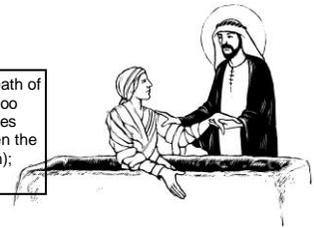
Combined:

- In Monte Olivetti
- Gloria (Vivaldi)
- Drop Drop Slow Tears
- Mandatum Novum
- Ubi Caritas

Saturday, 17th March: 5th Sunday of Lent

3rd Scrutiny. No Gloria. Organ is muted.

Reflection: Today we open ourselves to Christ's life-giving Spirit - the same Spirit that was the breath of life that God blew into the nostrils of Man when He created the world. If Christ lives in us, then we too will also have this Spirit of Life and share in the same resurrection of Jesus. We can see the miracles that God has planned for us through the story of Lazarus. We pray too for those who are to be given the new life of the Spirit in baptism this Easter: drinking the everlasting water of life (Samaritan Woman); seeing in the Light of Christ (the Blind Man); given a New Life in Christ (Lazarus).



Entrance: 353 Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

Entrance Ant.: *Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.*

Ordinaries: ICEL Chants of the Roman Missal, 3rd. Ed.

Psalm: (YEAR A) *"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."*

Gospel Acc.: *Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

Offertory: 348 This Season Calls Us To Return

Communion Ant.: *Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.*

Communion: 855 O Lord, I Am Not Worthy

Recessional: 344 Parce Domine

Marian Anthem: Ave Regina Caelorum (chant)

Conductor:

Cantor:

Organist:

On Leave:

No sectionals.

3pm Combined:

- Chants for Palm Sunday
- Chants for Maundy Thursday
- Chants for Easter Sunday
- Ubi Caritas
- Vespers for Holy Week

Saturday, 10th March: 4th Sunday of Lent

2nd Scrutiny. No Gloria. Organ plays.

Reflection: We walk in the darkness of this world, often overwhelmed by fear and misgivings. But Christ, the Shepherd-King, the second David, lights up our way for us and cures our blindness as He leads us to His kingdom. Once our eyes have been opened through Christ, we are enabled to see the world through the Light of Christ. We ought to see the world according to the values and teachings of Christ; and not pander to the secular views of the world. Do we lead our lives by helping others see the light? Or do we continue to allow others to live in their blindness?



Entrance: 353 Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

Entrance Ant.: *Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

Ordinaries: ICEL Chants of the Roman Missal, 3rd. Ed.

Psalm: (YEAR A) *"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."*

Gospel Acc.: *Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*

Offertory: 678 O God You Search Me

Communion Ant.: *The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.*

Communion: 855 O Lord, I Am Not Worthy

Recessional: 344 Parce Domine

Marian Anthem: Ave Regina Caelorum (chant)

Conductor:

Cantor:

Organist:

On Leave:

No sectionals.

3pm Combined:

- Chants for Palm Sunday
- Chants for Maundy Thursday
- Chants for Easter Sunday
- Drop Drop Slow Tears
- Ubi Caritas

Saturday, 24th March: Palm Sunday

First Form: Procession.

Reflection: In the Jewish culture, Kings rode on horses when they embarked on war, and rode on donkeys when they enter a city bearing peace. By riding on the donkey, Jesus' message on His entry to Jerusalem is 2-fold – firstly, that He himself is the King of Israel, and secondly, that He is a king bearing peace to all. The palms are used as a sort of hero's welcome as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Welcome Jesus the King into your homes and into your hearts with your palms held high – acknowledging that He is King over all your life.



Assembly: Hosanna to the Son of David
Procession 1: Gloria and honor and praise be to you (Fr. Samuel Webber)

Procession 2: As the Lord entered the holy city (Fr. Samuel Webber)

Entrance Ant.: *Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy.*

Ordinaries: ICEL Chants of the Roman Missal, 3rd. Ed.

Psalm: *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

Gospel Acc.: *Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.*

Offertory: 387 When I Survey The Wondrous Cross (edit)

Communion Ant.: *Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.*

Communion: Drop Drop Slow Tears

Recessional: 344 Parce Domine

Marian Anthem: Ave Regina Caelorum (chant)

Conductor:

Cantor:

Organist:

On Leave:

No sectionals.

2:30pm Combined:

- Chants for Maundy Thursday
- Chants for Easter Sunday
- Ubi Caritas
- In Monte Olivetti
- Vespers for Holy Week
- Gloria (Vivaldi)
- To The Lamb on the Throne (Forrest)