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Novena Notes



A Risen Saviour for a Crucified Humanity

As we celebrate Easter today, the world is desperate for peace in the midst of war. Many are searching for meaning in life as they struggle with mental health issues and to find purpose. We are yearning for justice as inequality in the world continues to grow.

In his homily for Palm Sunday, Pope Leo drew our attention to these realities. *'As we set our gaze upon him who was crucified for us, we can see a crucified humanity. We hear the weeping of those who are crushed, who have no hope, who are sick and who are alone. Above all, we hear the painful groans of all those who are oppressed by violence and are victims of war.'*

Yet, what good is a crucified Saviour to a crucified humanity? Like Mary Magdalene, people ask: *'they have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we do not know where they have put him.'* (Jn. 20:2) We don't know where to find a Saviour who can redeem us from this broken human condition.

Today, on Easter Sunday, we proclaim the Good News that our crucified Saviour is risen! Yet, many people have not experienced Jesus' resurrection and are longing to do so. One such person was Cornelius. Peter was sent to share the story of Jesus with Cornelius and his family. Jesus of Nazareth was killed, but three days later, God raised him to life. *'Now we are witnesses! He has ordered us to proclaim this to His people.'* (Acts 10:42) We who have experienced Christ's resurrection and new life have been sent to share this Good News with others, not only by word but by example.

Paul teaches the Corinthians that sharing the Christian faith involves *'getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.'* (1 Cor. 5:7-8) The Good News of Jesus' resurrection is not just something to be ritualized, celebrated, sung about and preached, it must be lived. Only if Christians live according to the teachings of Christ can our faith be a message of hope for a crucified humanity.

At today's Eucharist, we will hold lit candles, we will renew our faith and we will be sprinkled with water - to remind us of our baptism. At the end of the mass, we will be sent - with a great Alleluia - to proclaim the Good News, that Jesus is risen from the dead. Jesus Christ has transformed our despair into hope and our death into fullness of life - this is the faith that gives hope to a crucified humanity and we are sent to share this faith.

Reflection by Fr. Gerard Louis, CSSR

Readings & responses for the week

Easter Sunday

Sunday, 5 April Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9 This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.
Monday, 6 April Monday Octave of Easter	Acts 2:14,22-33; Mt 28:8-15 Preserve me, Lord, I take refuge in you.
Tuesday, 7 April Tuesday Octave of Easter	Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18 The Lord fills the earth with his love.
Wednesday, 8 April Wednesday Octave of Easter	Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35 Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Thursday, 9 April Thursday Octave of Easter	Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48 How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!
Friday, 10 April Friday Octave of Easter	Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14 The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
Saturday, 11 April Saturday Octave of Easter	Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15 I will thank you, Lord, for you have given answer.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS ON SATURDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 4.00pm, 5.30pm

2.00pm (Mandarin)

MASS ON WEEKDAYS

12:15pm, 6.30pm

9.00am, 6.30pm Public Holiday

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

MASS ON SATURDAY

7.00am, 6.30pm (Sunset)

MASS ON SUNDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 5.30pm
(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES UPDATE

No booking is required. There will not be standing room allowed in the main church.

RECEPTION OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 8.00pm

Lunch Hour 11.45am to 12.45pm

Saturday 7.30am to 8.00pm

Sunday 8.30am to 1.30pm & 4.30pm to 7.00pm

Closed on Public Holiday

GIFTSHOP OPERATING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
10.30am to 6.30pm

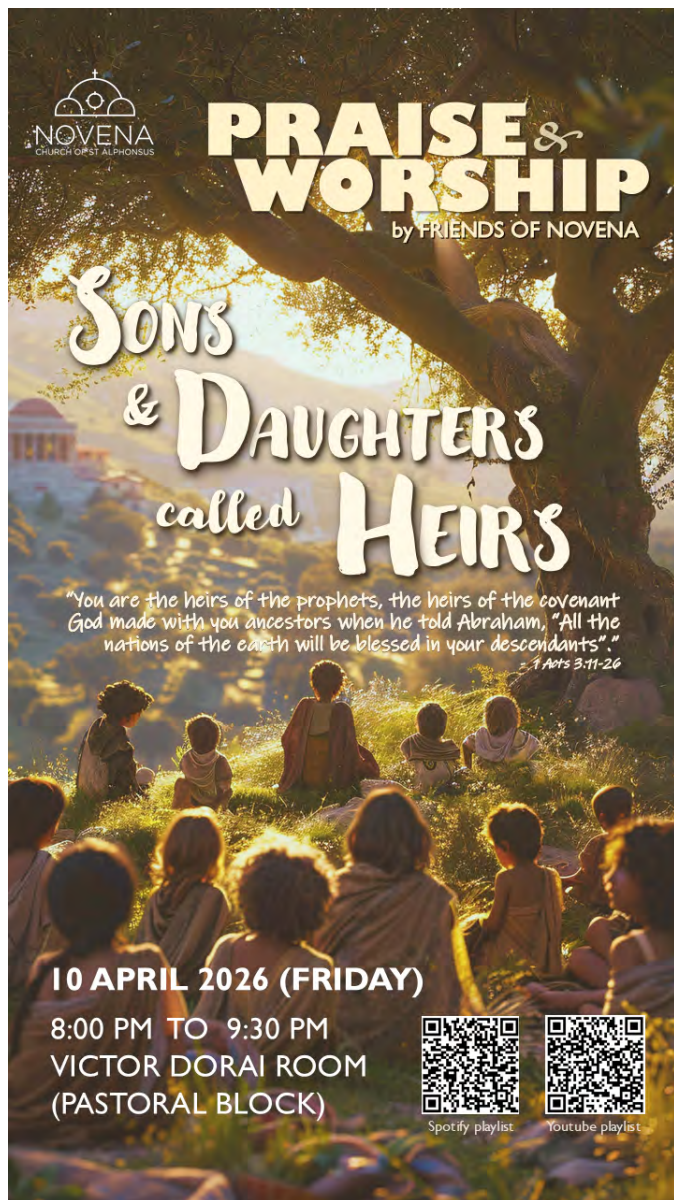
Lunch Hour 12.15pm to 12.45pm

Saturday 8.30am to 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am to 1.30pm

Closed on Thursday and Public Holiday

PRAISE & WORSHIP



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PRAISE & WORSHIP

by FRIENDS OF NOVENA

SONS & DAUGHTERS called HEIRS

"You are the heirs of the prophets, the heirs of the covenant God made with you ancestors when he told Abraham, "All the nations of the earth will be blessed in your descendants"."
- 1 Apts 3:11-26

10 APRIL 2026 (FRIDAY)
8:00 PM TO 9:30 PM
VICTOR DORAI ROOM
(PASTORAL BLOCK)



Spotify playlist Youtube playlist

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION
THURS; 10.30AM -12PM
PASTORAL BLOCK
BERNARD HEANEY ROOM

THE EMPTY TOMB



The women go to the tomb on the first day of the week and find the stone rolled away. While they are there, two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The men said to them. " Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but he is risen."

The Redemptorist Community wishes all a Blessed Easter. He is risen. Rejoice in His resurrection, filled with love, hope and renewal!

RCIA JOURNEY FOR ADULTS
For those who are interested to know the Catholic faith, we are starting English RCIA class on 6th and 7th July and Chinese RCIA class on 4th July. Please kindly get the application form from the brochure stands or the reception lobby. The closing date is 31st May 2026.

BAPTISM AT CHURCH OF HOLY SPIRIT
6TH APRIL
119 ADULTS, 9 CHILDREN
2 RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH

PRAYING WITH CANCER



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Praying WITH CANCER

A 4-WEEK JOURNEY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION

Are you living with cancer? Do you have a loved one who is struggling with cancer?

Come journey with us as we discern and learn how to bring our experiences into prayer and rest in God's presence.

Date: 16 & 23 April (Thursday)

Time: 7.00pm
Venue: Auditorium, level 2
pastoral block, back of the Church



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