

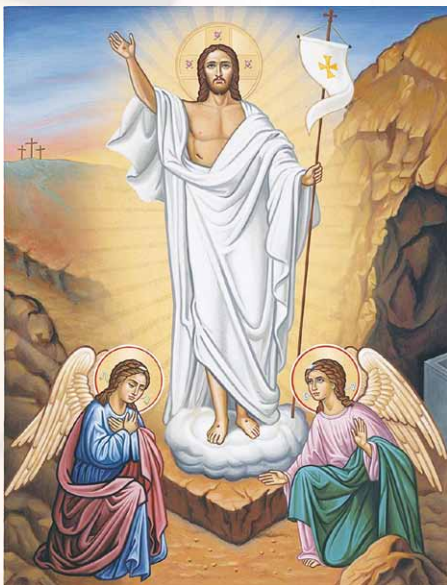
聖安多尼堂



## 羊牧之聲

梁熾才

# 主已復活 讚美上主



三月廿四日(預報救主降生節前夕)，堂區主任司鐸們得到教區傳來的一則喜訊，我們可於四月一日(聖周星期四)起，恢復公開彌撒及逾越節三日慶典。

這真是一個天大的喜訊，在一年禮儀中最神聖的日子，我們可以如在兩年前及更長遠的日子舉行紀念救主基督偉大的救恩奧跡——逾越奧跡。感謝天主！

所謂逾越奧跡，就是救主基督藉祂的苦難和死亡，從罪惡中救贖了我們，又因祂的復活，我們獲得新生命。為什麼藉祂的苦難、死亡和復活，我們得到救恩？這便是奧跡的所在。對這奧跡的理解和體會是我們教友藉參與彌撒、祈禱、讀經和實踐教友生活而得以加深的。

在逾越節三日慶典中，第一日(以黃昏起計的)，紀念主的晚餐。基督藉聖體聖事，在愛中完全奉獻自己給天父和我們眾人，使祂的生命和我們的生命結合為一。第二日，紀念救主的苦難聖死。救主在所受的極度苦難中，以祂的謙卑和服從，在愛中願意完全承行天父的旨意，在十字架上為我們不願服從天父的罪人作了完美的祭獻，使我們能與天主和好。第三日，慶祝基督的

復活。基督藉祂的復活，將祂復活的新生命也賞賜給我們。

「天主，為了祢的聖子，我們的主的復活，令天下萬民喜慶！」真的，我們罪人竟然得到這麼大的恩寵，我們當歡欣喜樂。這新生命在我們領洗時像種子般在我們身上開始，它使我們與基督一起成為新造的人，它是一個受基督光照和被聖神所聖化的新生命。

這新生命有以下這些特點：基本上，藉著信仰基督和領受入門聖事，我們的生命與基督的生命合而為一；我們得到聖神的恩賜和三超德(信望愛)來和天主聖三建立密切的關係，因而我們被引入天主聖三的共融和愛的生命中；我們成為天主鍾愛的子女，偕同基督，在聖神內，走向天父；這新生命使我們與基督和祂的教會結成一體，我們成為聖而公教會的一分子，參與教會的團體生活、服務事工和福傳使命；我們也分享到基督的司祭、先知和君王的職務，向天主奉獻使人與天主修和的聖祭，向人傳達福音的喜訊，和領導人歸向上主。

我們是從新冠病毒全球大流行的威脅下走過來的人，感覺到生命的脆弱和隨時會遭受感染的危險。不少地方比我們更深刻感受到這病毒的肆虐，感染病毒的人數眾多；不少年長的親友離世；頗多醫護人員也受感染，甚或喪生；封城封區的措施雷厲執行，使全人類的活動受到前所未有的限制。今天，我們慶祝基督的復活，看，祂已更新一切、得勝一切！願我們活出這新生命的恩賜，懷著信望愛，平安地走出這人生的低谷。

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## 二零二一年三月份牧民議會 議決事項

1. 構思配合及參與「大聖若瑟年」的活動，並鼓勵一起閱讀及分享《以父親的心》宗座牧函。請閱覽第4及7頁的資訊。
2. 積極準備候洗者領受入門聖事，包括避靜，及安排嬰兒領洗和事前家長及代父母課程。簡報分享刊於第5頁。
3. 傳信、禮儀、互愛委員會繼續加強與下屬善會的聯繫。推廣培育組未來的活動，積極參與，收集意見，促進互助合作。保持活躍通傳堂區大家庭的訊息。
4. 持續按時策劃愛心服務，關顧有需要的人，並鼓勵堂區教友參與和提供贊助。「復活節傳心意」活動通告刊於第3頁。
5. 繼續維繫/陪伴「2020年新教友喜樂知友團體」及「2021聯合慕道班同學會」的發展。往後跟進準備組織青年夫婦團體。

## 二零二一年四月份動態 堂區禮儀活動

<b>1st</b> (聖周四)	上午明供聖體 / 彌撒取消 <b>主的晚餐</b> 晚上八時 <b>陪伴耶穌 —— 守聖時祈禱</b> 晚上九時至十一時三十分	<b>3rd</b> (聖周六)	上午明供聖體 / 彌撒取消 <b>復活慶典的夜間禮儀 (舉行入門聖事)</b> 晚上八時
<b>2nd</b> (聖周五)	註：應守大小齋 上午明供聖體 / 彌撒取消 <b>堂區退省</b> (主題：「我們的希望在十字架上不斷地誕生」) 上午九時至下午一時 <b>苦路善工禮儀</b> 下午一時半 <b>救主受難紀念</b> 下午三時	<b>4th</b> (周日)	<b>耶穌復活主日</b> <b>嬰兒領洗</b> 下午二時
		<b>11th</b> (周日)	復活期第二主日 (救主慈悲主日)
		<b>18th</b> (周日)	復活期第三主日
		<b>21st</b> (周三)	三三追思亡者 下午六時
		<b>25th</b> (周日)	復活期第四主日 (為聖召祈禱)
敬禮聖安多尼 逢周二 晚上六時彌撒		明供聖體 逢周四 晚上七時	
誦唸「向聖若望鮑思高禱文」 每月最後一天的各台彌撒後		「習練善終」祈禱 每月逢首周一的各台彌撒後	
		「進教之佑聖母降福」經文 每月廿四日的各台彌撒結束前	

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## 邀請：參加慕道 / 再慕道班



**導師：**黃家輝神父 **內容：**教授天主教道理  
**日期：**3月30日開始講授「教會的七件聖事」  
**時間：**逢星期二晚上8:00 — 9:30

堂區辦事處報名：  
 歡迎善會成員、未認識主的朋友



## 4月2日聖周五退省

**主題：**我們的希望在十字架上  
 不斷地誕生

**神師：**潘銘智神父  
**時間：**上午9:00 — 中午1:00 **地點：**聖堂 / 母佑堂  
**內容：**祈禱、神師講道、集體悔罪禮、個人默想、神師輔導、修和聖事、簡單午餐

四旬期為天主教會來說，是陪伴和準備候洗者加入教會大家庭的重要時刻。讓我們一起為候洗者祈禱，希望天主能加強他們的信德，無論在任何境況下，都能堅定地奔赴主前。教友總會(網址：<https://hkcccl.org.hk>)安排將所有祈禱意向，於彌撒中奉獻給主。

**日期：**2021年4月9日(星期五) **時間：**上午11:00  
 屆時將有現場直播，請到教友總會 YouTube 頻道收看及重溫

電子祈禱卡收集時間：4月8日截止



## 復活節傳心意

**日期：**4月4日(耶穌復活主日)  
**時間：**下午5:00 — 7:15 (三個時段) **地點：**母佑堂  
**內容：**招待約70戶基層家庭，憑票換領晚餐、水果及曲奇各乙份

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# 「大聖若瑟年」講座及分享

李漢英

三月十九日聖若瑟 (St. Joseph) 慶日，羅馬採用聖若瑟瞻禮，由教宗息斯篤四世(公元1481年)開始。公元1621年，教宗額我略十五世欽定3月19日為聖若瑟瞻禮，同時通令普世教會慶祝。公元1870年，教宗庇護九世奉大聖若瑟為聖教會總主保，將普世教會託給他保護呵佑。教會也奉聖若瑟為勞工主保和善終主保。



欣逢今年是奉聖若瑟為普世教會的主保150周年，教會欽定2021年為「聖若瑟年」，以「大聖若瑟瞻禮」為教會「愛的喜樂」家庭年的開始，加增我們對這位偉大聖者的愛，鼓勵我們求他轉禱，並效法他的眾德行與熱誠。

本堂梁熾才神父特別在3月19日聖若瑟瞻禮舉辦講座與分享會，主旨是解釋教宗牧函《以父親的心》的內容，並邀請黃仲川兄弟以聖經內容介紹聖若瑟背景，吸引堂區不少教友參加。

黃兄弟以瑪竇福音的記載有關聖若瑟的內容，分享他是個義人，正直和無罪的人；他的德行包括貞潔、安貧、謙卑、服從等，無不登峰造極。根據福音的記載，聖若瑟是亞巴郎和達味聖王的後裔，深信天主救恩的來臨，是期望「厄瑪奴耳」及「默西亞」來臨的義人。

梁熾才神父分享教宗方濟各牧函《以父親的心》，是教宗紀念聖若瑟作為普世教會主保150周年而撰寫。聖若瑟是聖母瑪利亞的淨配，主耶穌的鞠養父親。

耶穌在四部福音中被稱為「若瑟的兒子」。牧函共分七個默想，論述聖若瑟是一個怎樣的父親。



## 1) 受愛戴的父親

聖若瑟為聖家全然奉獻自己，無怨無悔，受歷代教友愛戴。

## 2) 溫良慈愛的父親

在聖若瑟身上，耶穌看到天主慈愛。聖若瑟給予耶穌的慈愛，也使他深刻體驗到天主的慈愛。聖若瑟對待我們也是一樣，我們也可以參與，謙遜地接納自己的過失！

## 3) 服從的父親

在聖經內記載上主的天使所報聖若瑟的四個夢，包括：娶瑪利亞為妻、和聖家成員逃往埃及、返回以色列、退到加里肋亞；聖若瑟都爽快地服從。他的服從教導了耶穌和我們如何服從天父的安排！

## 4) 接納的父親

聖若瑟遵循愛德，辨認天主的旨意，接納及面對所發生的事情。聖若瑟最難應對是瑪利亞許配給他之後懷孕的事實，後來明白是天主的旨意，欣然接納。

## 5) 富有創意的勇氣的父親

聖若瑟全心依靠天主，發揮他的能力去創造和尋找，如沒有客棧可供瑪利亞分娩、面對黑落德王要殺嬰孩、在埃及面對生活的問題等，照顧聖母和耶穌，就是照顧未來的教會。

## 6) 勞動的父親

聖若瑟是個木匠，是個普通的勞動者。工作無分貴賤，只要與造物主合作，一樣可以創造和聖化救贖工程。

## 7) 反映天父影象的父親

聖若瑟是耶穌在天上地下的影像，是至貞潔者、喜樂的奉獻者，他擔當耶穌父親的職責，肩負養育耶穌的責任，讓耶穌在自由及快樂的家庭中成長，他行使父職，是一個快樂的奉獻父親。

梁神父帶領大家反省，認識我們自己如何跟隨若瑟，參與天主的救恩計劃，包括以下訊息：

- 若瑟的服從教導了耶穌和我們如何服從天父。
- 我們能否謙遜地接納自己的過失？抑或難以接納自己的過失或感到萬分懊惱？(蕩子的比喻：天主的溫良吸引我們歸向祂)。
- 信賴天主不遺棄我們。
- 面對挑戰：發揮我們的能力去計劃、創造和尋找。
- 效法若瑟做一個喜樂的奉獻者。
- 與造物主合作，繼續創造和聖化的工程。





## 積極準備候洗者加入教會大家庭

今年的四旬期仍然受著疫症的影響，雖然堂區未有公開的彌撒，但是我們更加關顧一眾候洗者的培育，陪同他們決心跟隨基督，度福音精神的生活。故此，堂區特別為候洗者舉辦兩次的避靜，第一次是3月21日，第二次是4月2日聖周五。

3月21日下午1:30，逾35位候洗者出席了這次避靜。神師黃家輝神父引用出谷紀有關梅瑟的事蹟，講解當時埃及法郎不悔改、心硬，但天主藉著種種奇蹟去拯救以色列子民，引發我們思考如何去悔改和更新。神父以電影播放、問答遊戲、再讀聖經講解，鼓勵大家做好準備，迎接自己重生的領洗。避靜於下午4:30完結。候洗者隨後到聖堂參加甄選考核禮。



Together At  
One Altar

3月27日晚上7:30，堂區舉辦了代父母課程講座，由本堂主任司鐸梁熾才神父講授。題目是「代父母：新生命的照顧者」。神父引用一連串的聖經教導，帶出新生命的三個逾越奧跡和七個特點，還有三個生命成長的比喻。一連串的神修指導，可讓代父母深刻去反思，如何成為理想的代父母呢？關鍵是從自己的神修開始。



隨後傳道員分享自己作為代父母的苦與樂。牧民助理盧太就引用教會的訓導和天主教教理，給大家講解教會有關作代父母的指引和要求。接著大家分組討論，題目是「怎樣更好地履行代父母的職務，如何面對和解決困難」。

各小組討論熱烈，之後每組作匯報。短短一個半小時的課程，相信大家得益良多。

為了迎接聖周六的入門聖事和復活主日的嬰兒領洗，堂區開展了一連串的牧民培育工作，包括3月27日晚的代父母課程和28日下午3:00的嬰兒家長課程。代父母和家長們如數依時出席聚會，通過學習和討論，增加了知識和增強了信仰的熱忱。大家認真祈禱，準備心靈，迎接基督的苦難和復活，並與基督結合，使自己的生命不斷皈依重生。





# 開展「愛的喜樂」家庭年

香港教區3月19日聖若瑟瞻禮當天在主教座堂奉獻彌撒，為「愛的喜樂」家庭年揭開序幕，而本地教會團亦開始連串牧民工作，去陪伴家庭效法聖若瑟和聖家的芳表。



美德；第二是聖若瑟安靜寡言，彰顯中國的道家傳統，以不變應萬變；第三是他遵照天主的話去照顧瑪利亞和耶穌，使聖家成為效法的榜樣。

他說：「聖周在即，讓我們

這台彌撒由宗座署理湯漢樞機主持，他在彌撒中請求聖若瑟轉禱，在未來三年的堂區更新牧民主題下，幫助教友更新自己和堂區，並保護家庭常享受的喜樂。

因著新型冠狀病毒疫情，彌撒以非公開形式進行，教友可透過觀看網上直播參與；共祭的包括夏志誠輔理主教、教廷駐香港的何明哲蒙席 (Javier H. Corona) 等，祭台旁安放了聖若瑟與耶穌聖嬰畫像。

湯漢樞機在講道中重申教宗方濟各《以父親的心》牧函中的呼籲，鼓勵眾人效法聖若瑟和聖家的芳表，並透過默想祈禱加深與天主之間的關係。

湯樞機稱許聖若瑟的信、望、愛三德，並指值得眾人學習：聖人接受了天主的聖意，承擔家庭和養育耶穌的責任；心懷希望而恆心到底，保護聖母及照顧嬰孩耶穌；面對挑戰仍懷著愛去保護家庭，盡好父親教養孩子的責任。

對於中國教友熱愛聖若瑟，湯樞機指這可歸納為三個原因：第一是他是謙卑服從、樸實勤奮，這些也是中國傳統

特別為全球的家庭祈禱，尤其是移民流徙的家庭，他們面對因戰爭、仇恨、迫害和貧窮而離開家鄉，亦為被囚禁或打工而與家庭分離的人祈禱。」而當晚的信友禱文，亦特別為家庭與疫情祈禱。

彌撒結束前，堂區更新專責小組召集人陳志明神父帶領眾人誦唸聖若瑟禱文。

他致辭時表示，今年是聖若瑟年，又是家庭年和堂區更新年，而專責小組會先推廣聖若瑟年。他呼籲教友逢星期三為受疫情影響的人士，請大聖若瑟代禱；而教會團體稍後亦推出若瑟年爸爸運動，同時亦會提供家庭年的網上培育資訊。

陳志明神父指小組今起至明年6月，每月以工作坊、短片或活動等形式，帶出有關父親特質的培育信息。

他又呼籲各堂區，特別是堂區議會成員，共同學習《以父親的心》牧函和《愛的喜樂》宗座勸諭，並按自己堂區的實際處境，訂出具體的方案和行動，「使眾人體驗到家庭生活的喜樂和家庭本身，能作為教會及社會的一份召叫和使命。」

## 「愛的喜樂」家庭年

教宗方濟各業已公佈，由本年3月19日「大聖若瑟、普世教會主保」的節日開始，亦即《愛的喜樂》（論家庭之愛）宗座勸諭頒佈的第五周年開始，普世教會將慶祝「愛的教會」家庭年；該年度將於明年6月26日——即在羅馬舉行的第十屆世界家庭大會期間——終結。

「宗座教友、家庭及生命部」業已提供一本解釋此家庭年的目標及創新行動的手冊；請瀏覽網址 <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/il-progetto.html#brochure>







# 聖若瑟年

四旬期內全民起動

為聖召祈禱、行動、創作！

活動日期：2021年3月19日至4月25日

# # 聖召行動 Challenge

## 【參加形式】

參加者（分為個人組，家庭組及團體組）須完成 **3** 項任務：

### 1 自定路線：

前往自己所屬堂區／對自己有特別意義的聖堂以「聖召祈禱文」及加上以下

自選一種方式祈禱：☒

- ☐ 誦讀一段耶穌召選門徒的福音章節，或
- ☐ 誦唸一串玫瑰經，或
- ☐ 朝拜聖體。

### 2 一個具體行動：（自選一項 ☒）

- ☐ 分享自己信仰歷程（信主經過或誰幫助過你信仰追尋）  
探望及訪問一位相熟的獻身者，或
- ☐ 自定一次朝聖旅程\*（步行5公里或以上及最少到達一間聖堂），或  
以藝術創作（歌曲／詩詞／畫作等）  
帶出／聖召主題，亦可將這作品送給獻身者作為支持，或
- ☐ 其他

### 3 打卡：

參加者須把任務 ① 及 ② 以短片（3分鐘內）、圖片或文字作記錄，  
並上載自己臉書（Facebook）社交平台再加上 #聖召行動 Challenge  
（帖文設定為公開），再在帖文中 Tag 一位朋友邀請他／她參與此活動。  
本會有機會把有關內容剪輯並於聖召主日播放。

### 獎勵

配對捐款：首100名參加者（以單位計算）  
將獲一位贊助人配捐1000元予教區  
聖召委員會作推動聖召之用

### 感謝狀

首100位參加者（以單位計算）可獲頒夏志誠輔理主教  
親筆簽名感謝狀乙張

## 報名辦法及遞交成績

網上方式：於4月20日或之前填妥 Google Form

郵寄／電郵方式：（不使用社交平台）

請於4月18日或以前連同報名表格，連同任務 ① 及 ② 以短片（3分鐘內）、圖片或文字作記錄等資料電郵至 [dvc@catholic.org.hk](mailto:dvc@catholic.org.hk) 或郵寄到中環干諾道中15-18號大昌大廈3樓教區聖召委員會。  
（請電郵向本會索取參加表格）



「聖召祈禱文」

\* 參加人數上限，須按政府公佈的限聚令。





# APR 四月 神修話語

## 生活反省

若望福音記載耶穌復活後的顯現，門徒都害怕猶太人會像迫害耶穌一樣迫害他們，所以要隱藏在門戶關著的地方。若望更帶出復活的主光榮身體不單可以超越時空限制，更能穿房入舍。

復活的主首先祝福門徒平安，舊約「平安」(Shalom)是指與天主保持良好關係的平安，是積極的祝福。而耶穌留下的平安不是普通猶太人的祝福，而是救贖的恩賜(若16:33)，與他所賜下的永生無異(若10:28)。耶穌死在十字架上交付了靈魂也帶出了一個神學思想：基督的死帶來「聖神和真正的生命」；稍後，耶穌也給門徒遣發聖神，如此「平安」再不是一句問候說話，而是屬於聖神的祝福，一份內在的恩賜。

耶穌把手和肋膀給門徒看，是要他們清楚知道復活的主就是被釘在十字架的救主。門徒沒有觸摸，只是「看見了」，便「歡喜起來」。這正應驗了耶穌將門徒的憂愁變為喜樂的許諾(16:20-22)，並給門徒遣發聖神。首批宗徒和當代的門徒，是「看見了」才相信的，而因宗徒的見證而皈依的基督徒是「沒有看見而相信的」，兩者都是有福。

面對現實生活的挑戰，我們會感到惶恐不安嗎？我們的「沒有看見而信」，可以在今天紛爭動盪的國際環境，拜金主義和權力鬥爭的社會中站得住腳嗎？仍然能夠保持主賜的平安嗎？

我們常常掛在口邊的「願你平安」，是來自我們相信死而復活的主基督嗎？還是變成了猶太人的術語？我們是否需要不惜一切代價去擁有更多財富和權力來鞏固內心的平安，還是要基督派遣祂的護慰者聖神來強化我們內心的平安？



## 祈禱

主，感謝祢賜給我們平安，這不單是豐富的恩典，也是我們的願望、力量和能力。求主堅固我們的心，相信主的平安定會陪伴我們度過困苦。

願我們將這平安的祝福，在生活中、在社會中，以善言善行，分享給其他人，尤其是現今社會上承受精神打擊、面對各種壓力和焦慮不安的人。亞孟。

(資料：聖方濟各聖詠團)



## 聖經金句

耶穌來了，站在中間對他們說：「願你們平安！」說了這話，便把手和肋膀指給他們看。門徒見了主，便喜歡起來。(若20:19-20)

Leadership 領導模式

Stewardship 管家模式

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# 躍動

## 堂區生活

主題講解  
嘉賓/團體分享、交流及回應



活動詳情及網上報名

\*最新活動詳情，  
請留意教友總會網頁  
<http://hkcccl.org.hk>

## 第二講：2. 領導模式

關俊棠神父

堂區牧民議會成員（西貢聖心堂、聖文德堂）

2021年4月18日（主日）

下午2:30 - 4:30

石硤尾聖方濟各堂(英文小學禮堂)  
或 網上會議形式





## 重溫反省 《愛的喜樂》勸諭

普世教會慶祝「愛的喜樂」家庭年，定於2021年3月19日大聖若瑟主保瞻禮揭幕，並將於2022年6月第十屆世界家庭會議畫下句點。屆時，世界家庭會議將於羅馬舉行。

教宗方濟各表示，今年是反省《愛的喜樂》勸諭(2016年頒布)的一年，眾人將能藉此良機深入研究這道文件。在這特別的一年，教會團體和家庭將能取得相關的反省，在旅途中得到陪伴。宗座教友、家庭及生命部將協調多項活動，教宗特別邀請每個人積極參與，也把「愛的喜樂」家庭年的旅途託付於納匝肋聖家，尤其是大聖若瑟這位顧家的配偶和父親。

教宗籲請信友省思「天主子跟所有孩童一樣需要家庭溫暖的事實」。因此，由耶穌、聖母瑪利亞和大聖若瑟組成的聖家，成了家庭的榜樣，「世上所有的家庭都能從中找到可靠的參照點和啟發」。



納匝肋聖家的生活要素是喜樂。耶穌在孩童時期「被聖母瑪利亞的母愛所圍繞，並受到大聖若瑟的照顧。耶穌在大聖若瑟身上看見天父的溫柔」。教宗表示：「我們也蒙召重新發現家庭提供教育的重要性。家庭的基礎必須是那始終能不斷增進關係、開啟希望視野的愛。家人應當一同祈禱、互相關愛、彼此寬恕、溫柔相待，並承行天主的旨意。」

「如此一來，家庭便能向天主的喜樂敞開大門，而天主把這份喜樂賜予所有懂得如何歡喜付出的人。幸福的家庭也懂得找到靈性力量來向外界、向他人開放，為弟兄姊妹效勞，同心協力建設一個更新、更好的世界，在日常生活中樹

立榜樣。」

教宗承認家家戶戶都有自己的問題，因為我們的軟弱，有時甚至會同室操戈。但是，教宗勉勵眾人：「倘若與家人起了爭執，務必要在一天結束之前和好。」教宗重申家庭的三個關鍵詞：「請問、謝謝和對不起。家人之間如果常說這三個關鍵詞，必定能維持家庭和睦。」

《愛的喜樂》宗座勸諭的目標，是反省面對當代種種挑戰的家庭的處境。以該勸諭為依據，上述家庭年的目標如下：

1. 使更多人能分享宗座勸諭的訊息，並幫助他們體驗家庭生活的喜樂及家庭作為教會及社會的一份禮物；
2. 宣揚婚配聖事的崇高價值；
3. 幫助家庭成為宗徒事業的積極媒介，並使青少年醒覺「愛的真諦」及「自我奉獻」這兩方面的培育的重要性；
4. 擴闊家庭牧民的視野及行動範圍，並使之更橫向及涵蓋全體家庭成員，即準婚人士、夫婦、兒童、青少年、長者及婚姻面對危機的人士等；
5. 加強「家庭教會」及教會兩者之間的密切聯繫；
6. 助長夫婦加入那些在教區及堂區層面支援家庭牧民工作的組織架構，並加深牧民工作者、修生及司鐸的相關培訓；
7. 推廣家庭層面的福傳創新行動(例如，在兒童初領聖體或領堅振、教友接受婚前培育，或教友參加一些周年慶典或隆重禮儀慶典等場合)。

(資料：梵蒂岡新聞網)



**Amoris Laetitia**  
**Family**  
Year 2021 - 2022



# 主日學網上教學活動「猜猜看」



## 張敏熙家長

3月7日(四旬期第三主日)，敏熙參加了由聰叔叔主持的「主日學」zoom網上直播遊戲，主題是「猜猜看」。在zoom平台與一眾老師同學見面及欣賞圖畫，圖畫會分成十數格，而每一格會不規則地逐格顯露出來，直到整張圖畫完全出現，參賽者要猜想圖畫中的物件名稱，同時利用Kahoot作答，除了答對之外，我們還要與時間競賽，以最短的時間答對問題。

整個遊戲過程既緊張又刺激，學到了不少教理事物名稱，敏熙僥倖在比賽中獲得亞軍，她感到份外開心，更有很大滿足感，她非常期待下次的網上遊戲。

感恩在天主的看顧下，疫情逐漸好轉，我們很期待返回堂區上「主日學」課及聚會，亦感謝老師們常舉辦zoom網上活動，讓小朋友在疫情下也不忘堂區大家庭，又可與老師們一起上課。



## 江珮瑜家長

雖然疫情關係，小朋友未能夠參加「主日學」，但是堂區安排了網上短片分享、網上直播和網上活動讓小朋友參與。3月7日，小朋友透過Kahoot，進行「猜猜看」遊戲，藉著有趣圖畫讓小朋友重溫關於天主的知識，大家樂在其中。面對自己熟悉的圖片能快捷地回答問題，過程十分輕鬆、簡單、易明。完成遊戲後，小朋友更主動表示十分期待下一次的網上聚會和參與小遊戲。



此外，為了讓小朋友準備於本年度接受洗禮，我們也參加了堂區舉辦的「準備洗禮班」。導師透過玩遊戲、分享宗教故事、閱讀宗教圖書、唱歌、做手工、帶領小朋友參觀聖堂等各種活動，幫助小朋友鞏固宗教信仰，幫助他們適應宗教生活。

經驗「準備洗禮班」後，小朋友已表示很喜歡參與各種活動，尤其當珮瑜能夠回答導師提問而得到讚賞，她能感到導師的關愛和熱情。在活動中，導師帶領所有小朋友參觀聖堂環節，這是小朋友更感興趣的。我們十分感恩小朋友投入參與堂區的活動，亦會讓小朋友繼續參加「準備洗禮班」，為即將成為天父的兒女作好準備。

## 主日學導師 Florence 姨姨

我們一家人曾參與「聖安多尼堂」培育組的「親子親主直播活動」，還在網上進行Kahoot聖經問答遊戲，機緣巧合之下3月7日試用Kahoot玩「猜猜看」遊戲作「主日學」網上教學，卻有另一番感受。

從預備這次活動中，我感到十分欣慰，因為兩姊妹都積極參與；我們夫婦二人設計題目，女兒紫喬則負責繪圖，創製了父女首度合作的「猜猜看」問答遊戲。

在內子向同學們簡介了遊戲玩法及規則，眾人在二十多分鐘內盡情投入，完成了「猜猜看」比賽，兒子子天還取得第三名，他感到十分興奮！

在這個21世紀講求趣味與創新的時代，相信這是個很好的體驗，可作為教學方式的新嘗試。

今次，我十分高興在zoom可以和大家見見面、猜估聖經人物，認識天主教！謝謝參加者，以及未參加的你們，不妨再試玩其中：<https://create.kahoot.it/share/8925af09-09a4-4f90-88bd-2b9a385b5565>，從另一角度，輕輕鬆鬆學習天主教知識。



## 堂區關愛街坊



3月27日中午，堂區牧民助理盧太與幾位教友前往皇后大道西派口罩，並且派贈4月4日(耶穌復活主日)晚上的飯券，深獲街坊的支持。他們都好樂意前來我們聖堂，參加4月4日「復活節傳心意」的愛心聚會。

好難得的是原來街坊對我們堂區都好熟悉，他們七嘴八舌地說：「哦，是上面好高那條街的那間聖堂，我們知道」，「是聖安多尼小學那一間」，「是聖類斯學校鄰近的那一間」，「你們每年都在這裏做節目(巡遊)，我們都有參加。」

前述的回應都引發我們想一想，我們會不會多些去接觸街坊，引領他們到來我們堂區參觀及座談，這也是一個很好的福傳呢。





# 新春團拜揉合培育神修

2月21日(年初十)，多俾亞服務小組成員在母佑堂進行新春團拜兼為神師黃家輝神父慶祝生日。除了聯誼和共沐主恩，當天該善會更邀請黃神父為出席者主持一個四旬期培育神修聚會。以下是一些組員的反省分享。

## Victor

感謝黃神父的帶領，提升大家對四旬期的認識！從有趣的問題遊戲中，使我們了解及提升自己作為信徒對禮節應有的態度。今次喚醒我重拾迎接復活期前的克己、守大小齋戒、祈禱及默想，以期待紀念基督的逾越死亡及光榮復活。

## Raymund

新春團拜與神修本來是風馬牛不相及，今年新春年初十已進入四旬期，多俾亞小組在當天舉行新春團拜，為神師黃家輝神父補祝生日，並作四旬期的神修活動，正是一舉數得，讓大家有一個不一樣的新春聚會。當日出席的還有堂區主任司鐸梁熾才神父，大家在飽享各組員帶來的食物和神父預備的美酒後，便為黃神父慶祝生日，繼而開始神修活動。

黃神父為大家準備了三段有關四旬期的短片，並利用問答遊戲讓大家重溫對四旬期的認識，明瞭四旬期的意義和如何更好地度四旬期。之後選讀福音內有關背起十字架跟隨耶穌的經文，以黏貼不同顏色十字架的小手工反省十字架對自己的意義。最後，活動以感恩祭結束。

作為教友，於四旬期該實行的善功如悔改、祈禱、守齋、克己和樂捐等，很多在我們慕道時已認識，也該在平日生活中踐行，只是常受外在誘惑而遺忘了。正如四旬期第一主日福音敘述耶穌擊退魔誘，我們也要多祈禱，求聖神助佑我們勉力實踐領洗時的誓諾，棄絕世俗事物的誘惑和克制私慾偏情，鍛鍊好自己，好能捨棄自我，

謙抑自下，背起自己的十字架，在信仰的道路上，勇敢地跟隨主耶穌基督，邁向天國。願主助佑我們！

## Anita

多謝我們小組的神師黃家輝神父，在這四旬期為我們進行了一次簡而精的培育及神修活動。

兩部份都是以不同的形式進行。培育方面，黃神父精心為我們預備了陳繼容博士對四旬期的講解，分別有歷史、特色和意義。看完就開始輕鬆緊張的網上問答，為我個人覺得輕鬆，是在於不計較分數高與低，緊張在於自己有否了解錯誤！這部份為我加深了記憶，反省自己有沒有為四旬期作好預備，是否有為死而復活的主耶穌基督，作自我的深省痛悔！

黃神父在神修方面，為我們預備了不同顏色的十字架，看到這些紙條的十字架，心裡感謝有份製作的人。第一個十字架根據自己喜歡的顏色，我選擇了藍色，感覺很溫暖；第二個十字架為有意義的，原想選擇黃色，出於自己的思想，黃混藍就是綠，代表和平；但是出去取時，就取了紅色，心裡請求聖神帶領，合併後，就出現基督的血和水！感受到基督的愛，就在我這段心情起伏的時候來安慰我。寫這分享時，出現了一個祈求，祈求主基督，讓我和家人的這次憂心和病痛，為煉獄中的靈魂作補贖吧！

## Celine

今年多俾亞小組新春團拜與往常不同，在疫情之下能夠聚在一起實屬難得，也特別顯得珍貴及難忘。我們小組的神師黃家輝神父為著我們的「味覺益處」，一如既往地特為我們預備香料氣味濃濃的冬天特飲「Red Mullet Wine」，為今年的聚會增添「幸福感」。適逢在四旬期中，除了與各弟兄姊妹共聚天倫之外，在聚會中黃神父也為著我們神修的益處，藉著有趣的「問答遊戲」，讓我們加深對四旬期的了解和認知。

羅馬書8:35-39：「那麼，誰能使我們與基督的愛隔絕？是困苦嗎？是窘迫嗎？是迫害嗎？是饑餓嗎？是赤貧嗎？是危險嗎？是刀劍嗎？正如經上所載：『為了你，我們整日被置於死地，人將我們視作待宰的群羊。』然而，靠著那愛我們的主，我們在这一切事上，大獲全勝，因為我深信：無論是死亡，是生活，是天使，是掌權者，是現存的或將來的事物，是有權能者，是崇高或深遠的勢力，或其他任何受造之物，都不能使我們與天主的愛相隔絕，即是與我們的主耶穌基督之內的爱相隔絕。」這段聖經耳熟能詳，但今時在腦海中浮現特別寓意深刻。讓我們為這事「不按常理」地而成就，都歸於我們的主耶穌基督的安排及帶領。感謝天主！





# Annual Gathering of the Tobit Group

## Virginia

Have you heard of the Tobit Group of the St. Anthony's Church? It is the bereavement team of our parish, which provides support to bereaved families by giving advice and assistance on funeral rites. The team assists the families in conducting funeral masses including vigil, requiem mass, burial and cremation. I have joined the group for over 15 years.

On the Sunday of 21 February 2021, the group held its annual gathering at the Mary Help Hall. It started with a short lunch party to celebrate Chinese New Year as well as the birthday (belated) of Fr. Stephen Wong, the group's spiritual advisor. After the lunch, there was a spiritual session, followed by a mass. The session lasted for about two hours, which passed very quickly with rich information provided interactively through interesting means, including videos, quizzes and vivid explanations.



The topic for the spiritual session was LENT, very suitable and timely on the first Sunday of Lent. We learned about the history and development of Lent for the Catholic Church, its characteristics and meaning.

Through the session I have acquired ample new knowledge. Here are just some:

- > Lent originally started with only one day, then gradually extended to 1 week, 3 weeks, then 40 days, and ultimately covering the period starting from Ash Wednesday and ending on the day before Good Friday, which is the current liturgical season of Lent.
- > Why purple is used for Lent? It is a misconception that the colour purple is used in Lent to express mourning or grief. In fact purple is used to indicate royalty. In the old days purple dye was expensive as it was quite difficult to make. Thus only kings or very wealthy people could afford to wear this colour. Purple is used for Lent as Christ is the King.
- > Easter is not on a fixed date and changes every year, unlike Christmas Day. Have you ever wondered how to find out the date of Easter for a year? Fr. Wong has given us a simple way to link it to one of the 24 Chinese solar terms, the Vernal (Spring) Equinox, known as 春分 in Chinese, which falls on 20 March every year. Easter will be on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox. This is entirely new to me. Due to limited time, Fr. Wong had not been able to explain to us in full details the rationale behind. As this is so novel to me, afterwards I did some searching in the Internet and read some



more information on why the date of Easter changes every year and have now got a better idea on the matter.

All those new knowledge I obtained during or subsequent to the training session has made me reflect how superficial and

inadequate my knowledge of my religion is.

The session was ended with a short biblical reflection. Fr. Wong quoted from the various Gospels that Jesus told the disciples whoever would like to be His disciples must carry their crosses and follow Him. We then do some craft work of putting two beautiful paper-cut crosses together to form a single cross. One of the paper-cut cross was distributed to us randomly while the other was chosen by us according to our own colour preference. We were asked to reflect our thoughts and feelings on seeing the cross that was given to us, the reason for choosing the second one, and our thoughts on the combined one. Naturally different people had different thoughts and reflections. For me, I feel that the Lord would give me a cross that is not too heavy for me to carry, for which I am thankful. The question is do I really know which is the cross that God has assigned to me? Can I really see and understand God's will?

My resolution is to make greater efforts to get closer to Jesus and to enable Jesus to get closer to me through regular Lectio Divina, so that I will be able to hear Him better, know Him better and understand His will better. Then I will be able to take up the right cross and follow Jesus.

## Maria

On the first Sunday of Lent, 21 February, Father Wong delivered a sermon on the meaning of the Lenten season. Frankly, I know little of its meaning in my earlier life other than it is about preparing the passion of Christ and fasting on Good Friday... which means no red meat but you can have seafood!

The moment that Father Wong explained further about the Lent period, I started to quest for a deeper understanding about what it means to my faith.



Lent is for us to join our sacrifice to Christ on the Cross. We integrate our Cross with Christ's so that He can lead us to salvation in the truth and the light.

We were born to worship our Lord who is the master of creation. It is not really about us that we live, it is about knowing Him. Whether we realise it or not, there is always an inner voice talking to our souls when we listen closely in silence. We often pray upon our desires just like a little kid begging for candies but whether we will get it or not is another matter, just like our parents taking care their children. However, in this Lent, we have the opportunity to raise our minds and hearts to God through Jesus Christ. We have the opportunity to cultivate our relationships with Christ as a friend in a next level. We can develop a deeper friendship with Christ our Lord.

As the Trappist monk Thomas Merton said, take the time to praise our Lord. We can intensify our prayers through the rosary, take the time to meditate; to thank Him; to make a little small corner/space so it will visually remind our minds and transform our hearts to raise up to God.

I started to learn that fasting is not having seafood after all! The meaning of fasting is to discipline the desire so that the deeper hungers of the heart and the soul can emerge. To me, that's a next level of my shallow faith to know Him.

Finally, to give alms, not only charity in money but we give to will the good of others by helping anyone in need. Any form of service to the poor as we join our sacrifice to Christ. Poor not merely refers to economically poor but also in heart.

Dear brothers and sisters, as we are living in this secular world, let us make a transformation during Lent, and take every little step to be with Christ. Don't let it slip away without making a change in our lives.

May the Grace of our Lord enlighten our minds and hearts so others can see His Love.



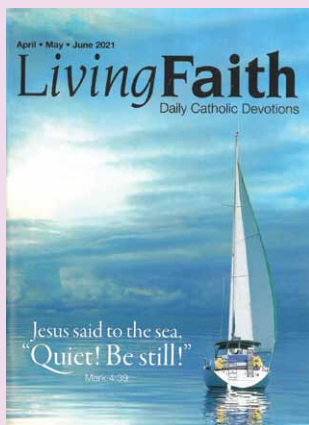
# Don Bosco Choir Easter Video Sharing

Irene Kwok

What made Don Bosco Choir (DBC) come together in St Anthony's Church on 21 March 2021 at a time when social distancing is still in full force? It is the call of Jesus! DBC members were enthusiastic in bringing the joy of Easter to everyone even during this dismal time. Nothing could deter us, not even the pandemic! With masks on, we attended the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 11:30am in the church. At 12:30pm, we shared food. Then we did our only rehearsal at 1:00pm. Moving into the church at 2:00pm, we sang and recorded three hymns: Were you there? Easter Song, and Dona Nobis Pacem, with Peter conducting, and Joseph playing the organ. Most importantly, Ka Lok helped to shoot the video and Father Pedro Leong, the parish priest, came to support with a foreword for the choir.



As you may know, Don Bosco Choir has become international these years with Chinese, Sri Lankan, Filipino, German-American, and Indian members. Although we had the minimal rehearsal that day, 22 passionate members participated and sang in great spirits. It has been a long time since we came together in full force to sing for the greater glory of God!



The quarterly issue of "Living Faith" (April – June 2021) is available at HK\$15. This booklet provides daily reflections based on a Scripture passage from the daily Mass and helps Catholics pray and meditate in spirit with the seasons of the Church Year. By reflecting on and responding to what God is saying to us right now, our hearts are opened to a deeper faith and greater joy. In harmony with the Church's liturgy and faithful to its teaching, "Living Faith" offers Catholic devotions, but anyone

on a sincere spiritual journey will find it a source of daily inspiration. You can help strengthen the faith of others with a gift of the booklet.



It all started in early March when Anthonia suggested doing an Easter video for the parish. Peter dispersed the good news to the choir, with the date set on 21 March. Cecilia, the parish secretary, encouraged the move, assisting in co-ordination work. Annie started to pencil down interested members and ordered food for lunch. Bing got all the music scores ready. Susith supported to see everything go smoothly. Even two new members Gina and Ludy joined in the singing! Anthonia also enlisted the help of the young film maker, Ka Lok, who professionally had the mp4 ready for viewing the next day. There was so much joy and laughter as we had not seen each other for several months.



Please check out the link for Don Bosco Choir Easter singing in the Church video website (<http://www.stanthonyphotoclub.org/index.php?page=video>) and share with us the joy of Easter. Together let us spread the Risen Lord's message far and wide!

**Sing Alleluia, the Lord is risen; He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**



**Holy Father's Prayer  
Intention for April  
四月份教宗祈禱意向**

## Fundamental rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



## 為基本權利

我們為那些身處獨裁、專制政權及民主面臨危機地區，仍奮力爭取基本權利的人祈禱。



# Living Word of God - April 2021



On the evening of that first day of the week when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them. "Peace be with you." (John 20:19)

## Reflection

"Peace be with you" is a profound greeting by the risen Lord to his disciples. The church has incorporated the greeting in the Mass when the assembled turn to one another and extend a sincere wish for peace. This rejoicing verse intends to echo John 14:27 and 16:22. The greeting of "Peace" here is not the traditional Hebrew salutation of Šālôm. What adds to the importance of Jesus' "Shalom" is a gift of salvation, connoting the bounty of messianic blessing, and no one will take the joy of your hearts away from you. "I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world" (John 16:33).

John 20 focuses our attention on four moments during the Easter period. The first three moments were on the Easter day. First of all, in verses 1-9, we read of the first discovery of the empty tomb; and then in verses 10-18, we have the story of how Mary of Magdala met the risen Jesus and recognized him only by his voice when he calls her name; and then verses 19-23, we learn of how Jesus entered and appeared to the apostles in the concealed upper room. Lastly, in verses 24-29, the risen Lord reappeared to the doubting Thomas who then made his confession of faith. The gospel gives testimonial, with various witnesses, to the fact that Jesus has risen from his death and gone. These eye witnesses are extremely important in testifying the core belief of our faith. It indeed represents a developing stage of our faith: Mary as the first witness but she does not know what to make out of the scene and summon Peter the second witness to see if someone had stolen Jesus' body. The third witness, the unnamed beloved disciple (may be John the gospel writer) enters to the tomb last but believe most deeply. It was well noted that none of them actually see the risen Lord. The reading on the appearance of the risen Lord to the doubting Thomas (20:24-31) is given on the second Sunday of Easter. The gospel records how Jesus came to his apostles, who were still frightened and locked themselves in the upper room, and greeted them "peace be with you". This is the first gift of blessing and sanctification followed by "so I send you" (v 21), "Receive the Holy Spirit" (v. 22) and the authority that "the sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (v 23).

This is how we are able to recognize the effects of Jesus' death and resurrection in the Church:

- 1) Peace and wholeness with God;
- 2) The mission to evangelize; and
- 3) The power to forgive sin.

However, these gifts are invisible and unless through the vision of our own faith. Thomas was the apostle who was not

present to see with his own eyes in the first appearance of Christ. He represents those who doubt the reality of the risen Lord. Jesus reappears in the upper room especially to save Thomas from apostasy. Jesus' words "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." go beyond the apostles' generation and reach the successive generations of disciples who have never encountered the historical Jesus.

By faith alone we are welcomed to the church family and become wholeness in Christ. And by faith alone we are sent to evangelize the good news of the risen Lord, and by faith alone our sins are forgiven and "Today salvation has come to this house!" (Luke 19:9)

The very purpose of Easter is to remind us that no matter what we face, what we have been through, what uncertainties lies ahead, there is always hope because Jesus Christ has conquered death. We believe that Christ being raised from the dead, will never die again, death no longer has dominion over him.

It is not easy to grasp the joy and glory of Easter Sunday! However, all the disciples, who may not fully understand, came to believe. Easter is more than a celebration of the resurrection of Christ. It invites each of us to preach the gospel and be a witness to the resurrected Jesus Christ. The mystery of the resurrection is not only that Jesus was raised from the dead, but God entrusts us with Jesus' mission to be witness of God's mighty deed of resurrection.

There is always room to grow in our belief and grow deeply in our belief. On the contrary, if we lack of faith, we can easily become another doubting Thomas. Like the mystery of Jesus' resurrection, Thomas did not believe until it is proven. At times when we are unable to overcome the desolation and absence of Jesus by our side especially during suffering. Our shaky faith and lack of confidence is understandable, but that doesn't mean we have lost our faith. It is more important that we keep our focus on the risen Christ and, in due time in our sufferings, Lord who carries us on his shoulders will always guide us through.

## Prayer

Lord Jesus, fill our hearts with the fire of your love, and burn up all the dross in it, let your face shine upon us, open the scripture to us, make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

Teach us always to seek what is above, and also to think what is above, not of what is on earth. You may teach us to judge wisely the things on earth and hold firm to the things of heaven.

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me, and have been my Saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his kindness endures forever. To you be glory and honor, have pity on me and hear my prayer. Amen.

Let us end this prayer with the Easter Song:

*"My Lord, he died for a kingdom  
to redeem the hearts of men.  
Now my people don't you weep,  
He has risen from His sleep.  
He lives again, Alleluia.  
Sing Alleluia, the Lord is risen.  
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!" .....*

(Source: Parish Formation Group)







and love, to say to the couple: the Church is with you; the Lord is close to you; we want to help you safeguard the gift you have received.

Finally, the Pope urged, "Let us support the family! Let us defend it from all that compromises its beauty."

And he invited everyone to "approach this mystery of love with wonder, discretion and tenderness. And let us commit ourselves to safeguarding its precious and delicate bonds: children, parents, grandparents... We need these bonds to live and to live well, to make humanity more fraternal."

### Family, the domestic Church

"The pandemic experience has highlighted the central role of the family as the domestic Church, and has shown the importance of community ties between families," the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life said in a statement announcing the Year. "Through the spiritual, pastoral, and cultural initiatives planned in the Year 'Amoris Laetitia Family,' Pope Francis intends to address all ecclesial communities throughout the world, exhorting each person to be a witness of family love."

### Formation instruments at the service of communities

The statement goes on to say that the Dicastery will share resources on "family spirituality, formation and pastoral activity for marriage preparation, affective education for young people, and on the holiness of married couples and families who live out the grace of the sacrament in their daily life." In addition, international academic symposia will be organized, "to examine in-depth the contents and implications of the Apostolic Exhortation in relation to highly topical issues that affect families around the world."

### The objectives of the Year Amoris Laetitia Family

Ahead of the formal opening of the Year in March, the Dicastery has prepared an informational brochure explaining the objectives and initiatives of the Year "Amoris Laetitia Family," and offering concrete suggestions for dioceses and parishes.

The Year "Amoris Laetitia Family" is intended to spread the message of Amoris Laetitia, and it is in that exhortation that the objectives of the Year can be found. The first is to share the



content of the exhortation more widely, in order to help people "experience the Gospel of the family as a joy that fills hearts and lives (Amoris Laetitia, 200)." The brochure says, "A family that discovers and experiences both the joy of having a gift, and of being a gift for the Church and society, 'can become a light in the darkness of the world' (AL, 66)."

A second objective is to announce the precious value of the sacrament of marriage, which has "in itself a transforming power of human love."

Further objectives include enabling "families to become active agents of the family apostolate," and making "young people aware of the importance of formation in the truth of love and in the gift of self."

Lastly, there is an invitation to broaden the vision and action of pastoral care for the family during the Year, so that it can become more transversal and include all family members, including married couples, children and young people, the elderly, and those in difficult family situations.

### Concrete suggestions

The Dicastery also offers concrete suggestions for initiatives that can be implemented in dioceses and parishes throughout the year, including strengthening marriage preparation programs and accompanying newlyweds in their first years of marriages, and organizing meetings for parents on how to raise their children. The brochure suggests "promoting meetings for reflection and discussion on the beauty and challenges of family life, which should expand horizons both in terms of recognizing the value of the family on a societal level; as well as in creating well-established networks of pastors and families who, by their own sharing and witness, can accompany those who are struggling." The brochure also addresses the care and concern that should be shown for couples in crisis.

The elderly, too, should be the object of pastoral attention, which "seeks to overcome the 'throw-away culture' and societal indifference"; while youth ministry should be incorporated "into initiatives that reflect upon and discuss issues such as family, marriage, chastity, openness to life, the use of social media, poverty, and respect for creation (cf. AL, 40)." The brochure also recommends special attention to young children during the Year.



### Reciprocity between family and the Church

A particular aspect that emerges in the context of the Year "Amoris Laetitia Family" is the desire for greater involvement of married couples in diocesan and parish structures to set up family pastoral care and a deepening of the formation of pastoral workers, seminarians and priests so that, working with families, they are up to the challenges of today's world. "To this end," underlines the text of the Dicastery, "it will be important to make the reciprocity between the 'family-domestic Church' and the Church (AL, 200), so that each may mutually discover and value each other as an irreplaceable gift."

A further suggestion is to "promote a missionary vocation in families (cf. AL, 201, 230, and 324) by creating times for formation in evangelization and missionary initiatives (e.g., on the occasion of children's reception of the sacraments, during marriage preparation, anniversaries or important liturgical moments."





# Shepherd Flock's Dialogue April 2021



## Liturgy activities for the month of April 2021

<b>1st April</b> <b>Holy Thursday</b> <b>The Lord's Supper</b> Mass at 8:00pm (Chinese) Eucharistic Adoration 9:00pm - 11:30pm	<b>2nd April</b> <b>Good Friday</b> (Fast & Abstinence) Parish Retreat (Chinese) 9:00am – 1:00pm <b>The Way of Cross</b> 1:30pm (Chinese) <b>The Lord's Passion</b> 3:00pm (Chinese)	<b>3rd April</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b> <b>Easter Vigil</b> (Chinese) 8:00pm (Celebration & Christian Initiation)	<b>4th April</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> Infant Baptism 2:00pm (Chinese)	<b>11th April</b> 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
<b>18th April</b> 3rd Sunday of Easter	<b>21st April</b> Commemoration of All Faithful Departed 6:00pm Mass (Chinese)	<b>25th April</b> 4th Sunday of Easter (Prayer for Vocations)	<b>Events for St. Anthony's Church</b> *Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration (every Thursday evening 7:00pm) *St. Anthony's Day (every Tuesday)	

Welcome to 11:30am English Mass

## Pope Francis Launches "Amoris Laetitia Family" Year



The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life has proposed spiritual, pastoral and cultural initiatives to accompany families in the face of contemporary challenges. The project is intended to support parishes, dioceses, universities and ecclesial associations in celebrating the Year "Amoris Laetitia Family," which has been announced by Pope Francis.

On 19 March 2021, the fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, on the joy and beauty of familial love, Pope Francis inaugurated the Year "Amoris Laetitia Family," which will conclude on 26 June 2022 on the occasion of the X World Meeting of Families in Rome. The Holy Father will be present for the Meeting.

Marking the beginning of the year-long celebration, Pope Francis sent a message on 19 March, Feast of St. Joseph, to participants in a webinar on the theme "Our Daily Love".

Pope Francis noted that "the main intention of the Document is to communicate...that today a new look at the family is necessary on the part of the Church." He stressed that reiterating the value of doctrine is not enough. Rather, we must become "custodians" of the beauty of the family, and take care of its fragilities and wounds "with compassion".

Pope Francis went on to say that there are two aspects at the heart of all family ministry: "the frankness of the proclamation of the Gospel and the tenderness of accompaniment".

He explained that, on the one hand, "we proclaim to couples, spouses and families a Word that helps them grasp the

authentic meaning of the union and love, the sign and image of Trinitarian love and of the covenant between Christ and the Church."

On the other hand, the Pope noted, "this proclamation cannot and must never be given from above or from outside." He explained that the Church is incarnated in history, as was her Master. So, when she proclaims the Gospel of the family she does so by immersing herself in real life, knowing firsthand the daily struggles of spouses and parents, their problems, their sufferings, all those small and large situations that weigh down and sometimes hinder their journey."

### "Our Daily Love"

It is in this context that daily love is lived, said the Pope, making reference to the title of the webinar. He noted that the title is a significant choice, because it is "about the love generated by the simplicity and the silent work of the life of a couple, by that daily and sometimes tiring commitment carried out by spouses, mothers, fathers and children".

He said that if the Gospel is proposed as a "doctrine from on high" without entering into the "flesh" of daily life, it risks remaining only a beautiful theory and even being experienced as a moral obligation.

"We are called to accompany, listen, and bless the journey of families," said the Pope. Not only to chart the direction, but to make the journey with them; to enter the home with discretion

