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CHANCERY NOTICE

Liturgical Guidelines and Devotional Resources for Holy Week 2021

As our churches, chapels and Mass centres are reopening for public Masses from the 13th of March, His Grace, Most Reverend Julian Leow D.D., the Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur has commissioned the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission to prepare liturgical guidelines and family devotional resource materials for a safe and meaningful celebration of Holy Week.

A. Guidelines for Holy and Safe Celebration of Holy Week Liturgies 2021

These guidelines issued by the Archdiocese should serve as the basis for the preparation of fruitful, meaningful and safe Holy Week liturgies by parishes and their respective liturgical ministries.

B. Holy Week Family Prayer Services

As it may not be possible for every person to physically return to public Mass due to health, age or limited capacity of our churches, resources will be made available in four languages for a meaningful celebration by families and individuals at home.

Please note that the Archbishop continues to dispense the faithful from the obligation of attending Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation but strongly recommends that those unable to attend follow the online Masses and use the above devotional materials for spiritual nourishment.

C. Extension of Opening Hours for Holy Thursday and Good Friday

Upon the application of the Archbishop, permission has been granted by the Ministry of National Unity via letter dated 5th March 2021 to extend the hours of opening on Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil to 12 midnight.



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For other Masses and services (including Good Friday Services), parishes are to ensure that they follow the opening hours which are fixed by the Ministry of National Unity:

6.00 am - 2.00 pm
4.00 pm - 10.00 pm

D. Annual Chrism Mass

The annual Chrism Mass where the clergy renew their priestly promises and where the sacred oils are blessed and consecrated is scheduled to take place on the 24th of March 2021 at the Church of St Thomas More at 6.00 pm. Due to limited seating capacity, this Mass will be limited to the clergy and invited guests. It will be streamed live from TV.ArchKL for the benefit of the faithful who are unable to attend in person.

As we were unable to celebrate Holy Week in our churches last year due to this pandemic and the MCO, let us pray that this year's celebration which is an expression of our faith, can be done safely, reverently and with great joy. As the opening instruction of the Easter Vigil says:

"If we keep the memorial of the Lord's paschal solemnity in this way, listening to his word and celebrating his mysteries, then we shall have the sure hope of sharing his triumph over death and living with him in God."



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