


SAINT PIUS X PRIORY
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN &
MASS SCHEDULE

20 MARCH 2016
PALM SUNDAY



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| SUN 20 March | Palm Sunday <i>1st Class, violet</i> | 7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Blessing of Palms & Sung Mass |
| MON 21 March | MONDAY in HOLY WEEK - 1 CI | 18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass |
| TUE 22 March | TUESDAY in HOLY WEEK - 1 CI | 7.15 – Low Mass 18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass |
| WED 23 March | WEDNESDAY in HOLY WEEK - 1 CI | 11.30 – Low Mass 18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass |
| THU 24 March | MAUNDY THURSDAY - 1 CI | 18.00 Confessions 19.00 Vespertal Mass <i>followed by the stripping of the altar and Adoration till midnight</i> |
|  FRI 25 March | GOOD FRIDAY - 1 CI <i>Obligatory</i> <i>Fast & Abstinence</i> | 13.15 – Confessions 14.15 – Stations of the Cross 15.00 – Afternoon Liturgy |
| SAT 26 March | HOLY SATURDAY - 1 CI | 22.30 – Easter Vigil & Sung Mass |
| SUN 27 March | EASTER SUNDAY - 1 CI | 10.00 – Low Mass |

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Confessions: 30 min before Sun-
day Masses; on demand every day.

Children's Catechism:

Every Saturday: 14:00-15:30:
Group 1: Older Group (13-18
years)

Group 2: First Communion
14:45-15:30:

Group 1: Post Confirmation
Group 2: Post First Communion

Bible Class:
Every Sunday after the 10am Mass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership fees. Please keep up-to-date. \$60 for the whole year.

Wednesday 23 March. After the evening Mass, talk by Fr. Laisney on the Holy Shroud.

Easter Vigil. Justin Phua and Matthew Severino will receive their first Holy Communion during the ceremony.

Catechism class. No class on 26 March. Next class will be on 2 April.

Wednesday 13 April. Conference by Fr. Grun at 7.45pm: *The Wedding of Cana: three stages of marriage.*

Saturday 21 May. Conference by Fr. Grun at 5pm: *The sacrament of marriage: how to live on its graces?*

Easter Duties: Catholics are bound to receive Holy Communion at Easter time (from Passion Sunday to Trinity Sunday) and confess their mortal sins at least once a year.

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Donations to SSPX by cheque: make it payable to "Friends of the International Priestly Society of St. Pius X"



THE NUMBER OF CATHOLICS ON THE RISE?



The Vatican has recently released the official figures for the year 2014 (romereport.com 9 March 2016). According to those latest statistics, there are currently 1.272 billion Catholics making up 17.8% of the world's population.

Although the number of Catholics is on the rise, Catholicism is not the largest religion on the planet anymore, it has been overtaken by Islam (23%). The third religion is Hinduism with 15%. Christianity as a whole (Catholicism & all the Protestant denominations) make up 34% of the world's population. Christians are still the largest religious group.



Looking at the figures, apart from those concerning religious men and women which are decreasing, one could feel rather optimistic about the Catholic Church. Although vocations are diminishing in Western countries, their number is increasing in Asia and Africa and the number of priests and seminarians is growing overall too.

Well, these figures give the number of baptised Catholics; they do not take into consideration the state of their souls, the state of their beliefs. Among them how many have already apostatised and converted to Islam for instance? How many do believe all the truths and dogmas of the Catholic Faith? How many abide by the rules of conduct of Catholic morality on contraception, divorce, abortion, chastity before marriage... just to cite a few?

But here is one comforting thing that these figures reveal. If you divide the number of Catholics by the number of priests, you will get the following result: there is one

priest for every 3,000 faithful on average. Compared to the figures in the Society of Saint Pius X, the difference is staggering.

Look at the District of Asia. There won't be more than 4,000 faithful for the whole District, all countries included. And yet, there are 17 priests to take care of the faithful, that is roughly one priest for every 200 parishioners. That is enormous. This shows how fertile a ground Catholic Tradition is for vocations.



If the Catholic Church was as healthy as the Society of Saint Pius X (1 priest for 200 faithful would be the ratio worldwide, I would say), there would be today over 6 million priests to tend Christ's flock. The entire Catholic Church would look pretty different from what it is today.

We will never be grateful enough to Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre to have saved the treasure of Catholic doctrine and have proven that even in 2016, it can bear rich fruits of spiritual renewal for everyone.



It is rather an exciting experience to be part of a spiritual "Reconquista". Our Lord has given us the same means He gave His Apostles to convert the world—the same sacraments, the same faith, the same spirit. Through persevering prayer and the practice of virtues, we will help convince the Roman authorities that the way to follow is none other than the royal Way of the Cross.

Wishing a fervent Holy Week to you all.

Father Fabrice Loschi



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