



JESUS HAS RISEN

FEATURE

Raise A Hallelujah Campaign



Come join us in the **#RaiseAHallelujah** campaign today! We want to fill every digital space, and proclaim on every platform, that Jesus is risen and has overcome death! Let us raise our Hallelujahs for fear and death have lost their grip on us! Gather your friends online and post your HALLELUJAH on social media and tag us @oyp.sg.

To continue in this spirit of celebration, we have many resources available on our website to take you through the Easter season in a meaningful way. We feature our Easter playlist, DIYs that you can do with your family, colouring sheets that you can download (for those who have children), inspiring videos to stir your faith, weekly spiritual packets and Easter cards that you can print out and send!

We invite you to think of people whom you would like to bless with messages of hope and encouragement. Let us continue to spread the joy of the Easter season far and wide! Visit <https://oyp.org.sg/holyweekeaster/> to access these resources!

RESOURCES

Easter Package



We are releasing a weekly spiritual packet during the Easter season. Each week's packet will feature a gospel passage, creative reflection, sharing questions and a challenge to help you respond to the Word. Gather a group of friends online to share and pray with each week. Be brave, commit to the challenges and be accountable to your friends! Let us make the most of this season at home! Visit <https://oyp.org.sg/holyweekeaster/> to access these resources!

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Seeing Opportunity in Times of Crisis



Olivia with husband Moses and son Isaiah

by Olivia Tian

The past few months have been nothing short of eventful. Many have termed this as unusual times. COVID-19 has definitely been a hot topic of discussion among all of us. Our lives and routines have been disrupted and many of our plans have been shelved. While many of us may choose to bemoan our situation, perhaps it is also a good time to take a step (or many steps) back to look at the bigger picture.

Ever since the WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic, I have been thoroughly affected. I am a doctor and will be working on the front-lines when I return to work from unpaid leave. This is because I gave birth to my daughter Lucia Regina on 16th October 2019. Unfortunately, she was stillborn.

Initially, I had planned to go on unpaid leave until she would have turned 6 months old. I decided to stick to my plans as I am also currently studying for my Masters' exam. I definitely do not have a crystal ball and did not foresee this pandemic. But in retrospect, I have been blessed with the opportunity to be able to focus on my studies during a time when leave is frozen and previously accumulated leave will be potentially struck off. Even though I still carry sadness with me (and probably will for a very long time to come), I still thank God for this period of rest and recuperation.

Lucia's passing was difficult for us as a family. To this day, my husband Moses and I still wonder why we had to lose our daughter. However, we have heard accounts of how her passing moved my sister's friend who had been away from the church, to attend and offer Mass for her soul. We have also been told by others how they have been touched by Lucia and are reminded to pray more. Perhaps, God has a greater plan and our little angel has brought people back to church. In our sorrow and grief, I'm reminded that God is constantly using our daughter for His purpose and that her life wasn't in vain.

This year's Lent has been like a desert for many of us (me included). Masses are now online and as much as this situation isn't ideal, I think that these online Masses are avenues for evangelisation.

To read the full article, visit <https://oyp.org.sg/seeing-opportunity-in-times-of-crisis/>

UPCOMING

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Are YOU entering University this year? Worried but excited about the next chapter of YOUR life? You know what? God cares for you and for your future! KICKSTART your University adventure with Him TODAY!! He has GOOD things in store for you! Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/oypfreshmen2020> to be connected to OYP uni communities and find out more about uni life :) If you know someone entering uni this year, do share this message with them and help them to be connected to the faith community in this important juncture of their life!