



# Takeaways

A newsletter by RICE



## A Good Friday's a good Friday, no matter what you believe in.

Just like every religious holiday observed in Singapore, Good Friday is a chance for us to rest one day longer on an extended weekend.

So we won't leave you with a lot to chew on today. We compiled some of our past think pieces, investigative long-forms, and other writings on the Christian faith in modern-day Singapore.

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## Praise & Worship



Constructive discussions on faith and ethnicity can be tough when folks lack an understanding of cultural practices. In 2021, RICE explored the history and use of religious artefacts across different religions in Singapore.

After looking into how Hindu devotees connect with God, we examined the iconography involved in Christianity and Catholicism.

**Why Do Christians in Singapore Venerate Religious Artefacts?**

# Complicated



Under one household, our writer shared her room with her aunt. As she grew up affirming her Muslim faith, she found that her differences with her Christian aunt were getting more pronounced and clearer by the day.

But that doesn't mean there was a divide.

**I'm Muslim, My Aunt's  
Christian... Can I Make It Any  
More Obvious?**

## **Home is Where the Holy Is**





As someone who is as Christian as Singapore is a democracy, our writer assumed a “home ministry” was simply an updated term for “cell group” and didn’t bother to clarify.

Shortly after, she found out a home ministry hinted at a more progressive way of practising the religion.

**Christians Are Choosing Home Ministries Over Megachurches. Here’s Why**

## **Pandemic Pulpit**



Remember COVID? Of course you do.

Back then, people turned to online means to worship and experience fellowship with one another.

Christian Masses and Communion were conducted virtually, with the elements (sacramental bread and wine) delivered to your home or collected from the place of worship after they've been blessed. Here's what it was like.

**Reimagining Religion: How the  
Pandemic Changed Worship**

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## **Short Grains, or *piping-hot* *topics by the spoonful.***

- Expect lower household electricity and gas tariffs during the second quarter of 2024. (via *CNA*)
- Apparently, more Gen Zs and boomers in Singapore are getting into crypto than any other age group. And they said crypto isn't for the young and old... (via *The Straits Times*)

- Two bodies have been recovered from the [tragic Baltimore bridge collapse](#). (via *The Guardian*)
  - Thailand is offering an attractive tax waiver to attract '[world-class events](#)' (via *CNA*)
  - Three men, one closely-guarded HSA building, and a bounty of vapes hidden within it. [The plan didn't work out](#). (via *Mothership*)
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When was the last time you checked yourself out in the mirror?

For Bryner Tan—whose eczema has been worsening—it's been about 3 years. And with each year, he becomes more reluctant to step out of his own home.

**Amongst Us:  
How Eczema Made Me Lonely**

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## **We like to go out! We also hate our weather.**

But as much as our team is full of contradictions, we simply can't go by our weekend without checking out some things. If you're still deciding on where to go, let us highlight some unmissable events for you:

- Run, don't walk. The beloved anime *Naruto* has its own [dedicated exhibition](#) at Resorts World Sentosa, marking the first time the event premieres outside of Japan.



- This Saturday onwards, step into the artful history of Kampong Glam with an art walk that promises newly uncovered stories of the iconic neighbourhood. Reservations [here](#).
- Wellness and meowness at Well Collective's [pet-friendly weekend market](#), which is taking place at Punggol's Northside Plaza.
- Orchard Road gets taken over by [Night at Orchard](#) only for the weekend ahead, with plenty of small local businesses selling their wares.

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