



## PARISH DIRECTORY

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekday:** 6.30am & 6.00pm  
(1<sup>st</sup> Friday 8.30pm  
NO 6.00 pm)

6.30am

5.30pm (Sunset)

**Sunday:** 8.00am (Mandarin)

9.30am (English)

5.30pm (English)

9.30am (English)

**Public Holiday**

## PRAYERS

## ADORATION ROOM

Opens Daily

7.00am to 10.00pm

## MAIN CHURCH

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month

7.30pm to 8.30pm Holy Hour

*Except period of Lent*

## INFANT BAPTISM

On every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of

Aug, Oct & Dec

11.30am

## COLUMBARIUM

Opens Daily

7.00am to 7.00pm

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month -

**Prayers:**

In Mandarin

9.00am

In English

11.00am

Booking & Enquiries please call the Secretariat ☎ 6291 9272

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

### God's Mercy Towards Sinners

The Gospel today is Christ's answer to the question so frequently asked: "Why does God permit evil to triumph so often in this world, why are the wicked allowed to prosper?" The triumph of the wicked is short-lived, the reward of the Christian who suffers from their wickedness is everlasting. The very wickedness and injustices of evildoers are one of the ways that God uses to perfect his elect.

In the parable, the weed does not destroy the wheat. It only makes it more difficult for the wheat to grow to maturity. So it is with the Christian. No one can take his faith from him, but living up to it is made more difficult by the evil influence and bad example of sinners. If some succumb to this evil influence and give up the practice of their faith, the fault is theirs. God can force no man to serve him.

The patience of the farmer in letting the weed grow on until harvest time, exemplifies the infinite mercy of God toward sinners. The weed could not change its nature, but the sinner can change his ways and God gives him every chance and every help to do this, up to his last moment of life. No sinner will be excluded from heaven because of the sins he committed but because he did not repent of these sins while he had the opportunity.

We must learn a double lesson of patience from this parable, to be patient with those who make our spiritual progress more difficult for us—they are actually helping us to be better Christians if we bear with patience the injuries they inflict on us. Second, we must try to imitate the patience God shows in his dealings with sinners. While we must not approve of their evil deeds, we must still look on them as our brothers and help back on the right road to heaven.





# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## IMPORTANT

**Sunday Collection: \$5,282.50**  
For all pastoral activities/ announcements this week, kindly send your email by Tuesday to [stmikepastoral@gmail.com](mailto:stmikepastoral@gmail.com)

### \* HOLY FAMILY DEVOTION – WHAMPOA DRIVE ZONE \*

22<sup>nd</sup> July, Saturday to 28th July, Friday - @ home of Monica Fernandez  
Open to the community on 28 July, Saturday at 7.30pm  
Block 75 Whampoa Drive #11-368.  
All are welcome

### \* MASS FOR THE PARISH \*

Some of you might familiar with the 'high mass of the parish'. In accordance with Cann. 534 §1. When he has taken possession of his parish, the parish priest is bound on each Sunday and holyday of obligation in his dioceses to apply the Mass for the people entrusted to him. If he is lawfully impeded from this celebration, he is to have someone else apply the Mass on these days or apply it himself on other days.

The parish priest is bound to celebrate one Eucharistic for his parish. Please be informed that as of this announcement, the parish Eucharistic celebration will be at 9.30am on Sundays. For the days of obligation, like the Assumption, it will be the evening celebrating.

### \* PARISH LOGO \*

We invite all those who are interested in designing a new parish logo to submit their designs to the parish priest by the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017. The logo must be contemporary in style and it must depict a parish moving forward. The logo must include the sword of St. Michael (can be in stylised manner).

### \* PARISH WEBSITE \*

We are in the process rebuilding our website. We invite all those of you who are not involved in the parish and have interest in websites design and website maintenance to give your name to [stmikepastoral@gmail.com](mailto:stmikepastoral@gmail.com)

### \* RCIA \*

For us to commence a new process of the RCIA, we need sponsors. We invite all those who have been Catholics for five years and who are not involved in any parish ministries to come forward.

Please submit your name to [stmikepastoral@gmail.com](mailto:stmikepastoral@gmail.com)

## GIVING IN FAITH & THANKFULNESS

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

#### RCIA Seminar

"I have come so that they may have life to the full." Jn 10:10  
From CHURNING To JOURNEYING, Empowering RCIA Teams  
Date: 31 August 2017, Time: 9am to 6pm daily  
Place: St Joseph's Institution Junior, 3 Essex Road S(390331)  
Contribution: \$50 Registration: <http://bit.ly/RCIA-Seminar2017>

### MOVIE AND TEA: SCREENING OF IGNACIO DE LOYOLA

THE STORY OF HOW A SOLDIER BECAME A SAINT

How did a soldier end up fighting for God's glory? Come and enjoy the acclaimed movie on the life of Ignatius of Loyola and discover how he discerned God's movements in his life.

Date: 29 July 2017 (Saturday) • 1.30pm – 5.00pm • CANA THE CATHOLIC CENTRE • 55 Waterloo Street #02-01 S(187954) • For enquiries and reservations: [canathelacetobe2013@gmail.com](mailto:canathelacetobe2013@gmail.com) or Tel: 6338 4080 • Contribution: \$12 includes tea.

### Discernment Vocation Retreat

Calling all Single Men (aged 20-35)

There will be a Diocesan Vocation Retreat from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017 for all young single discerning to the Diocesan priesthood. It will be held at the IHM Retreat Centre at Kovan Road. Those interest please email: [seminariansonline@gmail.com](mailto:seminariansonline@gmail.com) or [diocesanvocations@catholic.org.sg](mailto:diocesanvocations@catholic.org.sg)

### Gospel of Mark by Msgr Ambrose Vaz

**Aug 7 to Oct 23 2017** on Mondays, 7.30pm to 9pm at Church of Sts Peter & Paul, Parish Building Level 3 Chapel. Come and join us on a 12-week study of the Gospel of Mark. Cost: Love offering.  
To register: E: [spbbiblestudy@hotmail.com](mailto:spbbiblestudy@hotmail.com). with your name and contact number.

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