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# CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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## MASS SCHEDULE

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

**Saturday:** 6.30am  
5.30pm (Sunset)

**Sunday:** 8.00am (Mandarin)  
9.30am (English)  
5.30pm (English)

**Public Holiday** 9.30am (English)

## 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*

## SACRAMENTS

### INFANT BAPTISM

On 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Dec: 11.00am

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Priest will be available 30 mins before the Eucharistic celebration

### 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

19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017

Thirty-Third Sunday Of Ordinary Time

## How Well We Use Our Talents

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

*Lord, teach us to serve you as you deserve.*

## PARISH EVENTS

**Sunday Collection:** \$5,092.50

For all pastoral activities /announcements this week, kindly send your email by Tuesday to:  
[csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg)

### 1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY HOLY HOURS - 1 DECEMBER

Holy Hour devotion  
from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm followed by Eucharistic Celebration at 8.30pm.  
Please note that there will be NO 6.00 pm Eucharistic Celebration on 1st Friday of the month.

### HOLY FAMILY DEVOTION AT WHAMPOA EAST ZONE

Sat, 18 Nov to 24 Nov @ home of Lili Poon.  
Sat, 25 Nov to 1 Dec @ home of April Carreon.

### INFANT BAPTISM: 3 DEC 2017 @ 11.00AM

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Preparatory Session on Saturday, 18 Nov 2017 @ 1.30pm.

### GIFT PROGRAMME

This being the third Sunday of the month, there will be a collection for the GIFT programme. The GIFT or "Giving in Faith and Thankfulness" programme to fund the operating costs of various archdiocesan organisations involved with families, youth, evangelisation, etc, and building projects such as Bethany East and the Seminary and Formation Building. Details of the funds needed and the GIFT programme can be found in the GIFT booklet and on the Foundation's website.

### ADORATION ROOMS/CHAPELS

Senate strongly emphasised that instruction from "Redemptionis Sacramentum #138" is to be observed by parishes and religious houses. It said that in the event that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed there must be someone present in the adoration room. Should this continuous one's presence cannot be sustained, the Blessed Sacrament should be veiled. The Chairman appealed to all parishes with adoration rooms, to take adequate steps to comply with the said instruction as soon as possible.

### CHURCH CLEANING ON SUN - 3 DEC 2017

We will once again come together to clean our church for Christmas.  
The cleaning will begin from 11 am.  
Please do come and lend a helping hand.

*For Internal Circulation, only*

## MISSION, TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

### MAINTENANCE TEAM

We are still in need of one or two more parishioners to sign up for the Maintenance Team.  
Please contact the parish priest should you be interested.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER (WOGP) AT ST IGNATIUS

The Sojourners' Companions invites you to a WOGP to learn how to pray with Scripture and develop a closer relationship with God.  
Date: 26 Nov: 2.00pm-5.00pm: Taster. 27 Nov-1 Dec: Daily 30 mins at home + 30 mins with personal prayer guide at a convenient time 9.00am-10.00am. 2 Dec: 2.00pm-5.00pm: closure. Fee: \$30.  
To register: [www.sojourners.sg](http://www.sojourners.sg); or parish office at the Church of St. Ignatius.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Date: 1 Dec to 3 Dec (Fri to Sun)  
Marriage Encounter (ME) facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples. By transforming the way husband and wife communicate, the enriching experience forges greater intimacy and a closer relationship. ME benefits both young couples who want to build a strong marital foundation as well as those who have clocked many years together and strive to keep the flame burning strong. For registration or enquiries, call Joseph & Reenie on 9670-5390, E-mail: [mewkend@gmail.com](mailto:mewkend@gmail.com) or visit [www.MESingapore.org](http://www.MESingapore.org)

### MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

(All are welcome and no registration is needed)  
Date: Sat, 2 December 2017  
Venue: Church of Sts. Peter and Paul (main church)  
Time: 2.00pm- Praise and Worship  
2.25pm to 4.00pm – Mass celebrated by Fr. Thomas Curran, followed by prayers for healing.  
For enquiries, please email [praiseatworksg@yahoo.com](mailto:praiseatworksg@yahoo.com) or call 9747 2467. Organised by SACCRE and Praise@Work

### A NIGHT OF SACRED MUSIC - SPEC NOVUM: A NEW HOPE

Date: 3 Dec 2017 Time: 8.00pm to 9.30pm.  
Venue: Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Queen Street.  
Come join us for a night of sacred music and traditional favourites. All proceeds benefit The Catholic foundation.  
Tickets can be purchased at <http://ticketbox.sg/spes-novum>  
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