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CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 6.30am & 6.00pm
(1st 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

1st Friday of the month 7.30pm to 8.30pm **Holy Hour**
Except period of Lent

SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM

On 1st 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 3rd Sunday of the month -

Prayers:

In Mandarin 9.00am

In English 11.00am

Booking & Enquiries please call the Secretariat ☎ 6291 9272

5th Nov 2017

Thirty-First Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Warning: Avoid Vice of Pride!

The **Gospel** is from the Gospel of Matthew 23:1-12. Christ painted this picture of the Pharisees: In spite of their great knowledge of "the law and the prophets"—the divine revelation God had given to the Chosen People—and of their many strict observances of that law, they were not pleasing to God. All their good works and all their learning were spoiled by the vice of pride which made them seek earthly glory for themselves and prevented them from giving glory or thanks to God. Their religion was an empty external cloak which they used to attract attention and honour to themselves. Internally, they were so full of their own importance that there was no room for God in their hearts.

Our divine Lord warned his disciples, and through them all of us, to avoid that pernicious vice of pride. It should not be hard for any true Christian to avoid this vice. We know that every material and spiritual talent we have has been given us by God, so we must give glory to God for any gifts we possess and not to ourselves. St. Paul reminds us of this fact when he asks us: "What have you that you have not received, and if you have received it why glory in it as if it were your own?" We owe everything we have to God and we should use all the gifts he has given us for his honour and glory, and for that purpose alone.

Do we always do this? Are we never tempted to look down on our less fortunate brothers? If we have got on well in our temporal affairs do we attribute our success to our own skill and hard work or do we thank God for the opportunities he gave to us and not to others. If, aided by God's grace, we are keeping his commandments, do we show contempt for those who give in to temptations which we did not have to meet? The best of us can profit from an examination of conscience along these lines. If our external observance of the Christian rule of life is motivated solely by love and gratitude to God all is well. But if our hearts are far from God and our motives in our religious behaviour is self-glorification, we are in a dangerous position.

Walk with Christ in Humility and Love



PARISH EVENTS

Sunday Collection:

\$5,499.60

For all pastoral activities/announcements this week, kindly send your email by Tuesday to: stmikepastoral@gmail.com

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

Society of St Vincent de Paul collection for the poor (Oct' 17): \$5,560.60
Oct'17 cash aid/expenditure for the poor: \$6,010.00

HOLY FAMILY DEVOTION AT WHAMPOA EAST ZONE

Sat, 4 Nov to 10 Nov @ home of Patrick Hardie and family.
Home of Reuben and Julie Raj from 11Nov to 17 Nov.

INFANT BAPTISM: 3 DEC 2017 @ 11.00AM

Infant Baptism Registration now on.
Closing date: Monday, 13 Nov 2017
Preparatory Session on Saturday, 18 Nov 2017 @ 1.30pm.

COMMS MINISTRY

We are looking to form a new Comms Ministry that will handle our social media account as well as our website. Should you be interested, please email to the parish priest at: cgaarm@gmail.com.

MAINTENANCE TEAM

Currently we have two persons in our maintenance team. As you know our building has been around for quite some time, we need to look after it and we are calling on those who have some expertise in building and electrical management to come forward to assist the team. Please contact the parish priest should you be interested.

MISSION, TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

AROUND THE DIOCESE

FLS COUNSELLING SERVICES AT PARISHES

Trained Para-Counsellors from Family Life Society provide free counselling services to parishioners who are in need of a listening ear to help cope with the up's and down's of life. For an appointment ring 63820688 (Mon-Fri from 9.00am – 5.00pm).

PROGRAMME BY THE CENACLE SISTERS

Date: 10 Nov to 12 Nov 2017.
This programme will invite participants to enter into a personal relationship with God. It will include times for praying with suggested points of praying.
Venue: Monfort Centre, 622 Upper Bukit Timah Road.
To register: Tel. 6565 2895 or 9722 3148.
Email: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com

CONNECTED COUPLES, STAY COMMITTED

Date: 14 Nov 2017, Time: 7.30pm -9.30pm
This talk is for individuals and couples who would like to explore and discover how to maintain a close and loving relationship with loved ones amidst the distractions of daily life. Organised by Kingsmead Centre, 8 Victoria Park Rd. Fee: \$30. To register: <http://tinyurl.com/connectedcouples> Tel: 64676072

VILLAGEFEST 2017

Let's gather as a family for sessions promoting healthy family relations, spiritual inputs, prayers and the consecration of families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Date: 18 Nov 2017 Time: 9.30am - 4pm
Venue: St Joseph's Institution Junior. Free admission.
Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation and Archdiocesan Commission for the Family. To register: Visit www.one.org.sg/events

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