

# Our Pilgrimage



28<sup>th</sup> July 2018, VOLUME 23  
17<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday



To give away something that you do not have extra of or giving away something this is one of a kind requires much courage. What has it to with courage? The courage is needed to overcome your own deep and strong desire to keep the item.

This courage cannot be conjured if there is no higher and more convincing desire. If the item possess you, then because you are a slave to that item giving it away will make you feel empty. The emptiness is something many people want to avoid. Giving something away freely is never in the heart of most people.

The boy in today's gospel did not cling on to his basket of five barley loaves and two fish. He had a deeper desire and that was to follow the ways of Jesus Christ. When asked for all of what he had, he gave. There was no questioning on the part of the boy. He did not put up a fight.

He trusted in the authority of Jesus and did what the apostles wanted. Such was his focus on Jesus; such was his trust in Jesus.

Will you give up for the Lord? Will you give when you do not have enough? Will you give everything that you have to the Lord? The giving can only happen when you have received much. The more you experience the love with the Lord, the more you are willing to give to the Lord. Have you experienced his tremendous love? When you are in love, you will not count the cost of giving.

Whatever is given will not mean as much as the one you love. So we see sometimes in hospital, where a person is willing to spend money that he or she does not have on the hospital bills of the one that is loved. The health of the person who is loved means more than all that money that is being spent.

Will you give to Jesus in the same manner? Giving money is not giving everything to Jesus. Will you give your heart to Jesus?

Love and Adventure,  
Fr. Terence Pereira  
*Fr. Terence Pereira*

## Questions for reflection:

Have you felt the love of the Lord deeply in your life?

Do you love the Lord before and beyond all others?

To love is to sacrifice. What is the sacrifice that you are willing to make for those that you love?

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44  
Psalm: Psalm 144(145):10-11,15-18  
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6  
Gospel: John 6:1-15

## 'They will eat, and have some left over'

2Kings 4:42



### OUR LOGO

The two 'C' stand for the Christ (outer circle) encompassing the community (inner circle).

Christ Jesus is always present in his Church. The golden stylised sword represents the community rooted in the word of God ready to move as represented by the wings spread out to bring the Kerygma as represented by the cross to everyone.

- The colours are that of the Archangel
- The sword and wing represent the Archangel who is always there as our guardian.

### VISION

A vibrant loving community of **disciples making disciples** for the Kingdom of God

### MISSION

**To Create** moments of God encounters

**To Form** Disciples in Christ

**To Nurture** community spirit through the Word of God

# An Afternoon Tea with the Seniors

Church of St Michael held its first ever High Tea with the Seniors. They were treated to an afternoon of fun, games and live singing. Plus dancing too. Everyone kicked off their heels and had a whale of time bouncing to the tunes.

The elderly are the backbone of our society and church. And its important that we have them in mind. They too enjoy letting their hair down and party like the young ones.

*"I came alone and at the registration table and I was approached by 2 ladies to sit with them and we even took a picture together. Everyone is so friendly and I'm looking forward to the event again."*

*Doris Ann Ho*



# An Afternoon tea with the Seniors..



## Chinese RCIA, the journey begins..

The Journey begins for the Chinese RCIA on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. On their first day they were warmly welcome by friends and family accompanying them on their session. Exco members and Father Terence turned up to give their support too.

A warm welcome to them for saying yes to this journey of faith and allowing God in their lives.



# Prayer of Contrition

Lord, in my struggles and challenges. I have so often complained and depended on myself instead of coming to you. Forgive me Lord for not trusting in You

Lord Jesus, I'm sorry to take those people whom you sent to help me at times of difficulties for granted

Forgive me Lord for the times I have taken you for granted when I ignored You as I was too preoccupied in my work, my activities and indulgences. I have placed other gods before You whom I should love with all my heart

Lord, I am glad that You want to mould me, use me and make me a better disciple in order to spread your good news to those who have not yet known you

Lord Jesus, I'm sorry for not realizing how wonderfully you have made me



Lord Jesus, you have blessed me abundantly, yet I'm not generous to those in needs

Lord Jesus, I'm sorry for taking my intellect, knowledge and wisdom for granted. Not remembering it was you who gave me all these

Forgive me for always comparing myself with others and getting upset and jealous when I think I do not measure up. Lord forgive me for being unhappy and not accepting who I am as a beloved child of God

# Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Thank you Lord for giving me Living Water so I will never be thirsty again

Thank You Lord, for bestowing me all my talents and guiding me to use them for your glory

Thank You Lord for helping me to come out from my addictions that were controlling my life and strengthening my resolve to deal with them and overcome them

Thank you Lord for giving us a loving Pope, all the Bishops and Priests for working selflessly for the salvation of their flocks

Thank you Lord for teaching me how to serve and not to be served

Lord, You deliver me from the snares of the evil forces and come to my help. Strengthen my faith and keep me good and honest, I thank you Lord

Lord, Your love for me is so deep that you gave your body to me, so that I can be united with you for eternity. You draw me after you day after day to celebrate your love

Thank you Lord for being patient with me, waiting patiently for me to say yes to you



# Prayer of Praise

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I praise you Lord for the splendid golden sunrise that is constant and brings light to dispel darkness in the world

I praise you Lord for You are our King of kings and Lord of lords who have brought great wonders for us

Father God, I am struck by your ever gracious desire to make each of us a living sacrifice of praise

I praise you Lord, never let loose sight of me despite my many distractions and detours

I praise you Lord for your love is constant. Never fail in reaching out to me, help me Lord to never fail to reach out to those in need and be constant in loving them like you do



I praise you Lord for You are my Almighty and Powerful God who has done great wonders for me.

I praise you Lord, You endured the pain we caused you with mercy and outpouring of forgiveness

Jesus, we praise you as you provide good health to those who are caregivers to the sick and elderly

# Could I Have A Moment With You?

My Precious Child,

As you fell asleep last night, I gazed upon your face and bathed you in the light of my love.

I breathed upon you as you slept and covered you with the blanket of my protection to give you a restful and peaceful night.

When you woke up this morning, I sat beside you. I couldn't wait for you to notice the bright morning sun, the birds chirping, and the beautiful, clear blue sky.

I wanted to hear from you.

A 'Good morning, Lord!' perhaps? Or maybe a whisper of thanks for another new day?

I hoped you would tell Me about your plans for the day and ask Me for my graces and blessings, for I have so much to give you – more than you can ever imagine.

But you were too busy getting ready for the day.

From the moment you got dressed, to the time you headed out of the door, you never once stopped to say hello.

At one point, I thought maybe you had 20 minutes to spare during your commute to work or school. A moment finally to connect with my Heart?

Are you dreading another challenging day? Do you have an important meeting or exam?

Is there someone you wish to lift up to Me in prayer? A situation that you are struggling with?

Would you remind Me again and again, "Lord, you promised to grant every prayer that comes from the heart?"

Oh Precious Child, I wanted to hear from you!

But instead you picked up your phone to play a game.

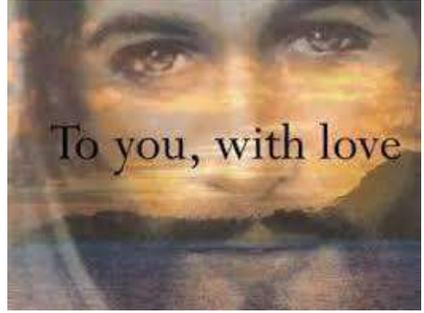
I watched you as you walked through the door to start your day.

Did the morning go badly? I wanted to comfort you and to tell you, 'It's OK. I am here!'

But still you didn't talk to Me.

At lunch, did you notice the meal I prepared for you? It was your favorite!

Did you enjoy the company of the friends I sent your way?



Maybe now you would stop to talk to me or thank me? But you didn't.

Still, there's some time left to your day. I will wait patiently - I always do.

Have you nothing that annoys you? Has anyone wounded you today? I wanted to tell you that my Heart has the balm to sooth all of your wounds and ease all of your pain.

Did anything make you happy today? Did anyone do anything nice for you? A mark of affection? A gift?

All these things, my Child, I obtained for you.

The day ended and you came home to still many more things to do. I watched and waited as you ate your dinner. I couldn't wait for you to tell Me about your day!

But instead you turned the TV on and watched your favourite drama series. You spent the rest of the evening on your mobile phone, on social media and on your games.

My Child, have you nothing to say to Me? Have you no thoughts of zeal for Me?

Soon, it was time to go to bed and you fell asleep again, under My watchful gaze.

I wanted so much to be a part of your day today.

Together, we could have accomplished so much together. I love you and I wait every day, every moment for a thought, a prayer or word of thanks from you.

So go now, Beloved, and have a peaceful night.

Maybe tomorrow, you'll speak with Me. I will be waiting.

♥ *Jesus*

*Written by Cheryl Sim*

**Parish Recollection - 19 Aug, Sunday**

*This event is postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.*

*To all those who had responded, we offer our apologies.*

**Parish Collection**

June Income:	\$ 74,077
June Expense:	\$ 101,822
Sunday Eucharist Collection:	\$ 6,260.30

**Celebrant Schedule**

**\*New timing: Sunday Eucharist is now at 10 am**

Date	Eucharistic Celebration	Celebrant	Preacher
4 Aug	5.30 pm	Fr. Terence	Fr. Terence
5 Aug	10 am	Fr. Terence	Fr. Terence
5 Aug	5.30 pm	Fr. Terence	Fr. John
11 Aug	5.30 pm	Fr. John	Fr. John
12 Aug	10 am	Fr. John	Fr. John
12 Aug	5.30 pm	Fr. John	Fr. John

**Eucharistic Celebration****Opening Hours****Weekend Eucharist**

**Sat Sunset:**  
5.30 pm

**Sun:** 8 am (M), 10 am, 5.30 pm  
Confession: 30 mins before EC

**Weekday Eucharist**

**Mon-Fri:**  
6.30 am & 6 pm  
**Sat:** 6.30 am

**Eucharist on Public Holidays**

7.30 am only

**Holy Hour**

7.30 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Fri of the month only.  
Followed by Eucharist at 8.30 pm  
(except during the period of Lent)

**Parish Office**

**Mon-Fri:**  
8.30 am - 5 pm  
**Sat:** 8.30 am - 11 am  
**Sun:** Closed

**Adoration Room**

Daily: 7 am - 10 pm

**Columbarium**

Daily: 7 am - 7 pm  
Prayers: every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of the month only.  
9 am (M) & 11.30 am \* (E)

*\*New Timing*

**Canteen**

Sun: 7 am - 12 pm

**Parish Directory**

Main: 6291 9272

Parish Secretariat (ext. 1)

Email : [csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg)

Parish Priest: Fr. Terence Pereira (ext. 6)

Asst. Parish Priest: Fr. John Van Dich MEP (ext. 5)

Columbarium (ext. 3)

We are located at: 17 St Michael's Rd, Singapore 327976

**St Mike Celebrates the Nation! - 8 Aug, Wednesday**

Join us with your family on this special occasion to celebrate Singapore's 53rd birthday! Come dressed in red and/or white or ethnic wear. It will be a night of fun, surprises, games, performances, songs and of course sparklers! It's going to make you say "O What a Night!". So, come and join in the celebration. Please bring as contribution for potluck dinner - local delights or your specialty dishes.

Time : 7.30 - 10 pm Venue: Foyer

Register: After Eucharistic Celebrations at the booth on Level 1

**2nd High Tea for Seniors - 11 Aug, Saturday**

Our precious seniors had a whale of a time at our high tea last Saturday. We now invite you again to come join them if you didn't and enjoy good clean fun, makan and fellowship. Registration starts next weekend.

Time: 3 to 5pm. Venue: Foyer

Register: After Eucharistic Celebrations at the booth on Level 1

**Parish BBQ Meats & Bites @ St Mikes - 21 Aug, Monday**

Time of fellowship on the eve of the public holiday through a BBQ. Through this relaxing social time, we will get to know each other and bond as a Parish.

Time: TBA Venue: TBA

**Same Sex Attraction Talk (SSA) – 25 Aug, Saturday**

This is an invitation to all ministry leaders, elderly, parents, grandparents, young adults and teens to know, be educated and change attitudes in informed ways.

This talk aims to help us understand the factors behind and around homosexuality - from the psychological science viewpoint. Know the difference between "having SSA (Same Sex Attraction)" and "being Gay/Lesbian". Understand why "inclusion into the extended Christian family" is so important. This talk is not pro nor anti-LGBT, but provides insights from the Psychological Sciences for conservative communities. It will explain why SSA is not chosen by the person who has it, the factors that contribute to it, the various ways harm can be done including quack therapies. It aims to remove fear, prejudice and misconceptions while suggesting appropriate stance each community can take. It is in line with the precepts of all major religious faiths.

Time: 1 to 5pm. Venue: To be Advised

Register: After Eucharistic Celebrations at the booth on Level 1

**Parish News****Seeking for Doctor, Nurse or First Aid Trained**

In view of these challenging times of Safety and Security of parishioners, we are seeking help/volunteers if you are a trained doctor, nurse or first aid including AED, Security, Fire Safety and Emergency trained, we would encourage you to come forward and sign up with the Parish Admin Office at 6291-9272 or email to [csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg). We look forward to your participation

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – (Day of Obligation)**

14 Aug, Tuesday (Vigil) Time: 8pm

15 Aug, Wednesday Time: 6.30am and 8pm

There will be no 6pm Eucharistic Celebration on both days

**RCIA Journey (English) - Begins 25 Oct, Thursday**

A new process will begin. Do speak to your non-baptized friends and bring them to RCIA

**Admin Assistant (Full Time)**

We are looking to hire an Admin Assistant (Full Time)

Application forms are available at the Parish Admin Office.

**Archdiocese News****Teen Night Vigil - 3 Aug, Friday**

Conducted by MCG Teen Ministry, there will be Holy Mass, Adoration, Praise & Worship, Word of God, Intercession Prayers, Rosary

Time: 9.30pm onwards

Venue : Church of St Anthony Auditorium, 25 Woodlands Ave 1

Spiritual Director: Fr Antony Kuttyjanickal CMI

Contact: Jois 8113 9492/ George 9638 5347

**Vacancy in CTIS for the post of Librarian:****Requirements:**

\* Minimum GCE "A" Levels required, certification in Library Science or associated degree preferred.

\* Able to learn proprietary Library Management Software.

\* Familiarity with Dewey Decimal Classification

\* Fresh graduates are welcome to apply.

Please send your CV/Resume to [teresahoc@ctis.sg](mailto:teresahoc@ctis.sg)