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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 Oct & 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

17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

## Forgiveness

In today's Gospel Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.



## PARISH EVENTS

**Sunday Collection:**  
**\$5,603.60**

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

### St MICHAEL's FEST

There will be a lot of excitement leading to St Michael's Feast Day...

#### **Kampong Night on 23 Sept, Sat 7pm till late**

A party for all with a-go-go music, traditional games & food delights.

To make the Night Xtra Special:

Share your talents with us by participating in our Talent Quest!

*Food Sponsors* - We have quite a few old-school makan lined up for dinner and would love you to add some more!

*Prize Sponsors* - We will be having a St Mike's Draw.

Please let us know if you want to add more prizes to our list of microwave oven, hamper, bread-maker and vouchers!

Contact Charles Ravi @ 88764725 or [charlesrcia@gmail.com](mailto:charlesrcia@gmail.com)

All are welcome!

### ST MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY

Our Parish Feast Day Eucharist will be celebrated on 23/24 September, Saturday & Sunday at the usual Mass time.

### HOLY FAMILY DEVOTION – POTONG PASIR ZONE

16th Sept, Sat to 22nd Sept, Fri @ Home of Diana Cheng  
Open to the Community on 17th Sept, Sun at 7.00 pm  
at Blk 140 Potong Pasir Ave 3, #12-246

23th Sept, Sat to 29th Sept, Fri @ Home of Alice Netto  
Open to the Community on 27th Sept, Wed at 8.00 pm  
At Blk 122 Potong Pasir Ave 1 #11-153

All are welcome!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection in aid of the Catholic Foundation.  
Please give generously!

## GIVING IN FAITH & THANKFULNESS

### rites of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA will be conducting a Sponsor's Training and Orientation on Wed 4 Oct 2017, 8pm at St Luke Room. We invite all who have been Catholics for five years and who are not involved in any parish ministry to come forward.

### INFANT BAPTISM: 1<sup>ST</sup> OCT 2017 @ 11.00AM

Preparatory Session change to Saturday, 23rd Sept 2017 @ 1.30pm.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### Symposium on Same-Sex Attraction

This short symposium will promote greater awareness and clearer understanding of SSA, so that more positive relationships can be built. Participants will find out what research currently tells us about SSA and hear from professionals who have experience working in this area. The topics will be presented from a Catholic perspective, in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Date: Saturday, 30 September 2017

Time: 10am – 4pm

Venue: St Peter's Auditorium Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre (CAEC) 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102. Who should attend: Parents, Catechists, Educators, Persons with SSA and family members, and interested Catholics.

For enquiries, email [admin@acf.org.sg](mailto:admin@acf.org.sg)

For registration visit <http://catholicfamily.org.sg/ssas>

### Silver IT Fest @Agape Village

Caritas Singapore offers affordable infocomm training and a customised curriculum for seniors. Introduction to Android and iOS smartphones classes will be offered in this upcoming IT festival.

Date: Oct 2, 5, 9 and 12.

For more information, email: [events@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:events@caritas-singapore.org)

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