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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 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 3rd Sunday of the month -

Prayers:

In Mandarin 9.00am
In English 11.00am

Booking & Enquiries please call the Secretariat ☎ 6291 9272

3rd Sept 2017

Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jesus The Messiah Revealed

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.



PARISH EVENTS

Sunday Collection:
\$5,861.30

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

HOLY HOUR – 8th SEPT (Friday)

Holy hour for the month of September will be on 8th Sept 2017 (2nd Friday) Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It will commence with prayer at 7.30pm followed by Eucharist celebration. Let's come and spend an hour of prayer.

SEPTEMBER FEST

There will be a lot of excitement leading to St Michael's Feast Day as follows:

Youth Jam Night on 9 September, Saturday

Calling all youths aged 13-35. For a night of fun, games, fellowship, and PIZZA! Please bring along a change of clothes, your water bottle, and medication, if any during the event. In order to cater for our food, please RSVP to this link. "tinyurl.com/ysmnight17"

High Tea for our Aunties & Uncles on 16 September, Saturday 3pm-5pm

Join us in this relaxed afternoon with bingo, hot brew & good company.

Kampong Night on 23 Sept, Sat 7pm till late.

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

ST MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY

Our Parish Feast Day will be celebrated on 24 September, Sunday masses at 8.00am (Mandarin), 9.30am & 5.30pm for Eucharistic Celebration.

HOLY FAMILY DEVOTION – POTONG PASIR ZONE

2nd Sept, Sat to 8th Sept, Fri @ Home of Thomas & Mary
Open to the community on 2nd Sept, Sat at 8 pm
at Blk 130 Potong Pasir Ave 1, #03-201

9th Sept, Sat to 15th Sept, Fri @ Home of Victor & Tiffany Chua
Open to Community on 10th Sept, Sunday @7.30pm
at 1 Leicester Road, #04-09 One Leicester
All are welcomed.

INFANT BAPTISM: 1ST OCTOBER 2017 @ 11.00AM

Infant Baptism Registration now on.
Closing Date: Monday, 11 Sept 2017

Preparatory Session on Saturday, 16th Sept 2017 @ 1.30pm.

JOB VACANCY

We have the post of Parish Secretary. Those who have relevant experience and residing within the parish boundary may apply for the post. All applicants are to collect the application forms from the parish office.

GIVING IN FAITH & THANKFULNESS

rites of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

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 ministry to come forward. Please submit your name to stmikepastoral@gmail.com

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

Society of St Vincent De Paul collection for the poor (Aug-17): \$6,570.70
Aug 2017 cash aid/expenditure for the poor: \$6,390.00

AROUND THE DIOCESE

LIVING OUR FAITH IN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

This workshop is organised by the Caritas Singapore for ministries and faith communities. How do we make sense of our daily life challenges through the eyes of faith? This workshop will be held on 16 September 2017 (Sat) From 8.30am to 3.30pm at Level 1 Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh. The speaker is Fr. David Garcia, OP. For registration, please refer to Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore.org or email: formation@caritas-singapore.org

Beginning Experience Programme

The 58th Beginning Experience Programme is a live-in weekend for the permanently separated, divorced and windowed (for both males and females).
Date: 8th to 10th September 2017 (Friday - Sunday)
Please contact: Joseph 9661 8089, Jean 9828 5162, Mary 9755 4310
Email for details: beginningexperiencesg@gmail.com

Clarity's Workshop For Youths With Depression

Arise and Shine! Is a group intervention workshop for young adults (between the ages of 18-30 who have just been diagnosed with first depressive episode. In this workshop, participants will learn behavioural and cognitive strategies to manage depressive symptoms. To register Tel: 67577990.
Date: Sept 6,13, 20 & 27, Oct 4, 11 & 25, Nov 1 (8 sessions) Tim: 3.30pm-5pm.

The Watchmen Retreat

The Watchmen Retreat is a 4 days 3 nights stay-in retreat open to Catholics above the age of 21. This retreat is about being on watch until the Lord returns and being alert to the dangers to your spiritual life.
Date: 09-12 Nov 2017. Venue: Majodi Retreat Centre, Johor, Malaysia.
Costs: SGD 160 per person (Includes Transport, Accommodation, Meals)
Retreat Master: Rev Fr Terence Pereira. For registration visit: www.one.org.sg/events.

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