

BULLETIN

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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

15th Oct 2017

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Invitation To The Kingdom Of God

Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We too could make the Pharisees' mistake. We have the invitation to the wedding feast; in fact, we are already in the banquet hall, since our baptism; but are we wearing the wedding garment of virtue and grace? If not, we are no better off than those who rejected the invitation. The king may come in at any moment and cast out those who are not properly dressed. Being a member of the Church on earth is a wonderful privilege, and a sure guarantee that we will reach heaven, if we do what is expected of us. But the same obstacles which prevented the Pharisees from entering the kingdom—love of this world, its wealth and its pleasures—can impede us too, unless we are on our guard. The world with its allurements is very close to us; heaven seems very far away. Thus we must be prepared to do "the things that are God's."



PARISH EVENTS

Sunday Collection:
\$ 4,735.50

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

OCTOBER MONTH OF ROSARY



On weekdays, daily rosary recitation will be at 8.00pm and on Saturdays and Sundays at Grotto of Our Lady at 6.45pm.
On Wed, 18th Oct being a Public Holiday, the rosary time will be changed from 6.45pm to morning 9.30am after Eucharist Celebration.
There will be candlelight procession on 31st Oct at 7pm.
All are welcome!

ALL SAINTS DAY

Eucharist will be celebrated on
Tues, 31st Oct 2017, Sunset Mass at 8.00pm
(There will be no 6.00pm Mass)
Wed, 1st Nov 2017 at 6.30am & 8.00pm. (Day of Obligation)

ALL SOULS DAY

Eucharist will be celebrated on
Thu, 2nd Nov 2017, at 6.30am & 8.00pm.
(There will be no 6.00pm Mass)
Blessing of the niches will be only after the 8.00pm Mass.

GIFT PROGRAMME

This being the third Sunday of the month, there will be a 2nd 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.

HOLY FAMILY DEVOTION AT KOLAM AYER ZONE

Sat, 14th to Fri, 20th Oct @ home of Augustine & Katherine Tan
and Sat, 21 to Fri, 27 Oct @ home Charles & Rosemary Rozario.

MISSION, TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

INFANT BAPTISM: 3rd DEC 2017 @ 11.00AM

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

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CHARIS ANNUAL APPEAL FOR HUMANITARIAN AID FUND

CHARIS coordinates the Archdiocese's response to disasters and humanitarian needs in fulfilment of the Church's social mission. The funds raised will be used solely for humanitarian and disaster response overseas. Beneficiaries of the funds includes (but not limited to) the victims of recent disasters such as:

- * South Asia Flooding (Nepal, Bangladesh and India)
- * Displaced persons in the Rakhine State, Myanmar
- * Other future calamities that may arise in CHARIS area of responsibility.

On behalf of CHARIS, parish wardens will be distributing the flyers after the mass.

CHOIRS' DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Date: Sun 28th Oct 2017, 9.30am-4pm
Venue: Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Fr Terence Pereira will speak on the role of the choir, the elements of ministry and the need for formation to realise the archdiocesan pastoral vision of a vibrant, missionary and evangelistic Church.
Register as a parish. For details, email: enquiry@one.org.sg
Website: www.one.org

MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Date: Sun 29th Oct 2017, 2-5pm
Registration starts @ 2pm; & Mass @ 3pm
Venue: Cathedral of the Good Shepherd 'A' Queen Street Singapore 188533. N.B. Due to space constraint, parking will not be allowed on Church grounds.

PIETA MEMORIAL MASS

Date: Fri 10th Nov 2017 at 7pm. Venue (to be advised)
The child bereavement support group PIETA is organising a Memorial Mass for children who have died (including unborn and adult children). If you wish to include mention of your child in this mass, please register with your name, telephone and email before Oct 15 to pieta.singapore@gmail.com.
For more information visit: www.facebook.com/PietaSingapore/

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