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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 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

12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017

Thirty-Second Sunday Of Ordinary Time

## Suddenness and Preparedness

Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our Lord described an incident that happened or could have happened at a wedding festival in order to bring home to his listeners the need for being ever vigilant and ready in his service if they wish to avoid the calamity of being excluded from the heavenly and eternal nuptials on the last day.

The ten bridesmaids, or maidens, in the parable represent all Christians. On receiving the sacrament of baptism, the Christian starts on the road to heaven; he gets his invitation to the heavenly nuptials but this is only the beginning. From the moment he comes to the use of reason he is expected to prepare himself, by living according to the law of God, for the great moment when the call will go forth: *Behold the bridegroom! Come to meet him.* This moment will be, first, at the hour of death for each individual when each one's eternal fate will be decided, and again at the general judgment of the human race.

During their lifetime all are invited to the heavenly wedding, and all have the necessary means to get ready. But, like the foolish bridesmaids, many will fail to make use of these means and will realize their folly when it is too late. Sad, but true.

Now is the time for all of us to say "Lord, Lord, open to us." open to us the doors of your mercy and kindness. Open to us the eyes of our understanding that we may see our defects and remedy them while there is yet time.

It is up to us now to decide, aided by God's grace, where we shall be found on the last day—with the wise bridesmaids or with the foolish.

*Be Prepared, Come and Meet Him!*



## PARISH EVENTS

**Sunday Collection:** \$5,291.30  
**Collection for the Poor:** \$4,861.20

For all pastoral activities /announcements this week, kindly send your email by Tuesday to:  
[csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg)

### CONFIRMATION MASS

Our church will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for 20 of our Level 9 youths on Sat, 18 Nov at the 5.30pm mass.  
The main celebrant will be Archbishop William Goh.  
Let us come together to celebrate and pray for our confirmands.

### HOLY FAMILY DEVOTION AT WHAMPOA EAST ZONE

Sat, 11 Nov to 17 Nov @ home of Reuben & Julie Ray.  
Open to community on Thu, 16 Nov at 8pm.  
Block 46 Bendemeer Road #14-1433.

### 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](mailto: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.

*For Internal Circulation, only*

## 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 6382 0688 (Mon-Fri from 9.00am – 5.00pm).

#### YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT ON DISCUSSIONS - CREED ON THE STREET 8 (COTS)

Date: 20 Nov 2017. Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm.  
Venue: Level 2, 55 Waterloo Street, Catholic Centre  
The purpose of the Creed On The Street (COTS) session is to invite young adults (age 18 to 35 years) to join in a conversation with each other, to lend perspective of our faith on social issues. Topic: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matthew 25:35) - Do we have a responsibility towards migrants? To register: [www.caritas-singapore.org](http://www.caritas-singapore.org) or email to [youngadult@caritas-ginspaore.org](mailto:youngadult@caritas-ginspaore.org)

#### WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER (WOGP) AT ST IGNATIUS

The Sojourners' Companions invites you to a WOGP to learn how to pray with Scripture and develop a closer relationship with God.  
Date: 26 Nov: 2.00pm-5.00pm: Taster. 27 Nov-1 Dec: Daily 30 mins at home + 30 mins with personal prayer guide at a convenient time 9am-10am. 2 Dec: 2.00pm-5.00pm: closure. Fee: \$30.  
To register: [www.sojourners.sg](http://www.sojourners.sg); or parish office at the Church of St. Ignatius.

#### 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 – 4.00pm  
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](http://www.one.org.sg/events)