

Our Pilgrimage



23rd Sep 2018, VOLUME 31
25th Ordinary Sunday



'Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of righteousness, theirs is the kingdom of heaven' Mt 5:11

In the first reading, we hear how those who are not walking in the light would prefer to trip those who are walking in the light. How often these people's opinions and comments do trip us up. Sometimes it is so frustrating that its not worth doing the right thing.

When there is no more right, what else is there? Going according to one's opinion because one can think of these things and justify them does not necessarily mean that it right by God our Father.

If you live according to your emotions, are you a matured person? If you cannot master your emotions have you become who you are meant to be?

Being led by jealousy or envy is living according to your emotions. Emotions do not have any logic. The emotions control and direct your thoughts that are warped by the very illogical premise they began with. Jealousy and envy is already an indication that a person has not grown out of the past bad experiences of life.

Only the ambition to be with God our Father can inspire you to right actions. When an ambition is rooted in self-glorification it always lead to injustice and feuds. The truth is found in God our Father through Jesus Christ and not in what we think and perceive in the present moment. The truth is Jesus Christ. Be ambitious for what the Lord is offering to you and you alone. Often times we want what others have or be who others are. To do this is to reject that you are unique and that's what the Lord offers you is to you alone and never to be repeated. However, we want duplicated things from the Lord.

Love and Adventure,
Fr. Terence Pereira

Questions for reflection:

Have you spent enough time to discover who you really are?

Have you wasted enough time to look at the gifts of others?

Do you realise that you are unique and God our Father has a special place just for you?

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12,17-20
Responsorial Psalm: 53(54):3-6,8
Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3
Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

'The Wisdom that comes from above makes for peace.'
James 3:16



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

Consecration of the Altar



What is the significance of consecrating the church and the altar?

The impressive and solemn rites and processes in consecrating a church, ensures that the church conforms to the standards for valid divine worship and the sacraments- Cn 1214.

Therefore, after construction of a new church has been completed, as part of the consecration of the church, at least one fixed altar must be consecrated. Consecrating the altar commemorates the table is set aside solely for the Eucharistic banquet, dedicated to God.

In our Feast day celebration, we will experience this Rite of Blessing, led by Archbishop William, Goh, anointing the altar with chrism oil and incensing it.

Why is the altar the central focus of the liturgy?

The altar is looked upon as the **sacrificial stone**, upon which Christ, our priest and Victim, offers Himself daily in His Eucharistic Sacrifice. **He is Altar, Victim, and Priest.** the altar marks the place of the Lord's sacrifice and the tombs of martyrs and saints. It is the material expression of the Church's worship. That is why the church building is built around and over the altar.

By Julianne Danielle Lim

Why are some altars built over the graves of holy ones?

In the upper room, the table used at the Last Supper becomes an altar. *Underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slaughtered because of the witness they bore to the word of God- Rev.6:9*

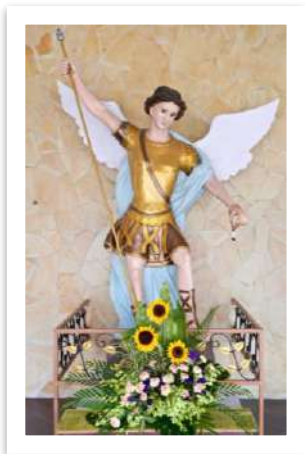
In the early Church, efforts were made to construct altars and churches directly over the graves of the holy ones. For e.g., basilicas dedicated to Peter and Paul.

Why are relics included in altars?

In modern times now, with the growing number of churches, pieces of relics (sealed) are instead taken from the martyrs original tombs and given to new churches to be included in their altars.

See you at the feast day celebration and consecration of the altar by Archbishop William Goh. His Grace will be celebrating the Eucharistic celebration at 5.30pm on 29 Sep 2018.

Significance of Feast Day



*Saint Michael the Archangel statue
Previously featured in the church foyer of CSM till early 2018*

We invite all parishioners and those with a special devotion to Saint Michael, to come together and celebrate the feast day of our church's patron saint. Refer to the announcements for more information!

What is a saint's feast day?

The Catholic Church assigns one date out of the year for each and every canonized saint — known as the saint's feast day. The saints are remembered on their individual feast days with special mention, prayers, and scripture reading.

Why does a church have a Patron Saint?

A Patron Saint is a saint chosen to be the special intercessor in heaven of our church.

When does a church honour the Patron Saint?

Annually, on the Patron Saint feast day. That is why we honour Saint Michael the Archangel who was chosen as our Patron Saint. On 29 September every year, we devote prayers, grand celebrations and Eucharistic Celebrations to him.

By Julianne Danielle Lim

Who is our Patron Saint?

Saint Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel is the leader of all angels in the army of God.

He is the patron saint of soldiers, doctors, mariners, grocers, paratroopers, police and sickness.

4 main responsibilities as the Lord's servant are:

1. **Combat Satan**
2. **Escort the faithful to heaven at their hour of death**
3. **Be the champion of all Christians and the Church**
4. **Call men from life on Earth to their heavenly judgment**

Top 5 Saint Michael's Shrines in the world



St. Michael's Cave in Gargano, Italy



Chapel of St. Michael in Kilmihil, Ireland



San Miguel Church, Manila, Philippines



St. Michael's Chapel in Tarpon Springs, Florida



Chapel of the Sacred Heart and St. Michael in Westminster Cathedral, UK

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Celebrating St. Mike's 57th Anniversary

Vibrant In Faith

How has faith formation helped you at work and at home?



Having been fully healed of my colon cancer, I share my faith with family, friends and church community by praising, thanking & glorifying our Most Powerful God, Jesus Christ for the miracle He has done.

- Magele Ngau



Whilst attending Burning Bush, I learnt the importance of reading scriptures. At work and at home when I face difficulties, I pray using scripture texts and my problems do not seem as paramount as I make it out to be.

- Theresa Rozario



Faith formation has helped me to be more patient and less judgemental towards my children. I see Christ in them and know that they are children of God.

- Jaqueline Ho



Burning Bush has made me more disciplined in my prayer life, reading the bible, spending time in adoration and confessing regularly. Because of spending more time with our Lord, I have become more patient and kind towards others.

- Philip Tan



Burning Bush helps me grow in faith and love Christ even more. I found deep treasures in sacred Scriptures. I am able to show my colleagues and family the love Christ has for us in me.

- Jessica Ling

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How has faith formation helped you at work and at home?



Faith formation has taught me that there should not be any dichotomy between my work practices and my Catholic values and beliefs. We are in the world and not of the world.

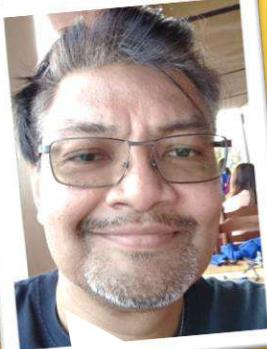
– Jackie Ling



Faith formation has transformed me- I have grown closer to God and learning to give up my own desires and vanity to do the will of God. I am at peace with people at work and at home.

– Lillian Chua

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved- Romans 10:10



To be a true disciple, changes have to be made. Faith formation is one ingredient necessary to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ because "Faith's understanding is born when we receive the immense love of God which transforms us inwardly and enables us to see reality with new eyes."- LUMEN FIDEI, 26. It has made me a better & caring person at work and towards my family members.

– Jovian Raj



Faith formation has brought me to an intimate relationship with our Lord. By His graces to hear His voice, I seek His guidance in everything I do. My relationship with my husband has also deepened and grown in Holiness.

– Mary Thomas

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Church of St Michael
57th
Feast Day Celebration
Vibrant in Faith
Theme of 2018

Triduum

Know Your Faith

Triduum Day 1

Date: 26 Sep 2018, Wednesday

Time: 8pm*

Celebrant: Fr. JJ Fenelon

Faith to Serve

Triduum Day 2

Date: 27 Sep 2018, Thursday

Time: 8pm*

Celebrant: Fr. Valerian Cheong

Faith to Share

Triduum Day 3

Date: 28 Sep 2018, Friday

Time: 8pm*

Celebrant: Msgr Ambrose Vaz

**During the three-day Triduum, there will be recitation of the chaplet of St. Michael at 7.30pm before the Eucharist Celebration at 8pm*

Feast Day

Feast Day Celebration and
Consecration of Altar

Date: 29 Sep 2018, Saturday

Time: 5.30pm

Celebrant: Archbishop William Goh

Archbishop William Goh will celebrate our 57th Feast Day Eucharist at 5.30pm. His Grace will also consecrate our altar. A light dinner will follow after the celebration.

Parish Feast Fair

Date: 30 Sep 2018, Sunday

Time: 11am

To close our feast day celebrations, come join the festivities, food and games at our parish feast and fair, after the 10am Eucharist Celebration

Prayer of Contrition 悔改的祷告

You have called me to be the light of the world, but I have failed many times to witness the good news because I feared rejection and ridicule. Lord forgive me for my weakness and fear.

你曾召叫我成为世界之光，但我却多次没有在生活中作见证，因为我担心遭到拒绝和嘲笑。上主，求你宽恕我的弱点和恐惧。

You have told us to love our sisters and brothers as you have loved us, but I have constantly judged them and alienate them. Lord I am sorry to have hurt you with my selfishness, pride and jealousy.

你已经告诉我们要像你爱我们一样爱其他的兄弟姐妹，但我却不断地判断并疏远他们。主啊，我以自私，骄傲和嫉妒伤害了你，求你宽恕。

You loved me so much that you have given your Son Jesus to die for me, but I have felt embarrassed to do the sign of the cross and say my grace before my meals in public places. For this, I am truly sorry, Father.

你多么爱我，以至于你让你的儿子耶稣为我而死，但在公共场所吃饭之前，我对划十字圣号和作饭前祈祷感到尴尬。为此，我求你宽恕。

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.

请宽恕我，因为我过于专注我的工作和我的活动，以致忽略了你，我把你视为理所当然。我本应全心全意地爱你，然而我却把其他众神放在你之上

You have blessed me with many gifts and talents but I have not used them fully for the glory of God. Lord please forgive me.

你祝福了我并赐给我许多天赋和才干，但我没有充分利用它们来彰显上主的荣耀。主啊，请宽恕我。



Wedding Church in St Michael

As of this announcement, those who desire to enter into the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at Church of St Michael will have to book their wedding date one year in advance. The booking will be confirmed only when the necessary documents are signed.

Infant Baptism

1st Sunday of February, April, June, August, October, December

Parish Collection

Sunday Eucharist Collection: \$ 6,682.30

Celebrant Schedule

Date	Eucharistic Celebration	Celebrant	Preacher
22 Sep	5.30 pm	Fr. Terence	Fr. Terence
23 Sep	10 am	Fr. Terence	Fr. Terence
23 Sep	5.30 pm	Fr. John	Fr. Terence
29 Sep	5.30 pm	Archbishop William Goh	Archbishop William Goh
30 Sep	10 am	Fr. Terence	Fr. Terence
30 Sep	5.30 pm	Fr. John	Fr. Terence

Feast Day Triduum - 26 to 28 Sep Wednesday to Friday

During the three days of the Triduum, there will be the recitation of the Chaplet of St. Michael at 7.30pm before the Eucharist Celebration at 8pm.

(26 Sep) Day 1's Theme: **Know Our Faith** Celebrant: Fr. JJ Fenelon
 (27 Sep) Day 2's Theme: **Faith To Serve** Celebrant: Fr. Valerian Cheong
 (28 Sep) Day 3's Theme: **Faith To Share** Celebrant: Msgr Ambrose Vaz

Feast Day and Consecration of Altar - "Vibrant in Faith" - 29 Sep, Saturday

Archbishop William Goh will celebrate our 57th Feast Day Eucharist at 5.30pm. His Grace will also consecrate our altar. A light dinner will follow after the celebration.

***Please note that there will be no morning Eucharist Celebration from 26 to 29 Sep, Wednesday to Saturday*

Parish Feast and Fair - 30 Sep, Sunday

Join us in commemorating the end of our Feast day celebrations in your traditional attire. Lets make it lively and colourful while we enjoy good food and games at our Parish Feast and Fair after the 10am Eucharistic Celebration. Stand a chance to win attractive prizes for best dressed competition.

Evening Brew – 19 Oct, Friday

Is it again our Catholic faith to sign the Advance Medical Directive (AMD)? Did you miss the last brew where this and many other faith /theology questions were discussed and answered? Well, come join us in the next brew! Let's kick back and relax with a drink and have some faith burning questions answered. Expect also some fun and laughter
 Venue: Outside St Michael's room Time: 7.30pm

Recycling Awareness Talk – 13 Oct, Saturday

We are going Green! Come for the Recycling Awareness talk to find out more Register: After Eucharist Celebrations
 Venue: TBA Time: 3pm to 4pm

Lumen Gentium Part II – 26 Oct, Friday

Delve deeper into the Vatican II documents in this second part series!
 Venue: Worship Hall Time: 8pm

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, 1st 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 3rd Sun of the month only.
 9 am (M) & 11.30 am * (E)

Canteen
 Sun: 7 am - 12 pm

Parish News

Parish Planning Retreat – 5 Oct to 7 Oct

Let us pray for all the retreatants attending Parish Planning Retreat weekend.

October Month of the Rosary. Theme: Family Life

Recitation of the rosary and procession around the church on 1st and 31st October at 7.30pm. Weekday nightly rosary at 7.30pm and weekend rosary at 7pm at the grotto. All are welcome

RCIA Journey (English) - Begins 25 Oct, Thursday

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

Archdiocesan News

Mission is Obedience

The Church celebrates Mission Sunday on 21 Oct 2018. The Office for the New Evangelisation will be publishing weekly reflections leading up to the celebration.

The e-booklet, Mission is Obedience, will be available for download at www.one.org.sg from 26 Sep onwards.

Mass with Prayers for Healing – 6 Oct, Saturday

Church of Sts. Peter and Paul (main church)
 2pm - Praise and Worship
 2.20pm to 4pm – Mass celebrated by Fr. Tom Curran, followed by prayers for healing. All are welcome and no registration required.
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