

Our Pilgrimage



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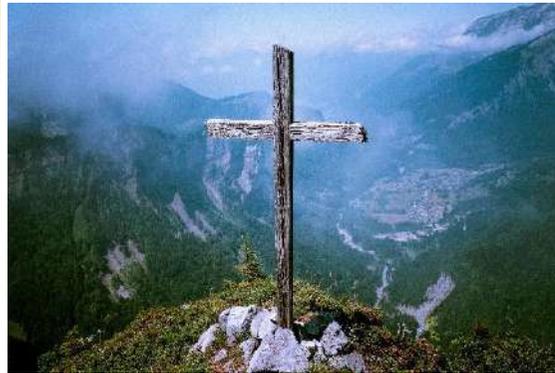
Liturgical Reflection

Today's Gospel reading opens with Jesus heading to the Mount of Olives to rest for the night while his accusers head home (v. 1). As Scripture tells us, "*Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head*" (Luke 9:58).

As we read in the last chapter (John 7:37), the day before was the last day - the great day - of the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, and so on that day, the Temple would have been crowded with those who had come to hear a last sermon from Jesus before heading home. Thus, Jesus diligently returns to the Temple early in the morning to continue teaching and "*all the people came to him*" (v. 2).

Foiled in their plan to arrest Him just the day before (John 7:44-49), they were eager to try again to ensnare Jesus.

Not only would they not listen to Jesus' teachings, but they also interrupted His teaching in a most dramatic way, bringing the adulterous woman before Jesus (v. 3) into the middle of the circle of those listening to Him.



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'Let the one among you who has not sinned be the first to throw a stone'

John 8:1

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 125(126)

Second Reading:

Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

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



Liturgical Reflection (con't)

“They said to Jesus, ‘Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and in the law Moses has ordered us to stone women of this kind.

What have you got to say?” *(John 8:4-5)*

In doing this, they hoped find something to accuse Him with (v. 6). If Jesus upheld the Law, that would be inconsistent with the character of the Messiah sent to *“bring the good news to the afflicted... proclaim liberty to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord”* (Luke 4:18) and Jesus’ own mission to *“seek out and save what was lost”* (Luke 19:10).

They instead expected Jesus to acquit the woman, which would be consistent with His ministry, thus colluding with her sin, going against the Law and contradicting Himself when he said:

“Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them.” *(Matthew 5:17).*

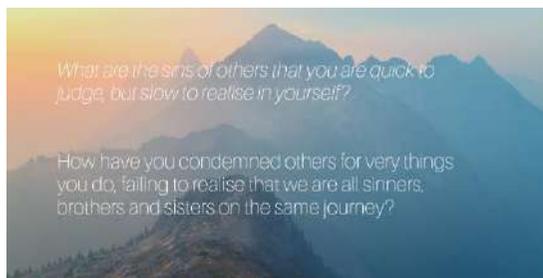
Instead of replying immediately, Jesus *“bent down and started writing on the ground”* to give the Pharisees the opportunity to withdraw their accusations. However, as they persisted, He pronounced His judgement – *“Let the one among you who is guiltless be the first to throw a stone at her”* (v. 7). Jesus neither acquits the woman of her guilt, nor encourages her accusers in their persecution. His reply instead reveals the hypocrisy of the Pharisees, and ensnares them in the very trap they had laid.

The Law commands that both the adulterous man and woman be put to death, likely by stoning (Leviticus 20:10, Deuteronomy 22:22). As the adulterous woman was caught in the very act, the Pharisees would know who she committed adultery with, and their failure to bring forth the man for judgement reveals their hypocrisy and a double standard very much still in effect today.

Their actions show that they are not interested in upholding the Law, but in trapping Jesus. Jesus in turn challenges them - since they were so bold as to accuse the woman, do they dare to be executioners of their own Law and the first to take away her life with their hands? This too is the Law, which we saw in the stoning of Stephen (Acts 7:58):

“The witnesses’ hands must strike the first blow in putting the condemned to death, the rest of the people following. You must banish this evil from among you.” *(Deuteronomy 17:7)*

Jesus very rightly points out the absurdity of the Pharisees’ zeal in accusing others, when they themselves are every bit as guilty as those accused, or perhaps even more so because of their persistence in persecution. When we have a great log in our eyes, how can we see clearly enough to take out the splinter in our brother’s (Luke 6:41-42)?



“(God) will bring to light everything that is hidden in darkness and reveal the designs of all hearts.” *(1 Corinthians 4:5)*

Jesus’ words brought to light the Pharisees’ guilt, and they went away in shame, beginning with the eldest (v. 9).

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Liturgical Reflection (con't)

Do you have a tendency to run away in your guilt, instead of casting yourself at the feet of your saviour Jesus, the only one who has the power to redeem you?

**“Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the message of eternal life.”
(John 6:68)**

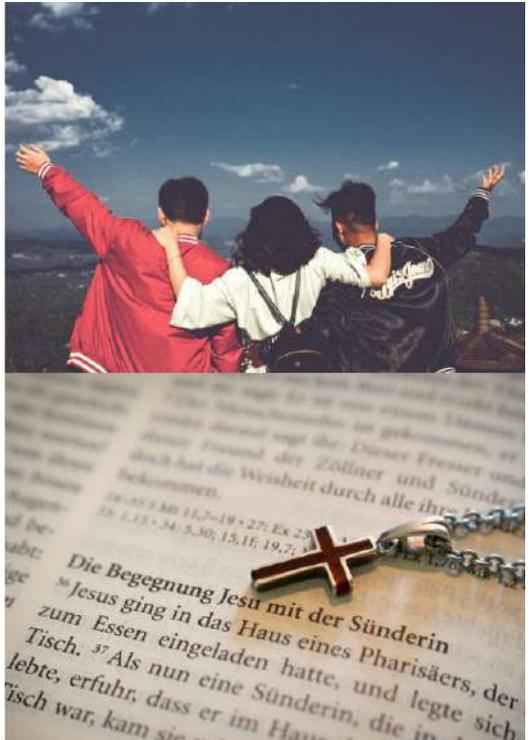
In Joyful Repentance,
Patrick and Faith

We should care to save our souls, not our reputations. Should our sins be brought to light, it is preferable that they shame us, rather than condemn us.

CHRIST-CENTERED FRIENDSHIPS

On the journey to grow closer to God, we need communities to bring us to Jesus, especially during our times of struggle or spiritual lethargy. These communities can be informal or formal communities like our family or structured church sharing groups respectively.

Read more on <http://stmichael.catholic.sg>



History of Maundy Thursday

What is the meaning of “Maundy Thursday”?

Maundy Thursday gets its name from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means "commandment." The Latin term became the Middle English word *Maundy* by way of the Old French *mande*.

What happens on Maundy Thursday?

On Maundy Thursday, the Catholic Church commemorates the Last Supper of Christ. It was the last meal he had with his disciples at which He instituted the Eucharist, the Priesthood and the Mass.

It is a custom for the Bishop/ Archbishop to consecrate the holy oil or chrism for all of the churches. This chrism is used in baptisms, confirmations and holy orders, throughout the year. It is especially used during the Easter Vigil for baptism of new Catholics, to welcome them into the faith.

What is the significance of the washing of feet during the Maundy Thursday service?

The washing of the feet is a clear sign of Christ's second great commandment to us - love your neighbour as yourself. Christ demonstrated great humility, love and sacrifice by washing the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper.

It is a lesson not only for the priest but for us in our relationship with our spouse, our parents, friends, and our colleagues.

It is an act of great humility to wash the feet of someone whom you need to seek forgiveness from, or to demonstrate great love and respect towards.



“And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

John 13:34

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The Patriarchs
The Book of Genesis

18th to 17th
Century B.C.

The Creation of Adam and Eve
The history of Mankind after the Flood
God calls Abram (Later Abraham) to go to the land of Canaan
The covenant of Abraham
Isaac, Esau, and Jacob
Jacob and his sons go to Egypt
Joseph dies in Egypt

The Exodus and the Journey to the Promised Land

The Books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy

17th to 13th
Century B.C.

The Hebrews become slaves in Egypt
Moses is born
God appears to Moses
The Exodus
The Law is given to Moses on Mt. Sinai

The Conquest of the Promised Land and the Time Judges

The Books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth

13th to 12th
Century B.C.

Israel begins the conquest of Canaan
Joshua dies
The Judges of Israel
The story of Ruth

The Kingdom of Israel

The books of 1 and 2 Samuel, 2 Kings (Chapters 1 – 11), The Song of Solomon, 1 Chronicles, Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes

ca. 1100 B.C.
ca. 1050 B.C.
ca. 1010 B.C.
ca. 1000 B.C.
ca. 970 B.C.
ca. 930 B.C.

The deeds of Samuel
Saul anointed the first king of Israel
David becomes king of Israel
Jerusalem becomes the capital of Israel
Solomon becomes king of Israel
Solomon dies



Chronology of the Old Testament 1

Pilgrimage:

St Paul's Journey – Greece

Fr Terence will be leading a pilgrimage from 8 to 16 May 2020.

There will be a briefing on 14 April

Time: 8pm

Venue: St. Michael's Room

This pilgrimage is open only to CSM Parishioners.

St Mic's Easter Array 2019

*“Let the good times
roll the stone away”*

Come for a fun time with live music, songs, games, a best dress competition, a sumptuous hawker style buffet, etc. for a memorable evening.

Date: 27 April (Sat)

Time: 7pm – 10pm

Venue: Church Foyer

Register: At the booth on Level 1 after the Eucharistic Celebration

Activities during Triduum

Mindful of Blessings

- 18 Apr, Thurs; Time: 6.45pm

Recalling the Lord's Love – an invitation to prepare for Maundy Thursday Eucharist. Register NOW:

<https://tinyurl.com/mindfulofblessings>

The Lord's Hour

- 18 to 20 Apr;

Begins from: 12 Midnight

How great is one man's love for all of humanity? Come and walk the path of passion with our Lord, discover His deep passionate love for us and renew your own love for the Lord.

Register NOW:

<https://tinyurl.com/thelordshour>

We will be in touch with further details.

Experiential Stations of the Cross for Children

– 19 Apr, Fri from 1.45 to 3pm

Register with your level catechists.

Closing date: 7 April

CSM FAMILY VACATION TIME THEME: "INSTANT DONE"



Register Now!

Date: 20 to 23 June,
Thurs – Sunday

Place: de Bintan Villa

3 Ways to Register!

1. Register at Ground Level

2. Go online

<http://tinyurl.com/csmfamilycamp>



3. Scan this QR
Code to fill in the
registration form

Contact Us

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Columbarium (ext. 3)

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Priests of the Parish

Parish Priest: Fr. Terence Pereira (ext. 6)

Asst. Parish Priest: Fr. John Van Dich MEP (ext. 5)

Asst. Parish Priest: Fr. Augustine Joseph (ext. 10)

Parish Collection

Weekend Collection

\$5,737

Celebrant Schedule

Date	Eucharistic Celebration	Celebrant	Preacher
6 Apr	5.30 pm	Fr. Augustine	Fr Terence
7 Apr	10 am	Fr Terence	Fr Terence
7 Apr	5.30 pm	Fr John	Fr Terence
13 Apr	5.30 pm	Fr Augustine	Fr Terence
14 Apr	10 am	Fr Terence	Fr Terence
14 Apr	5.30 pm	Fr John	Fr Terence

Eucharistic Celebration

Opening Hours

Weekend Eucharist
Sat Sunset: 5.30 pm (E)
Sun: 8 am (M), 10 am (E),
5.30 pm (E)
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 Admin Office
Mon - Fri: 8.30 am to 5 pm
Sat: 8.30 am to 11 am;
2 pm to 4.30 pm
Sun: Closed

Adoration Room
Daily: 7 am to 10 pm

Columbarium
Daily: 7 am to 7 pm
Prayers:
every 3rd Sun of the month only.
9 am (M) & 11.30 am (E)

Canteen
Sun: 7 am to 12 pm

(M): Mandarin; (E) English;
(EC) Eucharistic Celebration

Notices

Ready to say "I DO"?

Those who desire to enter into the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony will have to book their wedding dates one year in advance. The booking will be confirmed only when the necessary documents are signed.

Infant Baptism

1st Saturday of Jun, Aug, Oct and Dec

Preparation for Infant Baptism

To help families prepare early for their baby's baptism, we invite pregnant mothers in their second trimester to register with the Parish Admin Office.

Email: csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg

Parish Events

Lenten Reflection – Mon to Sat, 7pm

We also come together as a community to share a meal. Please bring a small dish/meal for two.

Stations of the Cross – (all Fridays)

Morning: 7am after 6.30am Eucharistic Celebration

Evening: 7pm after 6pm Eucharistic Celebration & Lenten Reflection at 6.45pm

City District

Penitential Service @ 8pm

❖ 9 Apr (Tue):

Church of St Michael

❖ 10 Apr (Wed):

Church of the Sacred Heart

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday: 13 Apr/14 Apr

5.30pm (English) (Sat sunset),
8am (Mandarin),

*10am & 5.30pm (English)

**There will be a procession around the church for the 10am Eucharistic Celebration starting from the grotto of the Sacred Heart.*

Maundy Thursday: 18 Apr

8.45pm (English)

Please note that there will be no Eucharistic Celebration at 6.30am and 6pm.

The Adoration Room will be closed from 7.30pm on Maundy Thursday to 7.30am on Easter Sunday.

Good Friday**: 19 Apr

Office of the Dead

7.45am

Good Friday Services

9am (Mandarin)

12noon and 3pm (English)

Stations of the Cross

2pm (English)

****The car park will be closed from**

12 noon to 3pm

Holy Saturday: 20 April

8pm (English) – We invite you to decorate your own candle and bring it for the celebration. We will be providing candles for those who do not have their own candle.

Easter Sunday: 21 April

8am (Mandarin, with Baptism)

10am & 5.30pm (English)

Vespers

4.30pm

Easter Octave Celebration

Witnessing in Communion

Come celebrate the Lord's Salvation with the community. This 8-day event will help forge our understanding of our faith and deepen our sense of community. The Octave celebrations will take place after the weekday evening Eucharistic Celebrations and the weekend Eucharistic Celebrations (English).

Day 1: 21 Apr, Sun

Theme: A community renewed and reignited

Day 2: 22 Apr, Mon

Theme: A healing community

Day 3: 23 Apr, Tues

Theme: A loving community

Day 4: 24 Apr, Wed

Theme: A Scripture-centred community

Day 5: 25 Apr, Thurs

Theme: A forming community – nurturing the individual

Day 6: 26 Apr, Fri

Theme: A community wanting to tell

Day 7: 27 Apr, Sat

Theme: A celebrating community

Day 8: 28 Apr, Sun

Theme: A witnessing community

