

Our Pilgrimage



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Liturgical Reflection

In today's Gospel, as the time approached "for him to be taken up", Jesus "resolutely turned his face towards Jerusalem". The word "taken up", literally translated from the Greek "*analempsis*", can refer to Jesus heading to Jerusalem, or being lifted up onto the cross, or ascending into heaven. Jesus clearly saw His suffering and death on the cross, but looks beyond it, and sees too the glory of His Resurrection. Many of us who desire to follow God will experience something similar – **that the only way out is through and the door is shaped like a cross.** But knowing that Jesus has walked the same path, and indeed now reveals to us the Way, we can choose to follow Him in joy and trust, or to reject Him, just as the Samaritan village did.

THE ONLY WAY OUT
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Desire to follow God?

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*'Your duty is to go
and spread the news of the
kingdom of God'*

Luke 9:60

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21
Responsorial Psalm: 15(16):1-2, 5, 7-11
Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18
Gospel: Luke 9:51-62



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)

Are we resolved to do God's will, even if it means enduring humiliation, shame and suffering, all for the sake of His name?

The main divergence between the Jews and the Samaritans was where they worshipped - Temple Mount in Jerusalem for the Jews and Mount Gerizim for the Samaritans. And so, hearing that Jesus was "making for Jerusalem", the Samaritan village refused their hospitality, even as Jesus had sent people ahead of him to make preparations and minimise the imposition. Here we see that Jesus faces rejection as He is resolved to do our Father's will. His disciples, James and John, ask permission to "call down fire from heaven to burn them up". **Have you, under the same pretence of defending God's honour, desired something similar? To destroy with violence those who oppose the message of the Gospel, to rebuke them in order to show them the Truth, and to take revenge on the insult they have paid to Jesus' name?** Justifiable as all these may be, they directly oppose the spirit of Jesus' ministry. He came not to condemn but to save,

"For God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but so that through him the world might be saved."

- John 3:17



Tax Collectors prostitutes Adulterous woman

Jesus' mission is not one of violence and revenge, but of peace and love. Preached in the Beatitudes and the parable of the Prodigal Son, and shown in His mercy to prostitutes, tax collectors and the adulterous woman, Jesus performs countless miracles of healing, drawing people to Him by the power of love, not of destruction.

Jesus has broken the cycle of violence. By bearing our sins for us on the cross, **He responds with love and forgiveness to the rejection of this world, and in doing so, sets us free.** Similarly, when we are confronted with an adversary, we can choose to conquer him with love. Instead of retaliation, we bring reconciliation. Instead of reacting in anger, we respond with a smile that brings peace.



It is only human to repay love with love and evil with evil - it certainly takes something greater to repay evil with love. We may prefer to stay in our comfort zones, tending our memories, past sins, unforgiveness, bad habits and old mentalities... but we have in ourselves the power to break out of the tired and worn grooves of our lives. **Love and forgive as Christ did, and you will find yourself liberated.** We are both the prisoner and the jailer, and Christ has come to set us free.

Liberated



Set Free!



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Liturgical Reflection (con't)



'Christian life is not a spa therapy "to be at peace until Heaven," but it calls us to go out into the world to proclaim that Jesus "became the sinner" to reconcile us with the Father.'

— Pope Francis (June 2013)



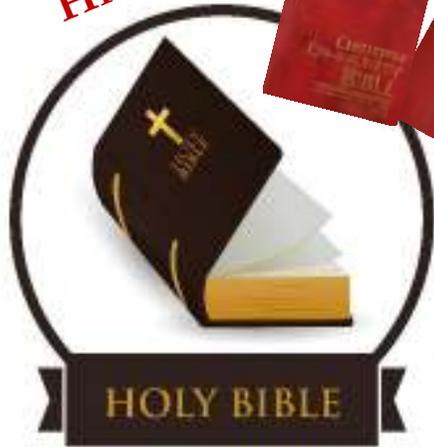
Today, we should examine our own following of Jesus and ask Him for the **grace to follow him faithfully, radical as it may seem. Let us never be afraid of committing ourselves to Jesus, but open our hearts to Him always.**

The choice to follow Jesus is in response to an invitation, not an imposition, and that's precisely why we follow Him. **The path Jesus leads us on is a path of love – a life in fullness, giving and receiving God's love.**

In faith, hope and love,
Patrick and Faith

The Power of His Word!

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Only at
Bible Awareness weekend
(13 - 14 Jul)



How have your perspectives changed?

Hear stories of how others have been transformed by the word of God and you too can grow in your faith through His Word!



At all Eucharistic Celebrations this weekend!

An illustration of a prayer card on a spiral-bound notepad. At the top, there is a cartoon of Jesus holding a red heart and a child holding a wooden cross with the word "Faithfully" written on it. The prayer text is written on the notepad. A yellow pencil is positioned at the bottom right of the notepad.

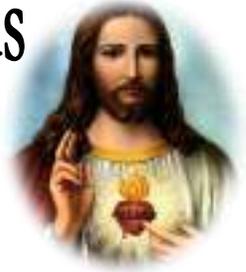
Jesus my saviour,
you gave up everything for me
Please help me to receive you in my heart and give myself entirely to you.
Amen.

Who Are My Role Models?

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

When: 28 June, 2019, Friday, 19 Days after Pentecost

History: First celebrated on 31 August 1670, in the major seminary of Rennes, France, through the efforts of Saint John Eudes. In 1856, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart was officially added to the liturgical calendar.



What can you do?

- Receive communion frequently
- Monthly confession
- Veneration of an image of His Sacred Heart
- Prayers and sacrifices offered out of love for Him and for the conversion of sinners.

Saint Peter & Paul

When: 29 June, 2019, Saturday

St Peter

Peter was originally known as Simon. Peter always took the leading role, exercising the office of chief shepherd that Christ had entrusted to him.

He died in Rome as a martyr, bound to a cross (67 A.D.).

Symbols: Two keys saltire; inverted cross; inverted cross and two keys saltire; crowing cock; fish; two swords;

St Paul

Paul, also known as Saul before his conversion. He spent his time doing missionary work, traveling through Asia Minor and then crossing over to Europe and founding churches at Philippi, Thessalonica (his favourite), Berea, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus and Spain.

Symbols: Book and sword, three fountains; two swords; scourge; serpent and a fire; armour of God; twelve scrolls with names of his Epistles; Phoenix; palm tree

Source: <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/12-promises-sacred-heart-of-jesus-2-6075>
<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=3069>
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2019-06-29>

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
filled with infinite love,
broken by my ingratitude,
pierced by my sins,
yet loving me still,
accept the consecration that I
make to You,
of all that I am and all that I
have.

Take every faculty of my soul
and body,
and draw me, day by day,
nearer and nearer to Your
Sacred Side,
and there, as I can bear the
lesson,
teach me Your blessed ways.

Amen.



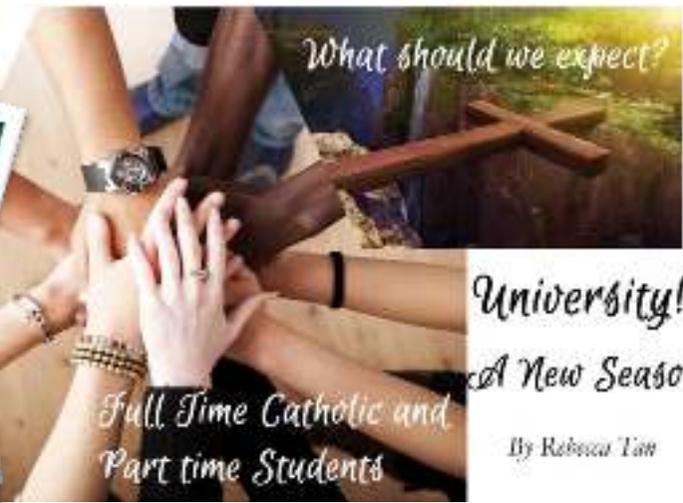
By *Justina Maria Sng*

Building Communities



Read the full stories online!
www.stmichael.catholic.sg

Ministries bonding over a walk in the park and a heritage photo walk!



Full Time Catholic and Part time Students

University!
A New Season

By Rebecca Tan

God gives us communities as a way to become more like him. We are put in relationships in order to encourage one another in our pursuit of God and his Kingdom. We are also each given a very specific role in the body of Christ and it is within these relationships that our roles can be used to glorify God to the fullest. At the same time, we need to learn to let our walls down and ask for help from our sisters and brothers in Christ- giving and also receiving God's love amongst each other. By being a part of a community, we not only have a deeper understanding of our faith but also build strong friendships.

Meeting Christ in the Poorest of Poor

an article by Rebecca Tan

While a proper house would cost about S\$20,000 and the monthly electricity bill works out to be about S\$5, many of these households make about S\$2 a month from the odd jobs that they undertake and can barely feed themselves, much less afford a proper house.

By Brian Barbabara Tan



Mass Followed by Prayers for Healing

Date: 6 Jul 2019

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Venue: Church of Sts Peter & Paul.

Celebrant: Fr Charlie Oasan

Organised by Praise@Work.

You are invited to join us for praise and worship and Mass followed by prayers for healing. After mass, prayer teams will be available to pray with you for healing. Please spread the word to your family and friends. All are welcome and no registration is needed.

CPS 2019 Lunchtime Talk WHAT IS ENOUGH?

What is enough to be pleasing to God? This talk will explore how to live the truth of the sacraments as Catholics and how to grow deeper in our relation with God the Father.

Speaker: Msgr Ambrose Vaz

Dates: Mondays 15 July, 22 July, 29 July, 5 August and 19 August (12.30pm to 1.15pm)

Venue: TPI Building 62 Cecil Street 6th

Floor

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/CPSWhatIsEnough>

An Evening of Prayer with the Songs of Taizé

1 Aug 2019 (Thur), 7.45pm to

9.30pm, Cathedral of the Good Shepherd.

Organised by:

Archdiocesan Catholic Council for Ecumenical Dialogue (ACCED) on

Theme: *Be Content With What You Have (Heb 13:5)*.

Open to all Christians and no prior registration required.

Do bring along Christians of various denominations to attend.

Light refreshments will be served after the prayer.

Archdiocesan Prayer Mission – Monthly Mass, Benediction, and Reflection

Our Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, as the Mother Church of our archdiocese has been praying for God's special protection, guidance and blessings on the many needs of our archdiocese.

This monthly Mass, Benediction and brief reflection begun in March this year.

The next one is on **Thursday 18 July at 7.30 pm**, in the Cathedral. We urge you to please give this important initiative of the Cathedral your support. For further details please phone the Cathedral office: Tel: 6337 2036.

New Evangelisation Conference 2019

Date: 27 Jul 2019

Time: 9.30am - 4pm

Venue: PSB Academy @ Marina Sq, 6 Raffles Blvd

Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation

Come and find out what evangelisation is and is not!

This conference will equip Catholics with new and innovative ways to tell others about Jesus.

Speakers include Rev Fr Terence Pereira & Rev Fr Gino Henriques, CSsR.

To register visit: www.one.org.sg/events



**“With God,
nothing is
impossible.”
Luke 1:37**

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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 Collections	\$6,639
Income for the month of April	\$55,425.42
Expenses for the month of April	\$78,388.91
Income for the month of May	\$59,439.60
Expenses for the month of May	\$57,073.90

Celebrant Schedule

Date	Eucharistic Celebration	Celebrant	Preacher
29 June	5.30 pm	Fr Terence	Fr Terence
30 June	10 am	Fr Terence	Fr Terence
30 June	5.30pm	Fr Augustine	Fr Terence
6 July	5.30 pm	Fr Augustine	Fr Terence
6 July	10 am	Fr Terence	Fr Terence
7 July	5.30pm	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.

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

Priests' Retreat 1 – 5 July 2019

Fr Terence, Fr John, and Fr Augustine will be away from 1 – 5 July for the archdiocesan annual Priests' Retreat.

There will be no Eucharistic Celebrations on these days. There will be only Communion Service at 6.30am and 6pm during these dates.

Please note that Eucharistic Celebrations are still available on these dates/times: 1 July, Monday at 6.30am and 5 July, Friday after Holy Hour at 8.30pm.

Wedding Bells

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 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.

RCIA (Eng) New Process

RCIA is looking for facilitators for the new process. If interested, please email: csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg.

"What the LORD requires of you: Only to love justice and to do goodness, and to walk humbly with your GOD."

Micah 6: 8



Holy Hour

5 July, Friday @ 7.30pm

Eucharistic Celebration @ 8.30pm

Come abide with the Lord. Let us open our hearts to listen to our God whom we adore.

Bible Awareness Sunday

14 July

Exclusively for the parishioners of Saint Michael's Church: Get a copy of the Bible at \$10 during the Bible Awareness Sunday weekend (one copy per person)!

Limited copies will be on sale after the Eucharist Celebrations on 13 and 14 July!

Bible Mondays

Father Terence will be teaching about Prophet Amos!

Dates: 15 Jul to 16 Sept, on Mondays

Time: 7.45pm to 9.45pm

Venue: Worship Hall

No registrations will be required. Bring your Bibles!

Evening Brew

19 July, Friday @ 7.30pm

Have a question about the Faith or Theology that needs quenching? Come you who are thirsty! Come and unpack your deepest queries over a cuppa (of tea).

Skillsfuture Advice @ Church of St. Michael

This session has been specially curated for the senior congregants of CSM and will give valuable insight into upgrading skills.

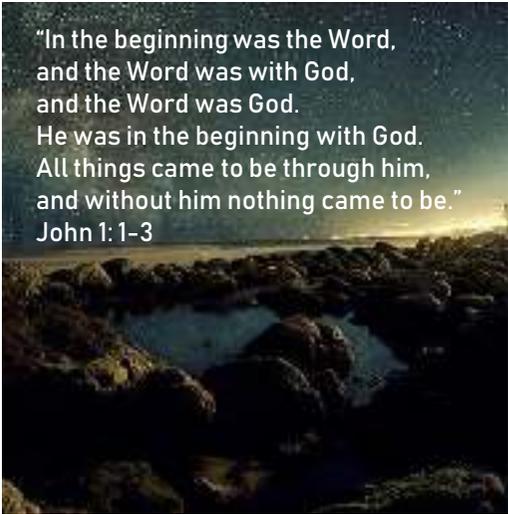
Date: 13 Aug, Tuesday

Time 10am to 11.45am

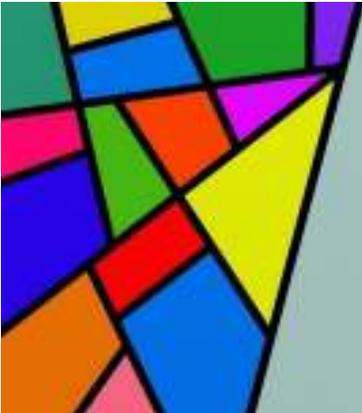
To register, please email:

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"The Word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart."
Hebrews 4:12



"In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be."
John 1: 1-3



Have you thought about it?

How would you like to make this a better parish?

Email us at: csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg