

Our Pilgrimage



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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Reflection

In last week's Gospel reading, we saw how Jesus set out for Jerusalem, resolving to do the Father's will at all cost. If we have similarly resolved ourselves now to follow Christ, today's reading gives us our mission, with detailed instructions and encouragement in abundance.

The Lord sends us out in pairs (Luke 10:1), reminding us to strengthen and encourage each other in our mission, and sends us out with a prayer, to "ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to do his harvesting" (Luke 10:2). Harvest-time is a time of urgency, for there is only a narrow window of time when the crop can be harvested without loss.

The harvest metaphor is used here to help us see as God sees - not only how rich the harvest is, but also how urgent the work is. How great the multitude of souls - precious and beyond price - which yearn to know Him. And what a catastrophe it would be, if we missed the time of harvest. Truly, more labourers are required to join this worthy task.

As labourers in the Lord's vineyard, what an awesome labour of love has the Lord entrusted to us - to carry the message of His love and mercy to the world.



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*'The Lord appointed 72 others
and sent them out ahead of him,
in pairs'*

Luke 10:4

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: 65(66):1-7,16,20

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12,17-20



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)

We are reminded of this privileged responsibility at the end of every mass, when the priest commissions us in his concluding prayer to **“Go forth, the mass is ended, go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.”**

**Do we respond to this call?
Who has Jesus entrusted you to preach His message of love and mercy to?**



We are sent ahead of the Lord, to **preach that the “Kingdom of God is very near”** (Luke 10:9). Like “lambs among wolves”, we are to **carry “no purse, no haversack, no sandals”** (Luke 10:4). **Bringing only God’s peace with us**, we trust in the hospitality of those we visit, and demonstrate utter dependence on the Lord’s providence.



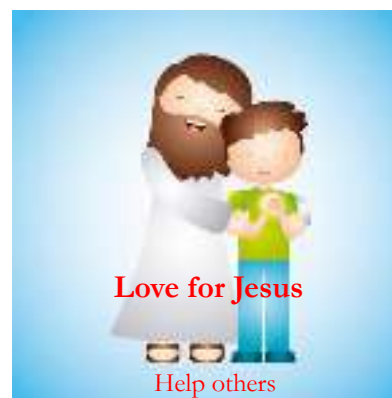
Yet, imbued with a sense of urgency, we “salute no one on the road” (Luke 10:4), not to be rude or unfriendly, but to avoid being distracted from our primary mission. Our work is of the Kingdom of God.

Barred from preaching in the synagogues, Jesus’ disciples usually preached in private homes where they were made welcome. Jesus asks that we “stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer” (Luke 10:7), and “eat what is put before [us]” (Luke 10:8).

By staying in the same house, and eating at the same table, we share the lives of those whom we preach to, thus entering into a relationship with them.



This is in contrast to the Pharisees, who in observing the rituals regarding the preparation and consumption of food, would carry money to provide for themselves and eat separately from the others. Just as Jesus rebuked the Pharisee for observing ritual purity at the expense of “justice and the love of God” (Luke 11:37-44), Jesus teaches us a different way – that **it is better for us to have inner purity in our relationship with God and be in communion with our brothers and sisters, than to be scrupulous about traditions.** Here it is useful for us to recall the common saying:



In essentials, unity

In doubtful matters, liberty

In all things, Charity

Jesus also commissioned us to “cure those [in it] who are sick” (Luke 10:9), for healing best characterises the power of Jesus – not that of strength and might, but that of love and mercy. It is not enough for us to simply **help our brothers and sisters in need**; it is also important for us to share that it is **our love of Jesus that motivates our actions.**

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Liturgical Reflection (con't)

For having first been touched in a material way by our help, they may in turn desire to draw closer to Jesus, who is Love Himself. Miracles of healing are the best testimony that the Kingdom of God is near – for, our actions, motivated by our faith, witness powerfully to our love for God, and in turn, God's love for His people.

The Church has been entrusted to spread the essential message of the Gospel - peace, justice, forgiveness, healing. Faithful to Her mission over the centuries, as members of the Church, now is **our** time to witness to the Gospel's message.



While Jesus is clear that His disciples will face difficulty and dangers in their mission, yet there too is a certain joy experienced in doing God's work.

We see that the disciples "came back rejoicing", saying "even the devils submit to us when we use your name" (Luke 10:17).

What is God's will for you?

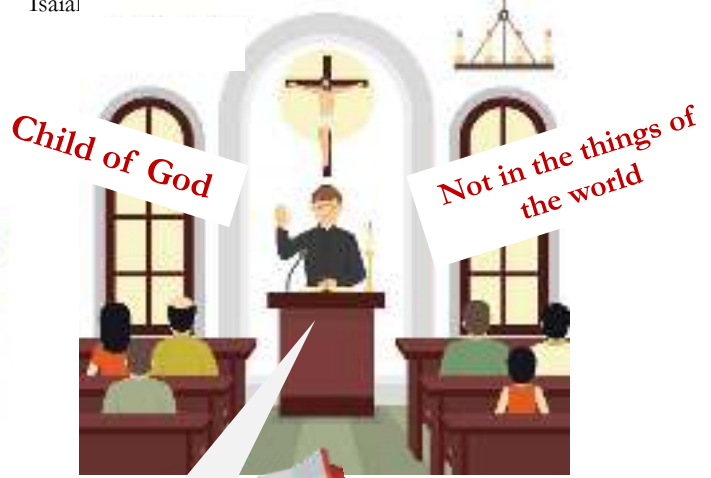
What obstacles do you face in doing God's will?

*Setting off in faith and hope,
Jovian and Faith*



Consecration of family to the Sacred Heart

We must derive our joy first and foremost from our identity as a child of God, not in the things of the world which we do. **Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.**" May we, children of God, respond as the prophet Isaias



Here I am, send me!

Isiah 6:8

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(13 - 14 Jul)



Children's day weekend

Recently, we had a whale of a time at Bintan for a 4D3N family camp. Through the bonding activities within our very own family and as a big CSM family, many of us were touch by the love of God through the experiences that we had. Enjoy reading these sharings of our brothers and sisters which will inspire you to join us next year!





The family camp was good, we had a great time during the water activities and the durian session on the last day. As usual, Father Terence's sessions are good and many couples acknowledged that we need to do more for our spouse.

- David Lee

Family that prays together stays together.
Only God alone and His abundant grace can hold a family together in harmony and n selfless giving in loving care and concern.

- Gloria Khoo



We see a lot of "Love thy neighbour like thyself"
scenarios in this family camp.
And we know that these kindness surely originates from
God.

- Selvan & Heather



The Family Camp was very inspiring, entertaining and helped new families to bond with other parishioners. I am thankful to Fr. Terence for giving us a wake up call to 'read the word of god - The Bible" and I have started doing so!

- Rohini



2019 Family Camp

Instant Done!

By Melliana

Primary 1 Registration under Phase 2B (22 and 23 July 2019)

Priority for registration under Phase 2B is for a child of a baptised Catholic parent. The parent's baptism certificate is required at the point of registration under Phase 2B for primary 1 admission. In the event that the baptism certificate is not in English, the Church and the school reserve the right to request the parent to submit a baptism certificate that is translated into English, and certified by your parish priest in Singapore or a notary public.

A Call to Teach in a Catholic School

Attention all MOE educators! If you are interested to heed the call to teach in a Catholic School, or if you want to receive news and resources about Catholic education, do join our mailing list by filling up the form accessible via the QR code below.

In line with the MOE Open Posting Exercise, the Archdiocesan Commission for Catholic Schools (ACCS) has compiled a list of vacancies in our Catholic schools in 2020. ACCS will email you the instructions to access this list from 1 July 2019 onwards. Do note that this list will be updated with new consequential vacancies on 17 July 2019 to facilitate your application via MOE HRMS between 1 July 2019 to 23 July 2019.



Combined Ministries Retreat

Date: 09 & 10 August 2019

Time: 9.30am - 4.30pm for both days

Venue: SJI Junior, 3 Essex Rd, S309331

Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation and Gloria Patri Ministries

Are you ready to open the door as soon as the Master comes and knocks?

Come and encounter the Lord as one community!

This retreat is open to all EMHC, Choirs, Lectors, Wardens, and SCC/NCC in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Singapore.

You are highly encouraged to register as a community.

To register visit: bit.ly/onecmr2019



Quieting the Soul, Chiang Mai 2019

by Cenacle Sisters and Team

A silent 8 or 5-day retreat set in the beautiful environment of the Seven Fountains Retreat Center in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Three choices of dates (includes travel time) :

- 1) 8 days - 29 Nov - 8 Dec. 2019
- 2) 5 days - 2 Dec - 8 Dec. 2019
- 3) 5-days – 8 February – 14 February, 2020

Closing registration date: 31 August 2019
Contact the Cenacle Sisters at 9298-5808 / 6565-2895,

email: cenaclesingapore@gmail.com

website: <http://www.catholic.org.sg/cenacle>.

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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 Collections
(for Peter's Pence)

\$6,553

Celebrant Schedule

Date	Eucharistic Celebration	Celebrant	Preacher
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
13 July	5.30 pm	Fr Augustine	Fr Terence
14 July	10 am	Fr Terence	Fr Terence
15 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

NCC Visits to McNair Zone

Kindly take note that the Neighbourhood Christian Communities (NCC) will be coordinating priests' visits to those in the McNair neighbourhood from 10 July to 31 July. It is our hope to have you open your doors to these visits by our priests.

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: esm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg

RCIA (Eng) New Process

RCIA is looking for facilitators for the new process. If interested, please email: esm.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

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Fr John will be conducting Faith Formation sessions on the Catechism of the Catholic Church every **Thursday** beginning from **11 Jul at 9.30am** in **St. Michael's Room**

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).

Sports Carnival

12 Aug, Mon

Time: 8.15am to 2.00pm (Lunch is included)

Come and join us at the CSM Sports Carnival as "ONE BODY, Many Parts" 1 Corinthians 12:12

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

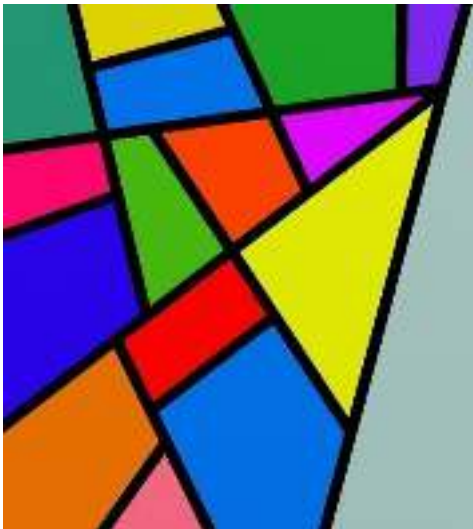
Time 10am to 11.45am

To register, please email:

csm.admin@catholic.org.sg



"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



Have you thought about it?

How would you like to make this a better parish?

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