

# Our Pilgrimage



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## Liturgical Reflection

Today's Gospel reading speaks of the parables of a lost sheep, a lost coin, and a prodigal son. **These parables emphasize the significance and value that God places on every lost sinner. He and His angels rejoice over any one soul who repents.**

**How many times have you been the prodigal son or daughter?**



That is what God is like, always longing and waiting for our love. That love, care concern and mercy of God for us is expressed beautifully in Psalm 139,

“O Lord, you search me and you know me, You know my resting and my rising, You discern my purpose from afar. You mark when I walk or lie down, all my ways lie open to you. Before ever a word is on my tongue, You know it, O Lord, through and through. Behind and before you besiege me, Your hand is ever laid upon me. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, Too high, beyond my reach. O where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your face? If I climb the heavens, you are there. If I lie in the grave, you are there. If I take the wings of the dawn and dwell at the sea's furthest end, even there your hand would lead me, Your right hand would hold me fast.”



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*“There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.”*

*Luke 15:7*

**First Reading:** Exodus 32:7-11,13-14  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-13,17,19  
**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-32



### 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)

What about the older son's reaction to his younger brother coming home? This son who never left, is just like the Pharisees and Scribes who feel that they are righteous. He refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. **When we are lost, God does not wait for our return. God actively seeks us out.**

**With the mercy of God, the repentant sinner is back where he belongs – in the love of God. We rejoice in this and God rejoices in our happiness with him.**

Father & Prodigal Son



Brother

## Be merciful as God is merciful

‘In the parables devoted to mercy, Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcomes rejection with compassion and mercy. In these parables, God is always presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon’ (Pope Francis)

The merciful love revealed in today's parables is made visible and real in Jesus' life. He, like the shepherd, never fails to go out and look for the lost ones who had fallen away. He, like the woman, never stops rejoicing when one repentant sinner comes back to God. Jesus is nothing but love that is compassionate and patient.

If we can be grateful for mercy in our lives, then we will rejoice for mercy shown to others. Mercy heals desires for revenge and lessening anger. Then we are sharing in the joy of Jesus. ‘It is the beating heart of the gospel’ (Pope Francis).



Welcome back, child! There are no sin so great that I cannot forgive.

*With a grateful heart,  
Terry Yee*

*Layout: Melliana*

*“Christ Jesus came into  
the world to save  
sinners. Of these I am  
the foremost.”  
1 Timothy 1:15*

# Catholic Education in Singapore

**“Catholic education is more than helping our students to get good grades or to compete for entry to the best schools. Our young people are looking for something more, something that is all encompassing. They seek for those things that can truly give them meaning and purpose in living a fulfilling life. Catholic education seeks to give them a holistic education for life and love; not just for a career, not just for tomorrow, not even for this life on earth only but for eternal life. The best education we can give, therefore, is an education for life and love. This is the greatest gift we can give to our children. It is the best investment for life here on earth and for eternity. Such a kind of education will determine their well-being and happiness.” – Archbishop William Goh**

Fr. Jean-Marie Beurel, MEP arrived in Singapore in 1839. Fr. Beurel was instrumental in setting up the Catholic Church and Catholic Schools in Singapore.



On the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 1852, 6 Brothers of the Christian Schools, together with 4 Sisters from the Congregation of the Charitable Sisters of the Holy Infant Jesus of St Maur alighted on the shores of Singapore. 3 Brothers with the Sisters, went on to Penang, while the other 3 Brothers remained in Singapore. An English-medium mission school was set up for boys. This eventually became St. Joseph’s Institution (SJI).



The first English-medium Catholic school for girls was established by the IJ Sisters on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 1854. Due to its location, it became known as the Town Convent. The religious ran the school, while the MEP ran the adjacent orphanage.

St. Anthony's Convent, Singapore,  
1884—1918.



On 20<sup>th</sup> November 1936, the Brothers of St. Gabriel arrived in Singapore. They were given jurisdiction of Holy Innocent English School, which later became Montfort School in 1937.



In 1950, the Marist Brothers arrived in Singapore. They were to run Catholic High School.

In 1959, the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary founded a Chinese school for girls – Hai Sing Girls High School. This eventually became co-ed and was renamed Hai Sing Catholic school in 1999.

In 1975, Catholic Junior College is set up to provide pre-university education by the Catholic religious orders.



The Canossian Daughters of Charity arrived on 11<sup>th</sup> December 1894. They took over the running of St. Anthony Girls School in 1895.



Brothers - 1953

In 1939, the Good Shepherd Sisters arrived in Singapore.

In 1942, Singapore became occupied by the Japanese military forces. The religious who were stationed here, were seconded to labour camps, to Bahau, and to work along the Death Railway.

Post-war:

In the years 1945 to 1947, the Good Shepherd Sisters set up Good Shepherd Convent. This was set up to educate girls who were affected by the war. This was to be known as Marymount convent School.



In 1948, the Brothers of St. Gabriel set up Boys' Town to cater to the needs of the underprivileged. Shortly after, St. John's Trade School was set up. This would eventually become Assumption Pathway. To cater to the academic needs of the orphans in Boys' Town, St. John's English School was set up. This would eventually become Assumption English School.

*Compiled by Brian Bartholomew Tan  
Source: Catholic.sg*

# Students' Reflections

## Studying in a Catholic School is Important to me...

I love the weekly Tuesday Mass in school because Fr. Cornelius really explains very clearly each part of the Mass and Mass becomes very meaningful. It is also wonderful because we always remember to thank and praise God before we do anything and before any celebrations.

- Megan Geofran, P5

Previously, I was in a non-Catholic school and they did have different values but they never got deep into me and I never really took them to heart. At Marymount, the values come to life because I see them lived out by all in the school. Many stories and examples are cited daily to inculcate the values in us. I try my best to be a shining light to others, in line with our school motto 'God is our Light'.

~ Alessia, P5

Being in a Catholic school, I've learnt to thank God for everything I have. I've also learnt to seek God's guidance before doing anything. I also love the weekly Children's Adoration sessions during recess. I love spending this time in the presence of Jesus.

- Olivia, P4

Through daily prayers and reflections, we ask God to watch over us throughout the day. It is so wonderful to start the day with God.

Marymount has also taught me values and morals, and how to carry myself as a convent girl. There is just something about convent girls that I cherish and am proud of.

~ Sem Euna, P5

I love the daily Sacred Time at 12 noon. We get to be silent during this time and listen to bible stories and real-life examples of how our values are lived. Everyone keeps silent, including the non-Catholics. This is a time for me to be silent and be in God's presence right in the middle of the day when everything is getting so busy and noisy

- Kaitlyn, P4

Marymount has inspired me to serve God and be thankful for all he has given us. That is why I've started to pray every morning and night for safety and I always thank God for blessing me. I started doing this only after coming to Marymount.

- Anniela, P4

## Teacher and Parent Reflections

"I always thank God for giving me a Catholic environment to work in, where I can live out my faith and impart knowledge of my faith to my pupils and even my colleagues. It is very encouraging when non-Catholic colleagues come up to me to say that they felt so encouraged, touched or just love the daily 12 noon sacred time reflection. It is a grace to be able to experience God-encounters through the children in our school, as well as to be able to seek God, as a community, in all we do on a daily basis."

- Mrs Geraldine Robert



"A child is both intellectual and spiritual, and sending my daughter to a Catholic school gives me comfort that she is acquiring knowledge and experience in its entirety. The values extolled in a Catholic school environment is our faith in action. To be able to know and experience God as part of our every day, not exclusive to selected time and season, is something very precious and essential to me."

- Melissa Heng, Parent of P1 MCS girl

# Catholic Education Sunday 2019

*Theme: Many Gifts, One Mission*

## About Catholic Education Sunday

*The Archdiocese has designated 15 September 2019 as Catholic Education Sunday. The aim of Catholic Education Sunday (CES) is to underscore the importance of School-Church-Home partnerships in delivering a unique Catholic education where Christ is the centre of all we do. The theme of Catholic Education Sunday 2019 is "Many Gifts, One Mission".*



## **PRAYER** for our **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

*Composed by HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM GOH*

Heavenly Father, You formed us in Your image and likeness, to give You glory. Bless our Catholic schools, that they may raise gracious men and women of integrity and compassion.

Jesus, You enlightened, inspired and taught with authority. Guide our teachers whom You have entrusted with this vocation of formation. Grant them love, wisdom and patience, and strengthen them in their struggles.

Pour forth Your Holy Spirit to empower all teachers to nurture their students to their fullest potential, to be the unique individuals that God has created them to be. May all students be docile to formation, imbibe knowledge and values and use their gifts for the service of humanity.

Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother and all patron saints, may our Catholic schools flourish to be sanctuaries for all students to thrive and learn in harmony, growing in full measure to be the salt and light of the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# Marymount Convent School

*This Sunday, the staff and pupils of Marymount Convent School, a Catholic mission school, are here to celebrate Catholic Education Sunday. We would like to share more about Marymount Convent School and the importance of a Catholic education.*



**Vision:** Ladies of Compassion, Eloquence and Intellect with God as Our Shepherd

**Mission:** Empowering Lives, Restoring Rights, and Upholding Dignity

**“One Person is of More Value than the Whole World”**

*This philosophy of our foundress, St Mary Euphrasia, guides all we do in Marymount Convent School, which is a Catholic mission girls school under the Good Shepherd Congregation.*

*We also live by the school motto: God is our Light*

*Foundress:*

*St Mary Euphrasia Pelletier,*

*Founder of the Good Shepherd Order*

## Activities for Pupils



*Weekly Mass and school Mass to commemorate opening of the school year, Foundress Day, National Day and Thanksgiving at the end of the year*



*Learning more about our Mother Foundress on Foundress' Day*

**Values-In-Action for all pupils; regardless of age, we all have something to contribute**



*Morning prayer, Hymn-singing, Daily Mid-Day Sacred Time Reflection, After-recess prayer and rosary recitation in May and October and much more...*



*Light Ceremony to mark the beginning of the school year – passing on of light to one and all at school*



*We are constantly reminded that we are in the presence of God, with many places in school for prayer and reflection.*

# Activities for Staff

Formation Talks for Teacher Catechists, Prayer and Worship sessions, Reflections and many more ...



*Learning Journeys to Novena Church, Cathedral of the Good Shepherd and our Motherhouse in Anger, France*



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# Feast Day 2019

25 – 29 Sep, 2019

25 Sep, Wed  
Know the Word



Eucharistic Celebration  
Faith Formation  
Praise & Worship

25 – 27 Sep, Wed to Fri  
7.30pm to 10pm



26 Sep, Thu  
Live the Word



## Prophetic People



27 Sep, Fri  
Speak the Word



Feast Day Fair

Performances

Workshops

Food

Games

29 Sep, Sun  
9am – 2pm

29 Sep, Sun  
7pm - late

Showcase your talents & gifts from God our father!

Register your interest NOW!

### Feast Day 2019 Theme: Prophetic People

A priestly, prophetic, and royal people

Jesus Christ is the one whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit and established as priest, prophet, and king. The whole People of God participates in these three offices of Christ and bears the responsibilities for mission and service that flow from them (CCC 783)

By Julianne Danielle Lim



## GIFT Generously

Next weekend, **14/15 September**, being the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges and contributions for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign to support the organisations and projects of the archdiocese. Every Catholic is encouraged to sign up for a pledge to help with continued support for the numerous archdiocesan organisations needed for the mission of the church. More info is available at [gift.catholicfoundation.sg](http://gift.catholicfoundation.sg)

## New Wine Conference 2019

**Date:** 21 September 2019

**Time:** 9.30am - 4pm

**Venue:** St Joseph's Institution  
3 Essex Rd S309331

**Organised by:** Office for the

Are you involved in the Parish Ministry or Small Christian Community?

This conference is for you. Come & discover new ways to build a more vibrant, evangelistic, and missionary Church in Singapore!

Register now at [bit.ly/nwc19](http://bit.ly/nwc19)

## Monster in Every Room

*Arming you and your Child with tools to resist PORN*

**Date:** 9 Oct 2019 (Wed)

**Time:** 7.00pm - 9.30pm

**Venue:** 55, Waterloo Street, Level 3, S187954

**Cost:** \$10 per pax\*

**Target audience:** Parents and those who work with children

**Register:** [bit.ly/mer\\_oct](http://bit.ly/mer_oct)

\* Please note that upon confirmation of your order for Ticket/s, no refund on Ticket/s will be made under any circumstances.

For further enquiries, please contact Jacinda at +65 6488 0278 or email to [education@familylife.sg](mailto:education@familylife.sg)

- Shedding light on the monstrous porn industry that can enter every room and mind
- How pornography cripples our children
- Why pornography is so attractive
- Porn: the cunning third party – married couples beware!

## Vacancy for Part-time Admin Staff

The Professional Standards Office is looking for part-time administrative staff to work from Monday to Friday from 9am to 1pm. Those interested, please apply to [psa.secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:psa.secretariat@catholic.org.sg)

## Fire Tested Gold: Living with Depression in the Light of Faith

**Date & Time:** 11 Oct 8 pm - 13 Oct 1 pm

**Venue:** Montfort Centre, 622 Upp Bukit Timah Road S678117

**Contribution:** \$300

Please register at [www.cenaclemission.com](http://www.cenaclemission.com)

**DRAFT**

designed for those who suffer from depression, as well as those who take care of them. Living with this oft-debilitating condition through prayer, reflection and faith-sharing, the participants will be led to see depression not only as a medical condition to be dealt with through proper medical and therapeutic interventions, but also as a vehicle of God's healing mercy and faithfulness. Like fire-tested gold, their faith will become stronger when the experience of depression is integrated within the greater context of their life as a whole, in the light of the God Who has never left them to suffer alone. By Sr. Cecille Tuble, rc.

## Personality Self-Portrait

**Date & Time:** 18 Oct 8 pm - 20 Oct 1 pm

**Venue:** Montfort Centre, 622 Upp Bukit Timah Road S678117

**Contribution:** \$300

Please register at [www.cenaclemission.com](http://www.cenaclemission.com)

A weekend retreat to learn about one's Personality Self-Portrait (PSP) which is the newest personality system developed by Dr. John Oldham, M.D., former President of the American Psychiatric Association. It presents 14 personality styles that explain why you think, work, love and act the way you do. The PSP is now a widely accepted and highly respected tool in business, research, psychotherapy and educational settings, and it can help you understand your personality and teach you how to modify those aspects of your character that may be keeping you from reaching your full potential. By Sr. Cecille Tuble, rc.

## Contact Us

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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.7)

## Parish Collection

Weekend Collections \$5,561

## Celebrant Schedule

Date	Eucharistic Celebration	Celebrant	Preacher
14 Sept	5.30 pm	Fr John	Fr John
15 Sept	10 am	Fr John	Fr John
15 Sept	5.30pm	Fr John	Fr John
21 Sept	5.30 pm	Fr Terence	Fr Terence
22 Sept	10 am	Fr Terence	Fr Terence
22 Sept	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**  
6.45pm,  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## In the Community

### Priest on Leave

Fr Augustine will be on leave from 8 to 21 September 2019

### Wed Morning Bible Study

Fr Augustine will resume Wednesday morning bible study sessions on 2 October.

### RCIA (English) New Process

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

### Evening Brew 20 September, Fri

Evening Brew is here again. Come and relax with drinks and be enlightened by the answers to your questions. Send your questions to the Parish Admin Office.

Email: [csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg)

### Parish Cleaning Day 21 September, Sat

We are inviting you to step forward to come clean our Father's house in preparation for our Feast Day. Let us have breakfast together at 7am and we flow into songs to warm up before we clean. Please do register with the Parish Admin Office.

### 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

We welcome Syrus Ng Yi Cheng and Esther Yong Jie En to the CSM community. May we continue as God's children growing in holiness in His family.

Next Infant Baptism - 1st Saturday of 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](mailto:csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg)

## St. Michael's Feast Day Celebrations

Theme: Prophetic People

### Three Days Triduum

Dates: 25 to 27 Sep 2019 Day 1 – Know the Word

Time: 7.30pm to 10pm Day 2 – Live the Word

Speaker: Fr. Simon Pereira, CSSR Day 3 – Speak the Word

There will be fellowship every night ♦ Light refreshments will be provided.

### Feast Day Eucharistic Celebration

Date: 29 Sep 2019, Sun

Time: 10am

Main Celebrant: Fr. Gerard Louis, CSSR

### St. Michael's Feast Day Fair

Date: 29 Sep 2019, Sun

Time: 9am to 2pm

### St. Michael's Feast Day Dinner

Date: 29 Sep 2019, Sun

Time: 7pm to 10pm



You are invited to register for the celebration.

[Click to Register](#) or scan the QR code:

Let us celebrate our Feast Day by showcasing and sharing the talents and gifts given by God our Father as ONE community in Christ. If you have a specialty dish that your family and friends love to eat, or if you or your kids enjoy performing magic, singing, dancing or storytelling, come share with your fellow sisters and brothers in Christ at our St Michael's Fair from 9am to 2pm. Let us know in the registration form!

### Feast Day Celebrations Artwork

Calling for children to submit a piece of artwork related to our patron saint, St. Michael, or our Church either a drawing or a craftwork. To be displayed during the Feast Day.

Deadline for submission is 22 Sep, Sun to the Parish Admin Office.

**Crossings Café** congratulates us on our upcoming Feast Day celebrations in September.

Crossings Cafe would like to join in the celebration and offer all our parishioners a 15% discount off the food bill (excluding drinks) when you dine with them. The offer is valid during the entire month of September 2019. To enjoy this offer, just mention our Church. Located at Catholic Centre on Waterloo Street, Crossings is a social enterprise cafe started by a group of Catholics. They provide employment to the disadvantaged and are committed to donating all profits to charity.