

# Our Pilgrimage



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21<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Liturgical Reflection

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Luke in today's gospel reminds us once again in Lk 13:22 that Jesus was INTENTIONALLY going to Jerusalem. Jesus knew that he was on his way to complete the will of his Father. The prospect of his impending death loomed in front of him. It did not bother him. He obediently continued on PREACHING to the people, to those who do not know Him, to those who are in need of salvation.

Someone in the crowd then ask Jesus: "Sir, will there be only a few saved?" Jesus did not answer the man's question directly. Instead, Jesus said: "Try your best to enter by the NARROW gate, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed." What is Jesus trying to say to us? I believe it is about our salvation. That salvation requires our great effort. That salvation requires our urgent and immediate attention.

Fulfil Father's Will?  
Proclaim God's Word?



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Proclaim  
God's Word?

Yes! Yes! Yes!

Jesus



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Us

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'The Last Shall Be  
The First And The  
Last'

Luke 13:22

**First Reading:** Isiah 66:18-21

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 116(117)

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

**Gospel:** Luke 13:22-30



### 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)

Salvation is for everyone. The redemption is universal. This is what was foretold by Isaiah as we read in the 1st reading, "I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory ... they will proclaim my glory to the nations." This is a calling of all peoples to faith and salvation. **All mankind has a vocation to return to heaven.** This is what we have been brought into the world for.



Salvation is a free gift, given by grace through faith. Jn 14:6 tells us that "Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except by Him." **Is simply receiving Jesus into our hearts enough to justify our passing through the narrow gate? Faith without good works or great efforts will not give us a free passage.** James 2:14 reminds us, "How does it help, my brothers, when someone who has never done a single good act claims to have faith? Will that faith bring salvation?" Faith by itself, if not accompanied by action, is dead (James 2:17).



Jesus says, "STRIVE to enter", struggle to enter. You need to work hard at it. This is the attitude we should have towards our salvation and Jesus also says, "many will try to enter and will not succeed." Do not assume that all is well because we are faithful people, because we have participated in Holy Eucharist, have listened to His teachings, are present in church everyday, to think we have done our job. This could be a tragic misunderstanding.



The 2nd reading points out that "we should lift up our drooping hands and strengthen our trembling knees, and make straight paths for our feet, so that what is lame may not be put completely out of joint but rather be healed." It is a call for us to live an exemplary life with our conduct and with our charity, encouraging those who are wavering and weak.



# Liturgical Reflection (con't)

There are so many people who have yet to encounter Christ. They could be within our family, among our friends and colleagues, people that we meet everyday. They may have heard the good news but in reality they still do not know Jesus intimately as John the Baptist tell us in Jn 1:26 "Among you stands one whom you do not know". Who will bring the message of God's love to them? We have a part to play in God's redemptive work. The one who decides to follow Christ, becomes then a disciple with the responsibility of helping others find the narrow door that leads to heaven. All of us as children of God, whatever our age or background, are called to bear witness to Christ. To draw people to our Lord does not require us to do anything spectacular.

Simply by putting our faith into practice, by being always cheerful, putting all our difficulties aside, be ready to assist someone to go for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, helping people to see the wonders of following the way of the Lord. These are but some simple steps we could do to share God's redemptive love with others. As we journey towards our Jerusalem, do not let the nitty gritty of life stop us from sharing our faith. Let our end-goal be steadfast to bring Jesus to the world.

We may sometimes want to ask if the people who knows us can recognise us as disciples of Christ. Can we be seen to be a 'child of God', that God's salvation is deep-rooted in our hearts



*With Love and Gratitude  
Margie Choo*

*Layout: Melliana*



*For those that was not able to attend the session for 17 August.*

*There is 1 more session on 24 August. Do come join us and learn more!*

# 1 Hour Lunch Time?

Got 45 mins?



There are just some days, all we want to do is to space out during lunch and imagine we are somewhere else instead of the workplace! But what could we do to "go for a short get-away"? Let's get creative and drift away to our Lord!



## Ways to spend 45 minutes with our Lord at lunch

### Read or Watch a movie!

We could take our minds off work and switch into something completely different- instead of any of the drama episodes on Netflix, we could fill our minds and hearts with God's word through different resources, all on- demand.

- Archbishop's daily scripture reflection: [catholic.sg/archbishop/scripture-reflection](http://catholic.sg/archbishop/scripture-reflection)
- Roman Catholic Archdiocese of SG: [youtube.com/user/CatholicsSg](https://youtube.com/user/CatholicsSg)
- Formed: [formed.org](http://formed.org)



Grab a comfortable chair, choose a relaxing view or even take a walk in nature! We could pray with an app or a prayer card with raised beads if it is more comfortable.



### Forming Relationships

We could not only network with our stakeholders but also with other fellow Catholics (and Christians) over lunch. Sharing stories of the blessings from the Lord and the struggles to be more Christ- like, could really recharge our souls. Invites a fellow Christian (s) to lunch once a month and let's see how our workplace could transform to be more a loving and a welcoming place.



For more ways to spend the lunch time? Check out: [cps.org.sg](http://cps.org.sg)

By Julianne Danielle Lim

*Let's Make This a Great Parish!*

# Parish Assembly 2019

25 Aug 2019

What would you like to see more of in our parish?

Time: 9am to 3pm

Venue: Agape Village

*With Eucharistic Celebration celebrated at 9am. Refer to the announcement for more details*

Here are my ideas!



My participation matters!



I'm here to listen!

I want to be countered!



In what ways has the parish helped you with your relationship with Jesus?

How would you like the parish community be in 2 to 3 years time?

What activities have you participated in?

How has the parish helped you witness your faith to others?

How has the Eucharistic Celebration impacted your life?

What unique activities would you like in our parish?

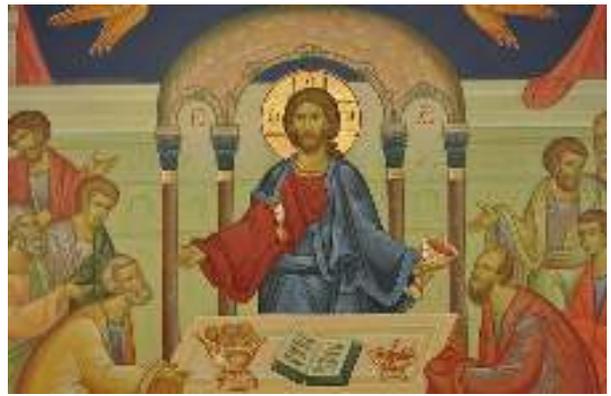
What would you like to see change in our parish?



**'Faith is strengthened when  
it is given to others!'**

**- St. John Paul II**

**Tell others about Jesus.**



## **The next Landings programme**

will be available in the following parishes from September:

13 Sep – 29 Nov - Cathedral of the Good Shepherd  
16 Sep – 2 Dec - Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

We invite Catholics seeking a reconnection with the Faith and those interested in this ministry to participate in this 10-week programme. Interested participants will need to register. Registration closes on **2 Sep 2019**.

Please email [returning@landings.org.sg](mailto:returning@landings.org.sg) or find out more at [www.landings.org.sg](http://www.landings.org.sg).

## **Novena Youth Rally 2019**

Finding Stillness Amidst the Rising Tides

**Date:** 2 Sep 2019

**Time:** 7pm

**Venue:** Novena Church

Calling all youths! Dive Deep! Join us at the Novena Youth Rally! Bring your friends along to experience the stillness of God's presence.

## **Love Life Conference**

**Date:** 27 Sep 2019 (Friday)

**Time:** 7.15pm - 9.45pm (Registration and dinner will begin at 6.30 pm)

**Venue:** Lifelong Learning Institute  
Level 2, Lecture Theatre  
11 Eunos Rd 8, S(408601)

**Cost:** FOC (Love offerings are welcome)

**Register:** [bit.ly/lic\\_mail](http://bit.ly/lic_mail)

Understand the essentials of Life. Hear about the legal, medical and emotional aspects relating to the beginning of life, the options that all mothers have and the impact of abortion. Experts in the related field present and discuss Life.

## **Celebrating Life Together 2019**

**Date:** 14 Sep 2019, Sat

**Time:** 10am to 4pm

**Venue:** Agape Village

Mamre Oaks Ltd is organising a **Conference and Tea Dance**, especially for parents and caregivers of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)

**Free admission and open to public Please register at:**

<https://www.eventbrite.sg/e/celebrating-life-together-2019-registration-62468434770>

or call 68017476 / email

to "[admin@mamreoaks.sg](mailto:admin@mamreoaks.sg)" for more queries.

## **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\*

**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

Equip you to tackle this devastating cancer

Porn: the cunning third party – married couples beware!

**Target audience:** Parents and everyone who works with children

## Contact Us

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**Parish Secretariat** (ext. 1)

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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

\$6,682

## Celebrant Schedule

Date	Eucharistic Celebration	Celebrant	Preacher
24 Aug	5.30 pm	Fr Terence	Fr Terence
25 Aug	10 am	Fr Francis Leong	Fr Francis Leong
25 Aug	5.30pm	Fr John	Fr Augustine
31 Aug	5.30 pm	Fr Terence	Fr Terence
1 Sept	10 am	Fr Terence	Fr Terence
1 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

## Notices

### Fr Terence will be away

for ONE planning from 25 to 29 August 2019.

### 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 **now until the end of August**. 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 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](mailto:csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg)

### 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)

### Canteen Closure on 25 Aug

Please take note of the closure of the canteen on the 25 Aug. We will be at the Parish Assembly at Agape Village.



## Parish Events

### Bible Mondays

There will not be any session for Bible Mondays by Fr Terence on 26 August. The sessions will resume from 2 to 16 September. (*Time and venue remain unchanged.*)

### Catholics and Christians

The second session will be held on 24 Aug, Saturday from 3 to 5pm.

Venue: Worship Hall

Those interested to know some of the differences between Catholics and Christians are invited to come to attend.

### Holy Hour

6 Sep at 6.45pm

Eucharist Celebration at 6pm

### Marriage Encounter Weekend

6 to 8 Sep, Friday to Sunday

Good marriages can always be made better. To deepen and refine your couple relationship, sign up for the ME Weekend in September. This weekend will be for couples from the parish.

To register, email: [esm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:esm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg)

## PARISH ASSEMBLY

25 Aug, Sunday

9am to 3pm at Agape Village

Come be a part of this event where we hear from one another.

**Parking at Agape is only limited to the Parish Priests.** The rest who are **driving** will need to park at the **nearby HDB car park**. For those travelling by **public bus**, take **Bus 238** from Toa Payoh Interchange, alight at **Blk 227**, Lorong 8 Toa Payoh.

For those taking the bus, to be in church by 8.15am, the bus is leaving at 8.30am sharp.

Registration starts at 8.15am.



*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith." Hebrews 12: 1-2*