

# Our Pilgrimage



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## Liturgical Reflection

It is the Sabbath, and after he healed a man on Sabbath, Jesus is invited to a meal at the house of a leading Pharisee. Jesus often has harsh words for the Pharisees. Why would a leader of the Pharisees invite him to dinner? Luke tells us that “they were watching him closely.” They are watching and waiting for Jesus to make a mistake. Then why would Jesus accept such an invitation? He is extending his ministry to include them. The pride of the Pharisees might prevent them from receiving God’s grace, but God’s grace is always available to them. It is not Jesus who withdraws from the sinner, but the sinner who withdraws from Jesus.

In the first-century Greco-Roman society, meals were occasions that particularly highlighted social disparities. Jesus cautions about seeking out the most honourable seats. One has to be humble. “In the presence of the king do not give yourself airs, do not take a place among the great; better to be invited, ‘Come up here’” Proverb 25:6-7.

Humility was not considered a virtue in Greco-Roman moral standard. Humility is, however, a mark of the followers of Jesus (e.g. Luke 1:48, 52; 18:14; Sirach 3:18; Philippians 2:3; Colossians 3:12; 1 Peter 5:5).



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*‘Everyone who exalts himself  
shall be humbled’*

**First Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 67(68):4-7,10-11  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24  
**Gospel:** Luke 14:1,7-14

*Luke 14:1*



### 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)

The seating arrangement at the table indicated one's standing in the community. The best seats are those nearest to the host. It is so even today. Immediate family members will sit with the bride and groom at the front table of the ballroom at their wedding feast. A person with the right connections can always get a good ticket at a concert or a Formula 1 Race. A person without connections might not be able to purchase a ticket at all. We like the best seats, not solely for the better view, but more importantly, sitting at these seats make us feel superior, and they trumpet our superior status to all present.



We are called to be content in whatever place God places us and embrace it (even if it is a lower place). If the host (God) were to raise us to a more prominent place, then it will be more gratifying. We should focus on the work God has for us and let God raise us up. For exaltation comes neither from the east nor from the west nor from the south, but God is the Judge: He puts down one and exalts another. (Psalm 75:6-7) Jesus was the perfect example of one who is worthy of the highest place, but chose the lowest place, and was exalted to the highest place (Philippians 2:5-11). Look not to advance in the kingdom of this world but walk towards the kingdom of God.



Kingdom of World



Which will you choose?

In the next parable, Jesus speaks of a banquet. The date of the banquet would have been announced a long time before the day. Many might have accepted the invitation at first, but changed their mind when the actual time was given. This is a grave insult to the host.

The first two excuses given had to do with material things. We are often preoccupied with the new things we get our hands on. Preoccupation with worldly things and experiences are common excuses for not following Jesus. The third excuse had to do with a man who lacked the desire to attend the banquet. There is no rational reason why someone would reject the invitation; he just didn't want to. "In saying, 'I cannot come,' he dismissed the matter. He has made up his mind. Similarly, we who have said "Yes" to God at our baptism, **all things are now ready** for us to come and sit with God, but like the invited guests **we are making our excuses to not be present in HIS presence?**

I can't make it, I.....



Come!



People are inclined to invite those who can return the favour. There is nothing wrong in inviting your friends or your relatives but it is wrong to **only** invite them. It is easy for us to limit ourselves to a few comfortable people, instead of reaching out to others. Jesus's counter-cultural message calls for the inclusion of those who cannot repay us: "the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind" (Luke 14:13) – who are forbidden to serve as priests because of their physical imperfections (Leviticus 21:17-23). We see the same kind of reversal of expectations and status in other passages in Luke (1:52; 6:20-26; 18:14). Jesus is teaching us about the way we treat others, especially the "outcast" in our midst. We have our ways (not God's way) of distinguishing one from another, in order to structure our world. These distinctions hinder us from having a true fellowship with one another. **We as God's people are called to humble ourselves and live by a different social system marked by radical inclusion.**



# Liturgical Reflection (con't)

Jesus does not encourage remote charity that only sends a cheque to the needy, but instead calls us to invite them to sit at our table, one of the most intimate places in our home. By doing so, we provide food for both their bodies and souls. Meals in Luke are about feeding the soul as much as about feeding the body. Sharing meals create relationships and prepares us to “sit down in the Kingdom of God” (13:29).

Invite others for a meal at home!



“We are called, to draw near to the poor, to encounter them, to meet their gaze, to embrace them and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude. Their outstretched hand is also an invitation to step out of our certainties and comforts, and to acknowledge the value of poverty in itself” -Pope Francis. **How have you been treating the poor, the less fortunate members in our community?** Do you see Jesus in the poor?

Though, those invited refused to attend, there would still be a feast, because the master would not prepare the feast in vain. He is determined to fill his house with guests. **Do you want to be excluded from this feast?**

Peace, Love & Joy  
Philip and Letitia

Layout: Melliana

# Catholic Education Sunday (CES)

Archbishop William Goh has designated one Sunday in September as Catholic Education Sunday (CES). CES began in 2017 to emphasize the partnership between home, school and the Church as well as to bring an awareness to all the importance of Catholic Education in the formation of young Catholics.



Marymount Convent

Visiting!

14 Sep 2019

5.30pm Sunset

During Eucharistic Celebration

This year, CES will be held on the weekend of 14/15 September 2019. We will have some staff and pupils from Marymount Convent School present at our Church. They will be involved at the 5.30 p.m. sunset Eucharistic Celebration.

# Parish Assembly 2019



The Parishioners had their first Parish Assembly for 2019! It was a monumental day at Agape village with over 300 faithful attending it.

We began the day with Sunday Morning Eucharistic celebration held at Agape village. The Parish Finance council then gave us an update on how funds were spent for the church and updated us about the upcoming plans for the church renovations.



We later broke up into small group discussions. Many great ideas were captured today at the assembly where some shared they would like to have a charismatic community, ways of getting to know each other better, and how to be a welcoming community!



Members of the Parish Pastoral Council were elected on that day with the parishioners nominating the contenders.

The session ended with Praise and Worship. The Lord has blessed us to be a loving community where we can grow and lean on each other!

*My Parish! My Community!*



Church of Saint Michael

# Feast Day 2019

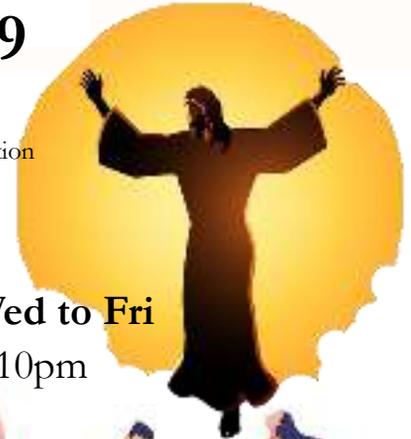
25 – 29 Sep, 2019

25 Sep, Wed  
**Know the Word**



Eucharistic Celebration  
Faith Formation  
Praise & Worship

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



## Prophetic People



26 Sep, Thu  
**Live the Word**



27 Sep, Fri  
**Speak the Word**



**Feast Day Fair**

29 Sep, Sun  
9am – 2pm

Food  
Games

Performances

Workshops



Showcase your talents & gifts from God our

See announcements

**Register your interest NOW!**

29 Sep, Sun  
7pm - late



### 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

## Novena Youth Rally – A Journey

Date: Mon 2 September 2019

Time: 7.00PM – 10.00PM

Venue: Novena Church

Target age group: 13-30 y/o

Calling all youths & young adults. Dive deep. Join us at the Novena Youth Rally. Bring your friends to come experience the stillness of God's presence.

## New Wine Conference 2019

Date: 21 September 2019

Time: 9.30am - 4pm

Venue: St Joseph's Institution Jr, 3 Essex Rd S309331

Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation

Are you involved in the Parish Pastoral Council, 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\*

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

## 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)

This weekend retreat is designed for those who suffer from depression, as well as those who take care of loved ones who struggle with this oft-debilitating disease. Through inputs, prayer, reflection and faith-sharing, the participants will be led to see depression not only as a medical condition to be dealt with 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	\$6,765
July's Income	\$52,663.58
July's expenditure	\$53,052.87

## Celebrant Schedule

Date	Eucharistic Celebration	Celebrant	Preacher
31 Aug	5.30 pm	Fr Augustine	Fr Terence
1 Sept	10 am	Fr Terence	Fr Terence
1 Sept	5.30pm	Fr John	Fr Terence
7 Sept	5.30 pm	Fr Augustine	Fr John
8 Sept	10 am	Fr John	Fr John
8 Sept	5.30pm	Fr John	Fr John

## 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

### 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

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).



### Bible Mondays

Bible Monday sessions will resume from 2 to 16 September. (*Time and venue remain unchanged.*)

### Celebrating our Parish's Feast Day at Crossings Café

Crossings Cafe congratulates us on our upcoming Feast day in September.

They would like to offer all our parishioners a 15% discount off the food bill (excluding drinks) when we dine at the Cafe. The offer is valid during the entire month of September 2019. To enjoy this offer, all our parishioners have to do is to inform their staff the name of our church when we visit.

Located at Catholic Centre on Waterloo Street, they are 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.

### Holy Hour

6 Sep at 6.45pm

Eucharist Celebration at 6pm



### St. Michael's Feast Day Celebrations

Theme: Prophetic People

3 days Triduum:

Dates: 25 to 27 Sep 2019

Time: 7.30pm to 10pm

Speaker: Fr. Simon Pereira, CSSR

Day 1 – Know the Word

Day 2 – Live the Word

Day 3 – Speak the Word

\*There will be fellowship every night

\*Light refreshments will be provided.

Feast Day: 29 Sep 2019, Sun

Eucharistic Celebration at 10am

Main Celebrant: Fr. Gerard Louis, CSSR

All are welcome

### St. Michael's Feast Day Fair

Date: 29 Sep, Sun

Time: 9am to 2pm

Let us celebrate our Feast Day by showcasing and sharing the talents and gifts given by God our Father.

### St. Michael's Feast Day Dinner

Date: 29 Sep, Sun

Time: 7pm to 10pm

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



### Feast Day Celebrations Artwork

Calling for children to submit a piece of artwork related to our patron saint, St. Michael, or our Church. This can be in the form of a drawing or a piece of craftwork. Deadline for submission is 22 Sep, Sun to the Parish Admin Office.