



# Church of the Holy Cross

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OUR MISSION: We strive to deepen our faith by knowing the Word of God, living it in love and service, thereby being witnesses of Christ.

**2 July 2017**

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading

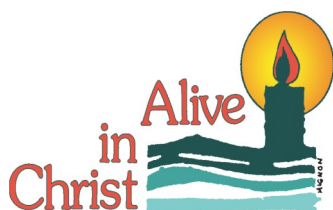
2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

### Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

### Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42



### THE RICHNESS OF LIFE IN CHRIST

Today we have the beautiful story of the woman promised a child, the wonderful exhortation about life in Christ, and a powerful instruction from Jesus. An embarrassment of riches? Not if we take Jesus' words about "welcome" to heart. The many challenges and blessings offered to us today by Elisha, Paul, and Jesus should be cause for rejoicing, and welcomed heartily into our lives. And, like the great treat that they are, they should be enjoyed and shared generously with others.

Today's reading from Romans was chosen very early in the liturgical life of the Church to be the sole apostolic instruction received by candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. This illustrates its importance as a core belief, and as a means of comprehending the story of the Resurrection. Christ's resurrection is not merely a story about something that he underwent once upon a time, but it is our story, the story of how we joined the other members of the one Body of Christ, the church. We were not only dead, but we were buried; not ultimately buried, but raised to eternal life with Christ.

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## PARISH Holy Hour

**Fri 7 July \* 8pm \* Main Church**

6.15pm evening Mass as usual

### Theme: The Word of God

Special talk on **"PRAYING WITH THE BIBLE"**  
by Fr Henry Siew immediately after the Holy Hour.

### PARISH GIFT FOR BIBLE SUNDAY

9th July is Bible Sunday. A booklet "Encountering the Lord in Daily Life" will be given to all parishioners to assist you in praying with the Bible.

## The Great Adventure Catholic bible study

### "Follow Me"

Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Do you know who you are called to follow? We are all called to be disciples of Jesus, but some of us do not know Him well enough to do so. This is what "Follow Me" will help you to do! "Follow Me" invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ.

### Program Duration - 8 weeks

#### Introductory Session

Monday 31 July at 7.45pm - 9.45pm

#### Subsequent sessions

Monday at 7.45pm-9.45pm, 7 Aug - 18 Sept **OR**  
Thursday at 10am-12pm, 10 Aug - 21 Sept

**Venue:** Holy Cross Church @ room 03-08

**Cost:** \$32 per workbook

For more information:

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**Come and Join Us!**

**Discover Jesus' Teachings Come Alive !!**

### Catholic AIDS Response Effort (CARE)

A mini exhibition and sale of candles, crucifixes and rosaries at our church

**on 7 & 8 Oct 2017**

how our concern for those who are suffering from AIDS  
<http://www.care.org.sg>



**2nd Collection** this weekend for the Apostolate of St. Vincent de Paul.

\* Thank you for your generous donation \*

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays:

Lauds - 6.15am, Mass - 6.30am  
Vespers - 6pm, Mass - 6.15pm

#### Saturday:

Lauds - 6.15am, Mass - 6.30am  
Novena - 4.15pm  
Sunset Mass - 5pm  
Mandarin - 6.30pm

#### Sunday:

7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am & 5pm  
Tagalog (Every 2nd Sun) - 2.30pm

#### Public Holiday:

Morning Mass @ 8am  
No Lauds before Mass

#### P.A.R.I.S.H Holy Hour:

Every 1st Friday at 8pm

#### Prayer Room Opening Hours:

Everyday - 7am to 10pm

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

15 minutes before evening masses on Saturday and all masses on Sunday.

#### Infant Baptism:

##### 1st Sunday of:

Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep & Nov.

#### Funeral Arrangements:

Please check with the Parish Office for the availability of the Priest and Church before confirming the timing for cremation or burial.

#### Wedding:

Please contact the Secretariat, at least six months before for availability of dates.

#### Parish Counseling Service

This is available every Wednesday evening. Please email to:  
[counselling@holycross.org.sg](mailto:counselling@holycross.org.sg) for an appointment.



## FUNDRAISING FOR NTU-NIE CATHOLIC STUDENTS' APOSTOLATE (CSA)

**CSA** Provide a community for Catholics on campus to grow in their faith. Organize several annual events such as Mid-Term Retreats and Days of Recollection, providing Masses on Campus twice a week for both students and staff to stay rooted in Christ.

Seeking support to help with their expenses, such as the cost of venue booking and other logistics for these events. The money raised will go towards funding the above mentioned events as well as to defray the cost of booking Lecture Theatres where Mass is held.

**A fundraising booth will be set up in our Parish during the weekend of 15-16th July.**

Contact Gregory Augustine Koh @ 9023 6396 for more details.



### Charismatic Prayer Group

**Come PRAISE and THANK the LORD with us on Tuesdays 7.45pm @ St. Michael Room at Level 1**

*Topics for Talks in July 2017*

**4 July: The World and Christian Community**

**11 July: Amazing Grace - What it means to me**

**18 July: Chain Prayers and I**

**25 July: I am a child of God**

*Praise  
and give thanks to  
the Lord*

**\* All are welcome \***

### Entering university this year?

It's the season for the Freshmen Orientation Camps, and the Office for Young People invites you to join in the University catholic FOCs or to get in touch with the university communities, to Kickstart your University Life with a solid foundation, Christ our Lord! We pray that you may be rooted in him and build up on him, held firm in faith and overflowing with thanksgiving (cf. Col 2:7). We pray for a full and purposeful University Life for you!

**NTU 24-27 Jul**

**SIM 4 - 6 Aug**

**SMU 25-27 Aug**

**Calling also JCU, SIT, SUTD  
and Yale-NUS students!**

To register: [www.oyp.org.sg/UniFOC](http://www.oyp.org.sg/UniFOC)

## Invite A friend to the Catholic Faith RCIA @ Holy Cross



**English: Thursday 6 July @ 7.45pm, St Michael Room**  
**Mandarin: Tuesday 4 July @ 7.45pm, Room #03-10**

**Come and see!**

**You may register on the spot!**

**For Enquiry:**

Contact Susan Pang at 9757 7115 email: [holycrosschurch.rcia@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosschurch.rcia@gmail.com)

### Young Adults Session on Catholic Social Teaching

This session allows young adults to come together to reflect on the church's social teachings, particularly the principles of 'subsidiarity' and 'solidarity'.

This workshop will be held on **8 July 2017 (SAT) at 3pm to 6pm**  
Level 3 in Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street.

For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: [www.caritas-singapore.org](http://www.caritas-singapore.org) or email to [youngadults@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:youngadults@caritas-singapore.org)

