

PARISH FEAST DAY

13-17 September 2017

Theme: Identity & Communion

Feast Day Triduum

7.30pm Holy Rosary
8.00pm Mass

Wednesday, 13 Sept
Mandarin Mass
Fr Peter Zhang

Thursday, 14 Sept
Theme: Catholic Identity
Fr Clement Lee, CSsR

Friday, 15 Sept
Theme: Being in Communion
Msgr Philip Heng, SJ

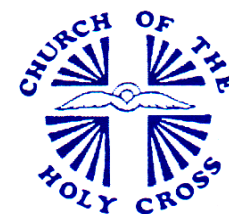
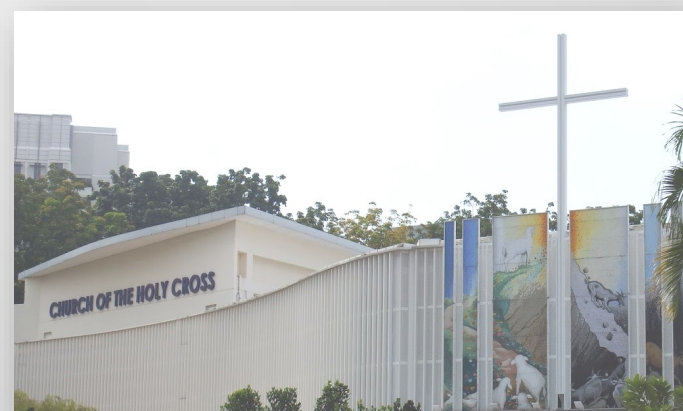
Eve of the Feast Day
Saturday, 16 Sept
Masses: 5pm, 6.30pm (Mandarin)

Feast Day Celebration

Sunday, 17 September 2017
Masses: 7.30am, 9.30am,
11.30am (by Archbishop William Goh)

Food Fair: 8am – 1pm (basement Canteen)

Veneration of The Relic of the True Cross
after each mass.



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.

20 August 2017

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

Reflection

CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME



"Let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22) "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

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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.

Para Counselling Services:

Call 63820688 from Monday-Friday
between 10am – 5pm to make
an appointment.

2nd Collection

1st week of the month - for the
Apostolate of St Vincent de Paul.

3rd week of the month - for GIFT
Program of Catholic Foundation.

Invite A friend to the Catholic Faith RCIA @ Holy Cross

English: Thurs 24 Aug @ 7.45pm, St Michael Rm
Mandarin: Tues 22 Aug @ 7.45pm, Rm #03-10



Come and see!

For Enquiry:

Contact Susan Pang at 9757 7115
email: holycrosschurch.rcia@gmail.com



Infant Baptism

On Sun 3 Sept 2017

Preparatory Session:
Sun 27/8 at 12.45pm
@ St Michael Rm

*Compulsory for parents
& godparents*

NO Catechism Classes

On 2/3 Sept and 9/10 Sept
No classes for Pri & Sec level

On 17 Sept - No classes
for Primary level.

Bible Camp

On 2 Sept @ 8.15am – 12.30pm
Bible Camp for P4 students.

Choice Weekend - To Know | To Love | To Serve

Choice SG is a ministry for young adults aged 18 - 40 yrs old to re-look at their values and to live an alternative lifestyle based on gospel values.

Date: 29 Sep - 01 Oct 2017 (Friday evening to Sunday evening)

Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368

Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537 or Francesca 9710 9680

Register & Info: <http://www.choice.org.sg>

**"It takes that 1 weekend to inspire you for the rest of your life.
It is by the choices we make that we define what our life is all about."**

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 August & September 2017

22 Aug: When the Lord calls... (by Fr Anthony Vinay)

29 Aug: About St John the Baptist

5 Sep: Suffering and Hope

12 Sep: God's Glory in the Cross

19 Sep: Embracing the Cross

26 Sep: Fellowship

Praise
and give thanks to
the Lord

*** All are welcome ***



Illegal Parking

LTA warns:

Do Not

park your car at zig-zag line
along Clementi Ave 1.

**Fine and demerit points
will be issued.**

Please co-operate.

Entering university this year?

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.

SMU 25-27 Aug

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

To register: www.oyp.org.sg/UniFOC

Consider the Special Gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend

Next English weekend will be held from 1 Sep (Friday) to 3 Sep (Sunday)



Marriage Encounter (ME) facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples. By transforming the way husband and wife communicate, the enriching experience forges greater intimacy and a closer relationship. ME benefits both young couples who want to build a strong marital foundation as well as those who have clocked many years together and strive to keep the flame burning strong.

Enquiries: call Joseph & Reenie on 9670-5390,
e-mail mewkend@gmail.com or visit www.MESingapore.org



PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents
who have united in faith to seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope.

The session, run by bereaved parents, meets monthly to pray, reflect and break open the WORD OF GOD. We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to unite with us in faith.

Monthly session is on every 4th Tuesday of the month,
7:30pm to 9:00pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8,
and the next one would be held on Tue 22 August 2017.

For details, please email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com
Or <https://m.facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide

A programme to help Catholics find healing and peace
after their marital relationship breaks down.

Date: 21 Aug - 6 Nov 2017 (Every Monday Evening)

Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm, **Contribution:** \$120

Venue: Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102

Enquiries: 97804456 (Joann) or 93836868 (Jileen), **Email:** cdsg@acf.org.sg

Register: <http://catholicfamily.org.sg/cdsg>



Talks in August 2017

By The Apostolate for Catholic Truth (ACT)

At St Joseph's Church Conference Room, Victoria Street, at 7.45pm - 9.30pm.

Topic: Why Humanae Vitae is Infallible? 25 August 2017 (Andrew Kong)

Registration and more details: www.catholic.sg/act or: SMS: Andrew 96493893 for enquiries.