

## **ADVENT FOOD AND CRAFT FAIR**

**FOR PROJECT G.O.D.**

**Sunday, 3 Dec 2017 at 8am-1pm**

**\*\*\* Fund Raising Activities \*\*\***

⇒ **Stalls Selling Food & Craft @ Foyer**

⇒ **New Orchid hybrid — auction of painting**

A water colour painting of a new orchid hybrid named after Church of The Holy Cross is offered for silent auction. Please visit the Parish Office from 3 Dec to view the painting and make a bid. Closing date for the bidding is 25th Dec 2017. The Parish will inform you if you have submitted the highest bid.

⇒ **2nd Collection**

There will also be a 2nd collection on 9/10 Dec for Project G.O.D. by the Sec 3 Youth Confirmants.

⇒ **Christmas Chocolates Sales**

Quality products @below market prices.  
Order today at the bookshop & collect on 16/17 December.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

For the month of December will be on 17th December 2017

The Children's Liturgy team is expanding and we are looking for more volunteers to help us out.

If you are 18-35 years young, join us!

Contact Melissa at 91063455



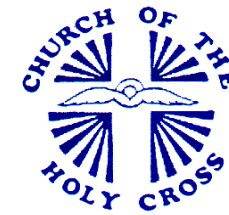
## **ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES**

**Church of the Holy Cross**  
**Friday 15 December @ 8pm**

6.15pm Evening Mass as usual

Services at WEST DISTRICT Churches

Thurs 14 Dec @ 8pm Blessed Sacrament Church  
Mon 18 Dec @ 8pm St Ignatius Church  
Tues 19 Dec @ 8pm Church of St Mary of the Angels  
Wed 20 Dec @ 8pm Church of St Francis of Assisi



## **Church of the Holy Cross**

**450 Clementi Ave One Singapore 129955 [www.holycross.org.sg](http://www.holycross.org.sg)**

*OUR VISION: To be a communion of communities with intentional disciples centred on Jesus Christ, commissioned to evangelize and to serve.*

**2/3 December 2017**

**First Reading**

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

**FIRST SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

**Gospel**

Mark 13:33-37

## **Reflection**

### **GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN**



We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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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:**

**@12.45pm 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.

## **PIETA SINGAPORE**



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.

Our monthly session is on every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8.

**Next Session: Tue 28 November 2017**

Our contact details are email: [pieta.singapore@gmail.com](mailto:pieta.singapore@gmail.com) and we can also be found on facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>



## **GIFT Advent 2017**

The Catholic Foundation is renewing its annual appeal for the **GIFT** (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign.

GIFT challenges every Catholic to make a regular pledge to support the operational and building needs of the archdiocese.

For more information, please get a GIFT pamphlet. website: [gift.catholicfoundation.sg](http://gift.catholicfoundation.sg).

## **Golden Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal**

Charismatic Renewal Healing Rally

**Topic:**

**"Stirring Up Spiritual Gifts"**

On Wed, 13 Dec 17 @ 7.30pm to 10pm

At Church of the Holy Cross

**Speaker:** Jim Murphy



## **CHRISTMAS RECOLLECTION**

**Sunday, 17 December 2017,**

**9:30 am to 5:00 pm**

**Choice Retreat House,  
47 Jurong West St 42 S649368**

*An invitation to spend a day of  
prayer to prepare our hearts  
for the feast of the Nativity of the Lord.*

Organized by the Cenacle Sisters.

Registration:

[cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com](mailto:cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com)

Website: [www.cenaclemission.com](http://www.cenaclemission.com)



## **Christmas Carolling**

The **Caritas Christi Youth Choir** and **Edify** are eager to bring the Joy of Jesus' Birth to your homes this Christmas!

Invite us to your homes to sing traditional Christmas Carols and Hymns

Let God's love fill your household through these songs.

**Sign-up slots are available:**

**from 17th to 21st December 5pm - 9pm**

**22nd December 7pm - 10pm**

Please sign up at our booth at the church's entrance,  
or grab a flyer for more information.

Contact: Christine (8126 9103), Nathanael (9274 9162)



## **HOLY CROSS FAMILY YEAR END THANKSGIVING MASS & COUNTDOWN PARTY 2018**

**SUNDAY, 31st December, Mass at 9pm; party at 10pm @ Canteen**

**Program:**

- ♦ Special Family Blessing
- ♦ Holy cross got talent
- ♦ Herald in 2018 with your love ones



**Please purchase ticket at the booth outside the church.**

**TICKET: \$5/PERSON** (Includes Supper, Party pack, Kiz countdown fun)

\* We are calling for talent within Holy Cross to come forward  
For Holy Cross's got talent. Please call Pauline 96615137 \*

## **Sale of Catechism Books for K2 to Sec 3**

Date: 3, 10, 17 and 31 December

At Catechist Room, 9am - 1pm

Price: K2 to P6 @ \$35

Sec 1 - \$37, Sec 3 @ \$38,

(please bring exact amount).

**\*For Sec 2,  
no book needed\***

## **Next Infant Baptism Sunday, 7th Jan 2018**

Preparatory Session: Sun 17 Dec  
at 12.45pm @ St Michael Rm

\*Compulsory for parents & godparents\*



*We wish  
Father Robertus*

*Happy 24th Anniversary  
of Sacerdotal Ordination.*