

## DISPENSATION FROM ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

**On Friday, 16 February 2018**

At the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei in January 2017, it was decided that dispensation be given to all Catholics from abstinence from meat on Friday, 16 February 2018 in view of the festive season of Chinese New Year. Fast and Abstinence on Ash Wednesday will remain as usual.

## ASH WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY

This is a day of penance, marked by fasting and abstinence. There will be imposition of ashes at all Masses on Ash Wednesday.

**Mass Timings:** 6.15am, 12.15pm, 6.15pm (mandarin) and 8pm

## FIRST FRIDAY OF LENT 16 FEBRUARY

Station of the Cross 7.30pm, Mass 8pm



## CHINESE NEW YEAR

**CNY EVE 15 FEB THURS**

**Mass Timings:** 6.30am, 12.15pm \*NO evening Mass\*

## **1ST DAY OF CNY 16 FEB FRIDAY**

**Mass Timings:** 7.30am (Mandarin), 9.30am (English)

\*Mandarin oranges will be blessed and distributed\*



## **2ND DAY OF CNY 17 FEB SATURDAY**

Morning Mass at 8am.

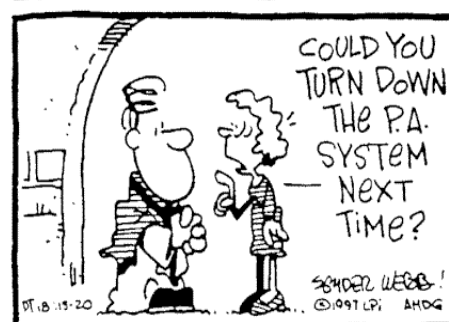
\*Mass Timings for First Sunday of Lent (17/18 Feb) remain the same.\*



## RED PACKET FOR THE YEAR OF DOG

This weekend, a set of red packets with the themes of "Thanksgiving", "Peace" and "Blessings" will be distributed to every parishioner.

The red packet design encourages us to work hard in fulfilling our every dream & aspiration (as represented by the circles) in this Year of the Dog (as symbolized by the paw prints).



## **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.*

**27/28 January 2018**

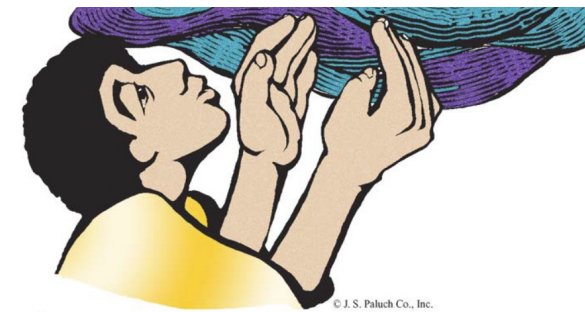
**First Reading**  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20

**Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**Second Reading**  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35

**Gospel**  
Mark 1:21-28

## Reflection



### **TRUE PROPHETS**

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekdays:

Lauds - 6.15am, Mass - 6.30am  
Vespers - 6pm, Mass - 6.15pm  
Lunchtime Mass - 12.15pm

### 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.

## **VOLUNTEERS FOR 40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BOOK**



The Church of the Holy Cross will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of its founding in 1919. We are forming a committee of volunteers to produce a commemorative book which record the historical persons and events of the church with letters and photos. Please register your interest using the form provided outside the church and beside the secretariat office, and we will call for a meeting to share our ideas and discuss our roles and functions.

## **VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH SERVICES**

As the new year begins, you may be considering how you can be of service to the parish. Please fill up the Service Form and drop into the boxes provided or return it to the secretariat.



## **VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM**

The Children's Liturgy (at 11.30am Mass) team is expanding and we are looking for more volunteers to help out. If you are 18-35 years young, join us! For more information, please contact Melissa at 9106 3455.

## **K1-P6 CATECHISM CLASSES**

**begin on Sunday, 4 Feb 2018**

\*Mass with children @11.30am\*



**EVENT: ONE DAY** Organized by  
**New Evangelisation (ONE)**

**On Saturday, 10 Feb 2018  
at 1.30pm-4pm**

**at Catholic Archdiocesan Education  
Centre, 2 Highland Road S549102.**

The Office for the New Evangelization (ONE) is seeking for Collaborators who are fired up to build the Kingdom of God. Collaborators will use their unique gifts to share in the work of ONE.

To register and attend ONE DAY,  
visit: [www.one.org.sg/events](http://www.one.org.sg/events)

## **ROSARY PRAYERS FOR SOULS IN PURGATORY**



Pray for your departed loved ones. Join our fortnightly prayers (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month) for the holy souls in purgatory.

Time: 10.00am to 11.30am  
Room #03-03  
Conducted by the Legion of Mary  
(O.L of the Cross Pdm)

## **10D9N THAILAND PILGRIMAGE TOUR**

**23 Jun - 2 Jul 2018**

**Spiritual Director: Fr John Bosco Pricha  
(Carmelite Priest)**

Those interested, please contact  
Janice: 6582 8878 / 98584998  
or email: [jspiritus7@gmail.com](mailto:jspiritus7@gmail.com)

## **PARISH Holy Hour**

**First Friday of the month**

**2 February 2018**

**8pm**

**@ Main Church**



Come, let us adore the Lord  
as a parish community.

## **PRE-INQUIRY PROGRAM**

Do you have a friend who wants to know more about catholic faith but the next RCIA is not ready? Please invite the person to our pre-inquiry program. It is an informal gathering once a month to share freely about questions of life and faith. And for Catholics who are keen to participate as facilitators, do give your name and contact no to Bro Nicholas Lye or the secretariat.

## **MASS FOR THE SICK**

**Sun, 11th February 2018, 5pm @Church of the Holy Cross**

For anointing request (seriously ill or old age), please come at least **30mins before Mass for registration at the church entrance.**

Registration is also open for those who would like commissioned lay ministers to visit them in the reception of holy communion at home.

## **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 January 2018

30 Jan: Fellowship & Thanksgiving

6 Feb: True-Living –Disciples' Rules of Life

27 Feb: Intercessory Prayers / healing and fellowship

**\* All are welcome \***



## **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER OUTREACH AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

Look out for a special Worldwide Marriage Encounter (ME) Outreach at our parish this Sunday 28 Jan! ME weekend gift vouchers will be on sale at a discounted rate specially for Holy Cross outreach this weekend.

ME facilitates enriching weekends for married couples. It is a beautiful experience which builds couple intimacy and effective spousal communication.

To register visit our ME Website on <http://www.mesg.org/>