

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.



PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Speaker: Fr Selva Rathinam (Bible expert)

Venue: Church Auditorium, 4th Level.

Friday 2 Mar 9pm - Orientation Talk

Saturday 3 Mar 9am - 3.30pm

Sunday 4 Mar 2pm - 9pm (including Mass)



Three pillars of Christian Life are Mystery, Communion and Mission. Fr Selva will lead us to reflect upon our union with God, our communion with the church, and our mission to the world.

All are welcome!



Church of the Holy Cross

450 Clementi Ave One Singapore 129955 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.

3/4 February 2018

First Reading

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

**Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

Reflection

TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.,



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.

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14DAYS ALL ITALIAN SHRINES SPECIAL

25th May - 7 June 2018

Spiritual Director: Fr Anthony Vinay



Highlights: Rome, Rotondo, Lanciano, Loreto, Assisi, Siena, Padua, Venice.

Closing date for Registration: 25 February 2018

Application, please contact:

FAITH TOURS & TRAVEL PTE LTE

50 East Coast Road, #02-01, Roxy Square, Singapore 428769

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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.



EVENT: ONE DAY Organized by
New Evangelization (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

ROSARY PRAYERS FOR SOULS IN PURGATORY



Pray for your departed loved ones. Join our fortnightly prayers (2nd & 4th 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)

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.

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.

DADS' & CHILDRENS' CHOIR (HCCC)

HCCC is expanding and we are inviting dads to join the choir together with their children. We sing on the 1st Sunday of the month at the 11:30am mass. Dads are needed to help guide the faith formation activities of the choir, and provides an opportunity for dads to bond more with their children. No faith formation experience needed. Training provided. For more information, SMS/WhatsApp Chris at 8128 4797. (No minimum age, but children must be able to sit still for mass)

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

27 Feb: Intercessory Prayers / healing and fellowship
6 Mar: Choosing: "I am the way". The world or God. – Brother Nicholas Lye
13 Mar: Choosing: "I am the truth" The reality of our body and our soul- Fr. A Vinay
20 Mar: Choosing: "I am the Life" Understanding death and LIFE.
27 Mar: NO MEETING – HOLY WEEK

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