

Happy 25th Sacerdotal Anniversary Fr Robertus Sarwiseso

Wishing him God's abundant blessings!

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Church of the Holy Cross Wednesday 19 December @ 8pm

6.15pm Evening Mass as usual



Fri 14 Dec @ 8pm Blessed Sacrament Church

Tue 18 Dec @ 8pm St Ignatius Church

Thur 20 Dec @ 8pm Church of St Mary of the Angels

Fri 21 Dec @ 8pm Church of St Francis of Assisi





MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve - Monday, 24 Dec



6.30pm: Christmas Pageant & Family Mass

9.00pm: Christmas Pageant & Mass (Mandarin)

11.30pm: Caroling & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Tuesday, 25 Dec

* 7.30am * 9.15am * 11am * **NO 6.15pm Mass ***

EDIFY & CARITAS CHRISTI YOUTH CHOIR 2018



HOUSE TO HOUSE CAROLLING

to spread the joy of Christmas!!

on 17, 20, 21, 27 & 28 December, 7-10pm

If you are interested in having us, contact Christine 81269103 or Nathanael 92749162

Church of the Holy Cross THANKSGIVING MASS & YEAR END COUNTDOWN PARTY



Monday, 31 December 2018

Thanksgiving Mass at 9pm, thereafter Party at the Foyer.

\$5 Entrance Fee. Tickets are available for sale this weekend.

Please visit ticket booth outside the church.

Join us for games, songs, food, lucky draw and fancy dress (movie Characters). See you there!



Church of the Holy Cross

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

1 & 2 Dec 2018

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

First Sunday of Advent

Second Reading

1Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

Gospel

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Reflection

THE PROMISE **OF JUSTICE**

We are in fairly good



company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone

to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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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.

PROJECT G.O.D. 2018

Project G.O.D. (Gift of One Dollar) is our parish annual fund raising initiative undertaken by our Sec 3 Youth Confirmands.

The beneficiary for this year is **Boys' Town**.

ADVENT FAIR

Sunday, 2 December, 8am-1pm at Holy Cross Foyer

A variety of food and talent showcases by our Sec 3 confirmands. Kindly proceed to the foyer after Mass for food, fun and fellowship.

2ND COLLECTION

There will be a 2nd collection on the weekend of 8&9 December for Project G.O.D. Please give generously.

GIFT PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

This weekend, the Catholic Foundation is renewing its annual appeal for the Gift (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign to build a more vibrant, evangelistic and missionary Church.

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Gift challenges every Catholic to make a regular pledge to support the operational and building needs of the archdiocese. More information can be found in the GIFT pamphlets that will be distributed during Mass, and at gift.catholicfoundation.sg

LOVE IN THE CITY!

Why do we do what we do during Christmas? In a light-hearted talk show, come and discover the reasons for the ways we celebrate Christmas. Invite your non-Catholic friends and family members to help them understand and experience Christmas with a difference!

29 December 2018, 2pm - 4pm at The Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St, S187954

Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation For more info and to register: www.one.org.sg/events

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MOVEMENT

Come PRAISE and THANK the LORD with us on Tuesdays 7.45pm @ All Saints Hall, Level 1



Topics for Talks in November & December 2018

4 Dec: Growth – Repairing Wrongdoing	Terrence Francisc
11 Dec: Growth – Overcoming The Works of The Evil Or	ne Fr Henry Siew

18 Dec: ------Break for Christmas ------25 Dec: ------Break for Christmas ------

* All are Welcome *

REGISTRATION FOR SEC 1 CATECHISM FOR 2019

All incoming students for Sec 1 Catechism for 2019 are asked to register using the link below. Please register by 30 December 2018.

*incoming Sec 2s and Sec 3s need not register.

To register, please use the link:

https://tinyurl.com/2019HCSec1

Or scan this QR Code:





NEW BATCH OF RCIA

Our parish will launch a new batch of RCIA on Saturday morning, 10am-12 noon, starting 2nd March to mid October 2019.

We invite those called by the Lord to serve as facilitators and sponsors to sign up now. Registration form available at the information slots.

For more information, contact Agnes Tiong at 9824 5926 or email: agnestiong31@gmail.com

BE A FACILITATOR

CATECHISM FACILITATOR RECRUITMENT (SECONDARY LEVEL)

We warmly present you an opportunity to help build our future church. You will be intimately and meaningfully involved in guiding our youth through teen-hood and towards God. Many of our youth in Holy Cross have testified to the immense impact of their facilitators.

You can be a part of this too.

TO HELP YOU DISCERN, WE'RE CONDUCTING A TRIAL FACILITATORS WORKSHOP JUST FOR YOU."

To register, log on to https://goo.gl/mjLjrj or scan the QR code Or contact Aaron 8228 9138 / Stephanie 9726 6712



CHILDREN'S EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (CEA)

(STARTING JAN 4, 2019)

When: Every 1st Friday of the month, 7.45pm-9pm

Where: St Michael's room

Who: Children 5-12 year olds

(1-4 year olds must be accompanied by parents)

Children's Eucharistic Adoration (CEA) is dedicated to leading children into the mystery of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, through a simple structure of prayer and silent adoration.

All are welcomed!

