

## LENTEN RETREAT 2019

### Christian Life as Discerning Discipleship

**Speaker: Fr Selva Rathinam**

At Church of the Holy Cross, Auditorium, 4<sup>th</sup> Level

Friday, 5 April : 8.30pm - Orientation Talk

Saturday, 6 April : 9.00am - 3.30pm (including Lunch)

Sunday, 7 April : 2.30pm - 9pm (including Dinner and Mass)

**Please register to facilitate our meals preparation.**

SMS/WhatsApp: Mobile 9729 9087

or scan the QR code to register on line

or Email: holycross@singnet.com.sg

**All are welcome!**



## WEST DISTRICT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

**All services begin at 8pm**



Thurs 4 Apr - Church of St Mary of the Angels

**Mon 8 Apr - Church of the Holy Cross**

Tues 9 Apr - Church of St Francis Assisi

Wed 10 Apr - Church of St Ignatius

Thurs 11 Apr - Blessed Sacrament Church

**Come, be reconciled with the Lord!**

## CHRISM MASS 2019



This year Chrism Mass will be held on **18 April (Thursday) at 10.30am** at St Joseph Church, Bukit Timah. The priests will renew their priestly commitment and the three holy oils will be blessed by the Bishop.

## SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

18 April **Holy Thursday** : Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

\*Eucharistic Adoration after mass at All Saints Hall till midnight.

19 April **Good Friday** : The Passion of the Lord

7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Mandarin), 3pm & 5pm

20 April **Easter Vigil** : Holy Mass at 8pm (Bilingual)

\*Please assemble at the Foyer for the Liturgy of the Light.

21 April **Easter Sunday** : Mass as per normal Sundays

7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am and 5pm



## 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.*

**30 & 31 Mar 2019**

### First Reading

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

### Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

### Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Fourth Sunday  
of Lent**

### Reflection



### GOD FORGIVES

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." After forty years of wandering in the desert, this hard-headed people have finally reached the Promised Land. No more do they eat the manna in the desert, but they partake of the fruits of their new homeland. God has kept the promise to their parents in Egypt. Even though they were a sinful people, many times questioning God and even worshiping false gods, God has forgiven them and fulfilled the promise. The "take-away" for us is that there is no sin that is unforgivable. We may have offended our neighbors, given a bad example to someone, even worshiped the false gods of money and power. But God is a merciful God, true to the words spoken to us. God forgives all and calls us back to love. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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**2019 Church of the Holy Cross Celebrates 40th Anniversary**

### **3 TALKS ON MISSION & EVANGELISATION**

Organized by ONE (Office For The New Evangelisation)  
Speaker: Fr Kenson Koh

#### **1) Mission & Evangelisation (Register: [bit.ly/EMMTalk1](http://bit.ly/EMMTalk1))**

- Date & Time: 30 March 2019, 1:30pm - 3pm
- Venue: St Francis Xavier Major Seminary Building
- Discover the meaning of Mission and Evangelizations through the history of the Church until the Second Vatican Council.

#### **2) Telling Others About Jesus in Singapore (Register: [bit.ly/EMMTalk2](http://bit.ly/EMMTalk2))**

- Date & Time: 18 May 2019, 1.30pm - 3pm
- Venue: PSB Academy @ Marina Square
- Evangelisation and Mission in Singapore's pastoral context.

#### **3) Hey Catholics! Go into the Whole World!**

- Date & Time: 06 July 2019, 1.30pm - 3pm
- Venue: TBC
- Significance of '*Maximum Illud*' for today's Catholic.



### **ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM AT ST IGNATIUS**

Please be informed that St. Ignatius' Church will be running an Adult Confirmation Program **beginning May 2, 2019.**

Five Sessions **on every Thursday evening starting at 8pm.**

Confirmands must also attend a morning of recollection on June 8.

Confirmation at St Ignatius is on June 8 at 2pm.

**Venue: Annex Hall, St. Ignatius Church**

Those interested in attending the program at St. Ignatius please call 6466-0625 or email [csi.admin@catholic.org.sg](mailto:csi.admin@catholic.org.sg)

### **HOLY CROSS CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MOVEMENT**

Come SING PRAISES, THANK the LORD and PRAY for healing with us.  
on Tuesdays 7.45pm @ All Saints Hall, Level 1

#### **TOPICS FOR TALKS IN APRIL 2019**

- 2 April: Working as a Vincentian (SVDP member)
- 9 April: The nature of God's Kingdom (Lenten reflection)
- 16 April: No Meeting (Holy Week)
- 23 April: Easter Fellowship and Sharing (Deuteronomy 4:9)
- 30 April: Philippians 2:2-4. Is this practiced these days? (Nick Chia)

\* All are Welcome \*



### **WEEKLY CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

#### **Seek the Lord and experience**

a different form of prayer as taught by the Desert Fathers in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Jesus asks "What are you looking for?" Perhaps Christian Meditation can provide you with the answer.

The group meets weekly on Tuesday in Rm 03-08 from 8-9pm.

ALL are welcome!

#### **Fr Laurence Freeman's talk in Singapore on Discipleship**

Holiness and Evangelization is now available on CD. The CDs will be ready for sale on 6 and 7 April 2019 at the Church entrance at \$10 (normal \$24) for a set of 3 CDs. Only for this weekend.

### **FAMILY LIFE SOCIETY ROAD SHOW ON 6&7 APRIL**

The mission of the Family Life Society (FLS) is to strengthen families, marriages and life. Learn more about their programs and services, and the two upcoming events at the roadshow here next week.

**(i) Sexual Risks Growing – Porn proof your child (Apr)**

**(ii) Laugh your way to a Better Marriage (May)**

Speak to the FLS Team and take a brochure.

Call 64880278. Email [fls@familylife.sg](mailto:fls@familylife.sg). Website [www.familylife.sg](http://www.familylife.sg)

### **COME AWAY RETREAT**

an Individual Guided Retreat

**On 26-28 April, San Damiano Spirituality Centre**

(within the grounds of Church of St Mary of the Angels)

Fee: \$200 + Love offering

COME AWAY and spend sometime with the Lord, to KNOW Him more intimately, to LOVE Him more tenderly so to SERVE Him more passionately.

If you are in need of some silence and looking for an opportunity to pray, this is for you. A time for those with a desire to deepen their relationship with God. (18 years and above). Please register at [enquiries@sandamiano.sg](mailto:enquiries@sandamiano.sg)



### **WEST DISTRICT YOUTH AMAZING RACE 2019**

West District Youth will be organizing an Amazing Race for youths of 15-18 years old. The Amazing Race will cover the 5 churches in the West District. Do join in for an evening of fun! Invite your non-Catholic friends too!

Starting Venue: **Church of the Holy Cross**

End Venue: **Church of St Mary of the Angels**

Date & Time: **6 April, Saturday, 3pm-9.30pm**

Fee: **\$10 (for t-shirt and dinner)**

Sign up here: <https://form.jotform.me/90588872000458>