

## **LENT REFLECTION BOOKLET**

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a booklet of reflections for the season of **Lent** in English, Mandarin and Tamil.

The theme is **"Walking by Faith in Communion".**Please take a copy of the booklet for your household.
It's also made available online at: http://bit.ly/one-lent-2019

## ASH WEDNESDAY - 6th March

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 - 8th March

Station of the Cross 7.30pm, Mass 8pm



## LENT - PARTS OF THE MASS

Please note the following for all Masses in Lent (beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending with Maundy Thursday):

The Sanctus (Holy, holy...),

Pater Noster (Lord's Prayer) } will be sung in Latin.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) }

The Kyrie (Lord have mercy) will be sung in Greek.

## **FORMED**

An online resource subscribed by the Church to help our members learn and grow in their faith.

Click on the link

https://holycrosssg.formed.org
sign-up for Free access to FORMED.

Once you have signed up, download the free FORMED iOS App or Formed Android App on your mobile gadgets for your convenient access.



"We cannot keep ourselves shut up in parishes, in our communities, when so many people are waiting for the Gospel!"

Pope Francis



## 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.

2 & 3 Mar 2019

in Ordinary Time

## **First Reading**

Sirach 27: 4 - 7

# **Second Reading Eighth Sunday**1 Corinthians 15: 54 - 59

Gospel

Luke 6: 39 - 45

#### Reflection



#### THE INSIDE SHOWS

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us.

Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression-words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws.

And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through. 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 <u>2nd</u> 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.

## <u>Infant Baptism:</u>

## @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.

2019 Church of the Holy Cross Celebrates 40th Anniversary

## **CHOICE WEEKEND 29 - 31 MAR 2019**

It takes that 1 weekend to inspire you for the rest of your life. Come away for a Choice Weekend - it is by the choices we make that we define what our life is all about.

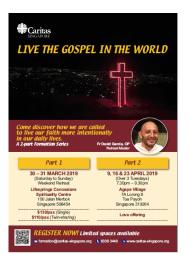
Date: 29 - 31 Mar 2019 (Friday evening to Sunday evening)

Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368 Enquiries: Celia (9876 3214) Register & Info: <a href="http://www.choice.org.sg/">http://www.choice.org.sg/</a>

## LIVE THE GOSPEL IN THE WORLD

This is a 2-part Formation Series facilitated by Fr David Garcia, OP

This retreat and the follow up sessions bring participants on a journey of discovery of how we are called to live our faith more intentionally in our daily lives.



#### Part 1: Weekend Retreat

Dates: 30 - 31 March 2019

Venue: Lifesprings Canossian Spirituality Centre

## Part 2: 3 Evening Sessions

Dates: 9, 16 & 23 April 2019 Time: 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

Venue: Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh

For more information and registration, please refer Caritas Singapore website: <a href="www.caritas-singapore.org">www.caritas-singapore.org</a>

or email to <a href="mailto:formation@caritas-singapore.org">formation@caritas-singapore.org</a>.

## 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 FEBRUARY 2019 - PERSONAL WITNESSING -

5 Mar: Ruled by God's Word (George Chee)

12 Mar: My Life Trials (Fr Robertus Sarwiseso)

19 Mar: My growth in the Catholic faith (Fr Anthony Vinay)

26 Mar: My Hope of Developing the Spirituality of Communion (Fr Henry Siew)

2 April: Working as a Vincentian (SVDP member)

9 April: The nature of God's Kingdom (Lenten reflection)

16 April: No Meeting (Holy Week)

\* All are Welcome

### RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

# Started MARCH 2, Saturdays at 10 am to 12 noon. We are still open for registration.

A call to ACTION: Every parishioner to pray and invite your non-Catholic friends to know more about our Catholic faith. WhatsApp at least 1 friend the RCIA form at this link <a href="https://tinyurl.com/RCIA-form">https://tinyurl.com/RCIA-form</a>

or scan the QR code.

Registration form is available at the information slots.

For enquiries, please contact Agnes Tiong @98245926 or email agnestiong31@gmail.com



## **ASSISI FUN DAY 2019**

Assisi Hospice is a Catholic charity providing palliative care to patients with life-limiting illnesses and supports their families. Founded in 1969 by the Sisters of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood (FMDM), Assisi Hospice celebrates 50 years of God's blessings in 2019.

The Assisi Fun Day is one of their major fundraising events and will be held at SJI International School on 16 June 2019, there will be more than 150 stalls of food and games.



The Assisi team will be here on this weekend to sell their Fun Day coupons @ \$10 each. Please give them your generous support. Visit http://bit.lv/2TOIUGJ to find out more or donate.

## **UPCOMING PARENTING EVENTS BY FAMILY LIFE SOCIETY**

#### **CAREER GUIDANCE SKILLS FOR PARENTS**

Give your child a head start with the right advice! Identify the strengths of your child and help them to choose a career that will help them thrive.

Mon, 4 Mar, 7.30-9.30pm at 55 Waterloo Street, Level 3. \$20/pax

By International Speaker Christian Chua, author of 7 books, creator of Career advisory tool. Register now at: <a href="https://christianchua.peatix.com">https://christianchua.peatix.com</a>

## 14-DAY FABULOUS EASTERN EUROPE (22 APRIL - 5 MAY)

(Hungary/ Poland/ Czech) Pilgrimage-Holiday

Spiritual Director: Fr Anthony Vinay

Fare: SGD\$4,782/pax (twin-sharing, INCLUSIVE ALL TAXES)

SGD\$ 976/pax (additional for single-supplement)

**ENQUIRY: Faith Tours & Travel Pte Ltd** 

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