



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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20th January 2019

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

### A VISIBLE GOD

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to *see*, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult "public life" at his baptism by John. Today's Gospel reading tells us of his "first sign," providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God.

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Monday-Friday:

6.30am & 6pm

#### Saturday:

6.30am & 5pm Sunset Mass

#### Sunday:

7am, 9.30am, 11.30am & 5pm

#### Parish Holy Hour:

1st Friday @ 8pm

#### Public Holiday (Mon-Sat):

Morning Mass @ 8am only

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

15 minutes before sunset mass on Saturday and all masses on Sunday.

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Every 3rd Sunday of the Month @ 9.30am mass.

#### INFANT BAPTISM:

1st Sunday of ODD Months:

Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov.

Forms are available outside the parish office.

#### WEDDING:

Arrangements must be made at least 1 year ahead with our Parish office. Couples need to attend Marriage Preparation Course or Engage Encounter.

#### FUNERAL:

Please check with the Parish office for the availability of the Priest and Main Church before confirming the timing for cremation or burial.

#### ORATORY:

Please check with the Parish office for the availability of the oratory.

#### COLUMBARIUM:

Daily: 7am-9pm

Saturday & Sunday: 7am-6.30pm

Public Holiday: 8am-12nn

#### PRAYER ROOM:

Mon-Fri: 7am-9.45pm

Saturday & Sunday: 7am-6.30pm

Public Holiday: 7am-11.45am

#### 7 GIFTS:

Saturday: 4pm-6.30pm

Sunday:

7.45am-1pm & 4pm-6.30pm



20 Jan  
@ 9.30am  
Mass

(every 3rd Sunday of the month)

We welcome our little brothers and sisters (5-8 years old) to attend and hear the Gospel explained at a level appropriate to them.

### Gift Campaign

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the GIFT campaign to build a more vibrant, evangelistic and missionary Church. GIRO forms, cheques or cash can be sealed into GIFT envelopes and dropped into the collection bags that will go around.

Spare GIFT envelopes are available at the entrance of the church and at the parish office. Please give generously for the vision of the archdiocese.

More info is available at [gift.catholicfoundation.sg](http://gift.catholicfoundation.sg)



### Feast of Presentation of the Lord - Sat 2 Feb

Candles and incense may be brought to be blessed at **6.30am mass** on that day.

Please place your items (in a bag labelled with your name for easy identification) on the table provided.

### Mass with Anointing of the Sick Sun 17 Feb @ 5pm

Registration is required for all who desire to receive the Sacrament of Anointing. Only baptized Catholics can receive the Sacrament of Anointing.

**Registration begins at 4pm at the foyer.**

### Mass Times for Chinese New Year 2019

#### Eve of CNY - Mon 4 Feb:

6.30am only

#### 1st Day of CNY - Tue 5 Feb:

8am & 10am

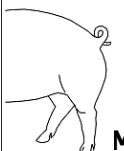
Oranges will be blessed and distributed

#### 2nd Day of CNY - Wed 6 Feb:

8am only

#### NO EVENING MASS on

Mon 4 Feb, Tue 5 Feb & Wed 6 Feb



### \* NO Catechism Class \*

9 & 10 Feb

Chinese New Year Holiday



Classes resume on 16 & 17 Feb weekend.

### Commencement of School Year 2019

This year, 7 principals have been newly appointed to head our Catholic schools and pre-schools. ACCS invites all educators to join us in a Mass to commemorate the occasion and to pray for all our Catholic schools and pre-schools.

**Sunday 27 Jan at 3pm  
at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd  
Main celebrant: His Grace, Archbishop William Goh**

Parking is limited on the Cathedral grounds, please park your vehicle in carparks around the vicinity.

### CNY Elderly Visitation by StRaphaelSingles

**Sat 9 Feb \* 1.30pm-5pm  
Meeting Venue: Clementi**

Price: Buy Non-Sugary Groceries for Elderly

*Purpose: Fellowship, Charity & Friendship*

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stRalp/>

**Email: StRaphaelSingles@gmail.com  
to confirm your participation**

### AT HOME RETREAT-(2 choices) Journey from Ashes to Easter

A 10-week programme based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola to know Jesus more intimately in the midst of life's daily routine. It is a school of prayer and a Lenten preparation for Easter. Includes weekly meeting of faith sharing, daily prayer with Scripture and one spiritual direction by Cenacle Sisters & Team.

#### **MORNINGS:**

Tuesdays 26 Feb – 30 April \* 9.30am to 11.30am  
Venue: LaSalle Centre - St. Patrick School  
490 East Coast Road

**OR**

#### **EVENINGS**

Tuesdays 26 Feb – 30 April \* 7.30pm to 9.30pm  
Venue: Cana - the Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St.

**Contribution: \$250.00**

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### **TIME WITH GOD (TWG)- Women Group**

Come and gather in a safe space for weekly morning of prayer, reflection and sharing for women.

**Please call 9298-5808 to confirm session.**

Every Wednesday beginning 23 Jan  
9.30am - 11.30am  
Venue: La Salle Centre, 490 East Coast Rd

**Contribution: Love Offering**

To register:

T: 97223148 / 92985808

Website: [www.cenaclemission.com](http://www.cenaclemission.com)

Email: [cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com](mailto:cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com)

### Christian Meditation and Christian Life

**by FR. LAURENCE FREEMAN OSB**

Director of The World Community for Christian Meditation

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION and ...

#### DISCIPLESHIP

*Tue 22 Jan @ 7.30-9.30pm \* Church of the Holy Family,*

#### HOLINESS

*Wed 23 Jan @ 7.30-9.30pm \* Church of the Holy Cross,*

#### EVANGELISATION

*Thu 24 Jan @ 7.30-9.30pm \* Church of the Risen Christ,*

**\* No Registration required \***

Cana invites you to the screening of **LOVE AND BANANAS**, brought back by popular demand from the Cana Film Festival 2018 - **Sat 26 Jan @ 3pm** at **Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, 2nd Floor**

*This film features TIME Magazine's Hero of Asia Lek Challerit and actor/director Ashley Bell and their works of elephant conservation in Thailand. The film aims to ignite a new way of thinking about this species, and all God's creatures. It will make you laugh, make you cry but most of all it will help you ponder on our role in the care of God's creation.*

Panel discussion will follow the screening with panelists Mr. Tony O'Dempsey, President of the Nature Society and Sr. Jacinta Kow FMDM.

Registration: [canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com](mailto:canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com) or call 63384080. \* Love offering \*

### COME ALIVE: A WEEKEND RETREAT – 2ND RUN

Pray with the songs from the movie, "The Greatest Showman". Discover who you are and discern God's dream for you. Where are you fully alive, and what keeps you from being fully alive? Presented at Montfort Centre, 8–10 Mar. Contribution: \$345 (Single) \$270 (Twin).

Details/Registration:

**[anthonyatmontfort@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyatmontfort@gmail.com) or 9631-1943**

### Welcoming Returning Catholics

2019 Landings programme will commence at the:

- ◆ Church of the Holy Spirit (Mon 4 Mar) and
- ◆ Cathedral of the Good Shepherd (Thu 25 Apr)

We invite Catholics seeking a reconnection with the Faith and those interested in this ministry to participate in this 10-week programme. Interested participants will need to register.

#### Registration closes on

**18 Feb** (for programme in Church of the Holy Spirit) and  
**18 Apr** (for programme in Cathedral of the Good Shepherd).

*An evening of Returning Stories will be held on Fri 22 Mar 2019 at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. You will hear stories of returning to the church – of struggles, challenges, grace and reconciliation. Please register.*

Please email [returning@landings.org.sg](mailto:returning@landings.org.sg) or **find out more at [www.landings.org.sg](http://www.landings.org.sg)**