

Catholic Church of Christ the King

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Our Weekly Parish Bulletin



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Jeremiah 31:7-9
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52

COMING INTO THE LIGHT



Although Mark's Gospel is the shortest, he is the only one to record the name of the blind man as Bartimaeus (literally, "son of Timothy"), and he alone records the eventual encouragement from the crowd when Jesus calls him, "Take heart; rise, he is calling you." And Bartimaeus then "threw aside his cloak, jumped up and came to Jesus." After Bartimaeus's

encounter with Jesus we are told, "Immediately he received his sight and started to follow him {Jesus} up the road." Mark loves the immediacy of Jesus's power. The word "immediately" is used repeatedly at the beginning of his Gospel, and suggests the imminent arrival of the Kingdom.

Jesus passes through Jericho like a new Joshua, who conquered Jericho on his way into the Promised Land. At Jericho, Jesus brings forgiveness to Zacchaeus (see Luke 19) and sight to Bartimaeus and his blind companion (see Matthew 20). Just as Rahab the harlot (who shows up in the genealogy of Jesus) was saved by Joshua when Jericho was conquered, so now the outcast tax collector Zacchaeus finds salvation in his encounter with this new Joshua. Bartimaeus, as the last disciple to join Jesus before He goes to Jerusalem and the death awaiting Him,

becomes an icon for all those Gentile believers who as latecomers to the way of Christ. Even though they are late in following Christ, they have come to see him as the "Light of the world." Indeed, through Christ, "the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light" (Matthew 4:15-16).

The juxtaposition of light and darkness is a prominent

theme in the Gospels, especially John 1. Jesus heals Bartimaeus and the man born blind, while the Pharisees, in contrast, are called "blind guides." In the story of Bartimaeus, we see this light theme connected with trusting faith. It is Bartimaeus's persistent faith in the "Son of David" that brings him into the light. This image of light in connection with faith impressed the early Christians so deeply that they called those catechumens who were preparing to receive Baptism "Photizomenoi," which literally means, "those who are coming into the light." The Greek word "photismos" was used in reference to Baptism, because it was considered to be an enlightening. St. John sees the light as necessary to avoid stumbling in the darkness (John 11:10), and Bartimaeus shows us that, with Christ, we are given the light to follow him, even though it leads to the Crucifixion.



MASS TIMINGS

DAILY MASSES

6.30am, 6.15pm
7.30am, 5.30pm (Public Holiday)

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat 6.30am, 7.30am (Public Holiday)
5.30pm (Sunset)
Sun 7.00am, 8.15am (Mandarin)
9.45am, 11.30am & 5.30pm

DIVINE MERCY MASS

8.00pm (Chapel)
FIRST Tuesday of the month

TAMIL MASS

6.30pm (Chapel)
FOURTH Sunday of the month

MALAYALAM MASS

6.00pm (Chapel)
FIFTH Sunday of the month



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PARISH UPDATES



ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day (Day of Obligation) Mass Schedule:

31 Oct (Wed): 7pm (no 6.30pm Mass)

1 Nov (Thu): 6.30am, 1pm, 6.15pm & 8pm

ALL SOULS DAY

Mass Schedule:

2 Nov (Fri): 6.30am, 1pm & 6.15pm

(Blessing of Columbarium after 6.15pm Mass)

CANTEEN

This week's canteen is run by Lectors. Do come down for delicious food and fellowship!

BLESSING OF FAMILIES

Blessing of families (including expectant parents) at all Masses this weekend, 27 & 28 Oct.

BUDGET 2019 SUBMISSION

All Ministries and NCCs are kindly reminded to submit budget statements to the Parish Office by 31 Oct 2018.

DEVOTION TO ST. PEREGRINE

Come pray with us to St. Peregrine, patron of persons with cancer, foot ailments or any incurable disease, on 28 Oct (Sun), 1pm - 1.45pm at Room 107.

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spend an hour with the Lord before the Blessed Sacrament on 31 Oct (Wed), 8 - 9pm at the Chapel.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND MASS

This will be held on 13 Nov (Tue), 8.00pm, at the Chapel by Father Paul Lim.

INFANT BAPTISM ON 4 NOV

Our parish welcomes 3 children who will be baptised next Sunday at 4pm. Let us pray for them and be reminded of our roles as parents and godparents in the faith formation of our children and godchildren.

MEDITATION SESSION

No meditation session on 1 Nov (Thu) and 22 Nov (Thu). Sessions are available on other Thursdays.

NEIGHBOURHOOD CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

BISHAN NCC AGM cum ROSARY

30 Oct (Tue), 8.30pm

Blk 224 Bishan Street 23 #03-125



FEAST OF ST. JUDE THADDEUS

CTK Indian Catholic Movement invites all to celebrate its Annual Celebration in conjunction with St. Jude Feast Day.

Dates: 27 Oct (Sat), 28 Oct (Sun)

Time: 7pm Rosary, 7.30pm Mass

Venue: CTK Main Church

Celebrants (All Masses in Tamil):

27 Oct - Fr. Nithiya SagayaRaj

28 Oct - Fr. Anthony Maria Joseph

Organised by CTK Indian Catholic Movement (ICM) & Archdiocesan Commission for Tamil Speaking (ACTS)

CATECHISM CLASS REGISTRATION (PRI 1-3)

Primary 1 to 3 Catechism @ CTK is open for registration until 31 Oct 2018. Registration instructions at www.christtheking.com.sg/pastoral-services/catechism

REGISTRATION FOR 2019 BRIDGING CATECHESIS

If you have a child from Primary 3 to Secondary 1 (9-13 years old) who is either:

- baptised but has never had formal catechesis and wishes to start now
- 'dropped out' of catechesis and wishes to continue
- comes from overseas with no formal catechesis
- not baptised and wishes to be baptised and join catechist afterwards,

Please email catechist@christtheking.com.sg to register your child for 2019 Bridging catechesis.

MONTHLY PPC EXCO MEETING

Gentle reminder to all PPC Exco members, Ministry Leaders and NCC Heads to attend, on 5 Nov (Mon), 8pm at the canteen.

CTK FEAST DAY LUNCH

25 Nov (Sun), 12.30pm to 3pm at Jubilee Garden Restaurant, Safra Toa Payoh, Lorong 6. \$350 per table/\$35.00 per person. For purchase of bus and lunch tickets, contact Maria at 96854529. Ticket sales will close on 4 Nov 2018.

APPEAL FOR LUCKY DRAW PRIZES

As we celebrate the 36th Anniversary of our parish, we are appealing for lucky draw prizes. Donations can come in the form of gifts or supermarket vouchers. You may drop your donations off at the Parish Office.

CTK FREE LEGAL CLINIC

The free legal advice to low-income individuals is on 30 Oct (Tue). Advance registration is required.

CTK FREE MEDICAL CLINIC

Clinic hours are every Wed 7pm - 9pm and every Sun 2pm - 4pm. The service is for the poor and needy only.

CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING

FEAST DAY TRIDUUM 2018

FAITH
overcomes all



22nd November
Thursday, 7.30pm

Celebrant:
Fr Charlie Oasan

Mass in English
and Tagalog

HOPE
sustains us



23rd November
Friday, 7.30pm

Celebrant:
Fr Benjamin Anthonisamy

Mass in English
and Tamil

LOVE
never fails



24th November
Saturday, 5.30pm

Celebrant:
Fr Terence Wee

Mass in English
and Chinese



DELIVER US FROM EVIL

Rally & Ministering by
Fr. Elias Vella, OFM Conv. from Malta

9 November 2018
7.45PM to 10.00PM
Church of Christ the King
2221 Ang Mo Kio Ave 8
Singapore 569809

Free Admission: All are welcome!

**SACCRE Rally & Ministering by
Fr. Elias Vella, OFM Conv. (Malta)
9 Nov (Fri) • 7.45pm - 10pm
Church of Christ the King**



One way to tell others about Jesus is through stories. Try this: This week, post a short note on social media about a time when you encountered the Lord. Also share this testimony with one of your Catholic friends.



**CHURCH OF
CHRIST THE KING**
Parish Day of
Recollection 2018

Tues, 6 Nov 2018 (Public Holiday)
1.00pm – 5.30pm in Main Church
Recollection Master: Fr Charles Sim, SJ
[www.christtheking.com.sg/event/
parish-day-of-recollection-2018](http://www.christtheking.com.sg/event/parish-day-of-recollection-2018)

DIOCESAN EVENTS

CLARITY YOUTH PUBLIC TALK

Can We Tell You About OCD? School, socializing, family, even leisure may all seem very daunting if somebody is struggling with OCD. In Singapore, OCD has been found to be the third most common mental condition, affecting about 3% of the population. Presented by Dr. Bhanu Gupta and Dr. Jackki Yim. 17 Nov (Sat), 10am – 12pm at Agape Village L3. \$15 per pax. To register: <https://tinyurl.com/OCD17Nov18> or call 67577990. Closing date 15 Nov.

BRIDGING FAITH & LIFE IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Workshops by Sr Rose Pacatte and Sr Nancy Usselmann, Daughters of St Paul from USA, on 4 Nov (Sun) & 5 Nov (Mon) evening at Cana, the Catholic Centre. Cost: Love offering. Register via paulineseventsSG@gmail.com or whatsapp 8505 9746. More details at www.paulines.org.sg

MASS WITH PRAYER FOR HEALING

3 Nov (Sat) at Church of Sts. Peter and Paul (main church). All are welcome, no registration needed. 2pm: Praise and Worship, 2.20pm - 4pm: Mass celebrated by Fr. Tom Curran, followed by prayers for healing. For enquiries, email praiseatworksg@yahoo.com or call 9747 2467. Organised by Praise@Work and supported by SACCRE.

'REVIEW OF LIFE' WORKSHOP

How do we make sense of our daily life challenges? How do we see clearly with the eyes of faith, live the Gospel daily and grow in faith? Learn the Review of Life (ROL) method, to understand how to better integrate faith and life. 20 & 21 Nov, 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Agape Village, 7A Lor 8 Toa Payoh. Register at www.caritas-singapore.org or email formation@caritas-singapore.org.

1 November

ALL SAINTS DAY

During the year the Church celebrates one by one the feasts of the saints. On 1 November, she joins them all in one festival. In addition to those whose names she knows, she recalls in a magnificent vision all the others "of all nations and tribes standing before the throne and in sight of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands, proclaiming Him who redeemed them in His Blood."



The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All lived on earth lives like our own. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home whence they call on us to follow them. The Gospel of the Beatitudes, read on All Saints Day Mass, while it shows their happiness, shows, too, the road that they followed; there is no other that will lead us whither they have gone.

"The Commemoration of All Saints" was first celebrated in the East. The feast is found in the West on different dates in the eighth century. The *Roman Martyrology* mentions that this date is a claim of fame for Gregory IV (827-844) and that he extended this observance to the whole of Christendom; it seems certain, however, that Gregory III (731-741) preceded him in this. At Rome, on the other hand, on May 13, there was the annual commemoration of the consecration of the basilica of *St. Maria ad Martyres* (or St. Mary and All Martyrs). This was the former Pantheon, the temple of Agrippa, dedicated to all the gods of paganism, to which Boniface IV had translated many relics from the catacombs. Gregory VII transferred the anniversary of this dedication to November 1.

Things to Do:

- Visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead during the Octave of All Saints' Day (November 1 through November 8) will gain a plenary indulgence that can be applied only to the souls in purgatory. On other days, this work gains a partial indulgence.
- Spend a little time after Mass thanking God for all the unnamed saints, some of whom could be our own relatives.
- Have a special meal and if you have young children have them dress up like saints and play games.
- Pray the Litany of the Saints -- you could make it really special by chanting it ("he who sings prays twice") and you could read an explanation of this litany, which is considered the model of all other litanies.

Article source: www.catholicculture.org

OUR PARISH PRAYER SCHEDULE

ROSARY DEVOTION

Weekdays 5.40pm (Main Church)
Sat 4.40pm (Main Church)

13th day of the month

Weekdays 8.00pm (Grotto)
Weekends 7.00pm (Grotto)

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Tue 8.00pm (Chapel)

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Last Wed of the month 8.00pm (Chapel)

LEGION OF MARY

Thu 7.00pm - 8.15pm (Room 108)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Thu 8.00pm - 9.00pm (Room 303)

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Fri 8.00pm (Chapel)

DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Fri after evening Mass
(Main Church)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CHILDREN

Second Sat of the month 3.45pm
(St Mary's Room, Level 3)

NEW TO OUR PARISH? YET TO REGISTER WITH US?

Our warmest welcome to you dear brothers & sisters in Christ! Visit our Parish Office & contact us at 64599958 or email parishoffice@christtheking.com.sg



OPENING HOURS

PARISH OFFICE

Mon - Fri 9.00am - 8.00pm
Sat - Sun 9.00am - 7.00pm
(Closed on Public Holidays)

MAIN CHURCH

6.30am - 7.00pm daily

ADORATION ROOM

6.00am - 10.30pm daily
(Closed for cleaning on Mondays
and Fridays from 10am - 11am)

COLUMBARIUM

6.00am - 10.30pm
daily

Kindly note that the Church gates will be automatically closed by 10.30pm.



OUR PASTORAL SERVICES

CHURCH WEDDINGS

Arrangement should be made at least SIX months in advance so couples have adequate time to attend Marriage Preparation Course (www.catholic.org.sg/mpc) or Engaged Encounter Weekend (www.catholic.org.sg/ceespore). Contact parish office for application forms and booking of wedding date.

INFANT BAPTISM

Infant baptisms are celebrated every first Sunday of the month at 4pm. Parents and godparents must attend the pre-baptism preparation session on the last Tuesday of each month at 8pm. Dates may change for public holidays. Registration forms are available at parish office. For enquiries, email infantbaptism@gmail.com.

BLESSING OF FAMILIES

Blessings of families is given at all Masses on the last Sunday of each month for this year.

MASS OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available outside the parish office. Kindly submit your offerings via the Mass Offerings box ONE week in advance of intended date.

COUNSELLING

By appointment only. Contact Family Life Society, Mon - Fri (10am - 5pm) at 6382 0688.

CTK FREE LEGAL CLINIC

Free legal advice to low-income individuals is on last Tuesday of the month. Registration forms are available at the parish office. Registration forms must be deposited into CTK letterbox no. 46 at least one week in advance. Strictly no walk-ins.

CTK FREE MEDICAL CLINIC

CTK Free Medical Clinic hours are every Wed 7 - 9pm and every Sun 2 - 4pm. The service is for the poor and needy only.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office to arrange for a priest for this Sacrament to be administered to any Catholic awaiting for surgery or is suffering from serious illness especially near the time of death.

FUNERAL

Kindly contact the parish office for priest's availability and Mass timing. The parish office is able to assist with prayers arrangement at the wake if required.