







Catholic Church of Christ the King

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Our Weekly Parish Bulletin



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1st Sunday of Advent (C) 2 December 2018

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

A NEW BEGINNING

The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year and also a beginning for our own lives. So why does the Gospel reading for this day focus on endings, talking about the sun and moon darkening and the stars falling from the sky? These don't seem like very positive images, especially coming as they do right at the holiday season. Just when we are supposed to be preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth as the Mess-

That's the message we are supposed to get from these readings as well. Yes, we are told, we will have to endure suffering in this life, but the Son of Man, Jesus himself, has come into the world to transform and rescue us. The images we are shown are intended to give us encouragement, to bolster our faith and restore our confidence that God is working through the trials of our lives to set all things right. They are meant to give us hope that the Son of Man, who came once in the fullness of time, will come again in glory to make all things new.

This week's Gospel reading is frightening in many ways. We have a presentation of the Second Coming of Christ that sends shock waves through all of creation. We're told that "[men] will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the earth." Our first inclination is to ignore the stronger language in this reading. But our faith includes the whole of the Gospel, which means "good news."

This doesn't mean that we should live in fear of God, but rather it reminds us that fear of the loss of God is the beginning of real living. Jesus promises that whoever seeks will find. If we seek sin we get sin; if we seek God we find him. We ought to fear offending God because it can only bring us harm. Keeping God's commands is an important part of seeking and loving God.

Jesus is saying that those who haven't used their capacity to fear properly by fearing sin will be incapable of using that emotion properly at the Second Coming. They'll fear him whom they should love: God. All the frightful events that Jesus mentions in connection with his Second Coming will be greeted with joy by those who seek him.

HOPE
PEACE
JOY
LOVE

ah, we hear about what many Christians interpret as signs of the end of the world. What's going on here?

What we need to understand is that inherent in every beginning is also an ending. The Jewish believers who first heard Jesus make this prophesy would have understood its deeper metaphorical meaning, not that the literal End of Days was at hand, but that the world was about to experience an ending to an old way of life and the beginning of new life marked by hope and encouragement. They would have heard these words and remembered their own salvation history, how God brought down mighty kingdoms and raised up his people. They would have seen them as a sign of God's power and rejoiced, not just in what God has done in the past, but also in what he is doing in the present time.

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

FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Priests of the Parish wish to convey their thanks and appreciation to all who have helped make our Feast Day Celebrations a success, including those who:

- organised the Triduum Masses
- organised the Feast Day Lunch
- helped to arrange flowers for sale
- helped out in the Liturgical Celebrations
- worked tirelessly behind the scenes
- donated and contributed in gifts and kind

Thanks to everyone for your enthusiastic participation and we congratulate winners of the lucky draw prizes. May the Lord bless all of you!



CANTEEN

This week's canteen is run by SECONDARY CATECHISTS. Come by for great food and fellowship!

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR SSV

Please give generously this weekend to assist the poor and under-privileged by the SSV. Please issue *cheque donations* to **SSVP - CTK Conference**

INFANT BAPTISM

Our parish welcomes 8 children who will be baptised this Sunday at 4pm. Let us pray for them, their parents and godparents.

The next Infant Baptism is on 6 Jan 2019 (Sun), 4pm. Preparation session on 26 Dec 2018 (Wed), 8pm. Parents & godparents, please register by 19 Dec (Wed).

NORTH DISTRICT ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

- 14 Dec (Fri) OLSS @ 8pm
- 17 Dec (Mon) Risen Christ @ 10.30am & 8pm
- 18 Dec (Tue) Holy Spirit @ 8pm
- 19 Dec (Wed) Christ the King @ 10.30am & 8pm**
- 20 Dec (Thu) St. Anthony @ 8pm
- 21 Dec (Fri) St. Joseph (BT) @ 8pm

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND MASS

This will be held on 4 Dec (Tue), 8pm at the Chapel. Celebrant: Fr Paul Lim.

FAMILY LIFE SOCIETY ROADSHOW

The Family Life Society will be having a roadshow at CTK this weekend. Please give them your support.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Praise & Worship • 8pm at the Chapel

All are welcome! Come Taste And See!

7 Dec (Fri) – Praise & Worship, Scripture Sharing, Healing & Intercessory

28 Dec (Fri) – “Christmas Praise” - Praise & Worship, Sharing, Intercessory Prayers

* No prayer meetings on 14 Dec and 21 Dec 2018

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CHILDREN

Please note that there is no Eucharistic Adoration with Children in December 2018.

MONTHLY PPC EXCO MEETING

Gentle reminder to all PPC Exco members, Ministry Leaders and NCC Heads to attend, on 10 Dec (Mon), 8pm at the canteen.

MAGNIFICAT: CELEBRATING OUR LIVES

We have lived a full life. Let us take time out once a week to celebrate these together. By Victor and Vivienne Wee

Date : Wednesdays, starting 5 Dec 2018
Time/Venue : 10am - 1pm @ CTK Canteen
Programme : Talk, Prayer, Exercise or Dance, Lunch
Participants : Anybody who is available, sick, retirees, disabled.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ROSARY & MASS

Join us for a special Rosary and Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Protectress of the Unborn on 12 Dec (Wed) - 5.40pm Rosary, 6.15pm Mass will be celebrated by Fr. John Sim, at CTK. There will be special blessings for pregnant mothers & families.

NORTH DISTRICT YOUTH CAMP

The North District Youth Council is organising a camp for all youths on 17-20 Dec. Come join us for a great time with God and your brothers and sisters in Christ! Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/ndyouthcamp> For enquiries, email jervis@christtheking.com.sg

NO LEGAL CLINIC IN DECEMBER 2018

Please note that there is no legal clinic session on 25 Dec 2018 (Tue, Christmas Day). The next session is on 29 Jan 2019 (Tue). Kindly deposit your registration form into the CTK letterbox no. 46 by 22 Jan 2019 (Tue).

FREE MEDICAL CLINIC

If you, or someone you know, need medical help but cannot afford clinic fees, do come by CTK's free medical clinic on Wednesdays 7pm-9pm or Sundays 2pm-4pm

REGISTRATION FOR 2019 CC1 (SEC 1) CATECHISM

Registration is now open. Classes are on Sundays, 9.30am to 11am. Register at <http://bit.ly/2019-CC1-Registration>.

NEIGHBOURHOOD CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

NCC 200 Advent Sharing

3 Dec (Mon), 8.30pm @ Blk 221 AMK Ave 1 #10-751
All NCCs are welcome. RSVP: Jeffrey 96949222 by 2 Dec.

NCC 200 Divine Mercy Devotion, Thanksgiving & Christmas Celebration

17 Dec (Mon), 8pm @ Blk 223 AMK Ave 1 #03-527

NCC 300 Rosary & Fellowship

9 Dec (Sun), 8pm @ Blk 310B AMK Ave 1 #09-373
All are welcome to join us in prayers.

NCC 700 Potluck Christmas Party

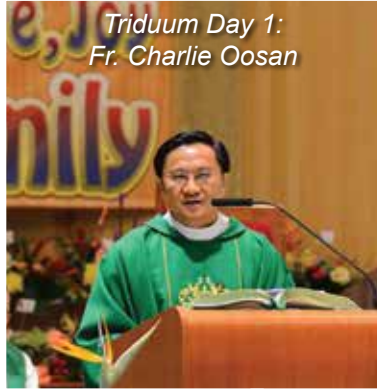
8 Dec (Sat), 6.30pm @ Grandeur 8 poolside function room
Come celebrate Jesus' birthday with us - Share your food, play games, sing carols & enjoy fellowship.
Contact: Sebastian 93875687

CTK FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS!

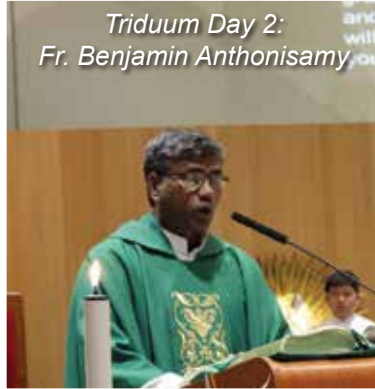
Here are some memories of our Feast Day Celebrations last weekend. We hope you had a blessed time!



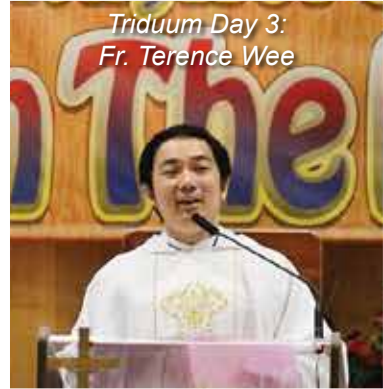
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Praise and Worship



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Fr. Charlie Oosan



Triduum Day 2:
Fr. Benjamin Anthonisamy



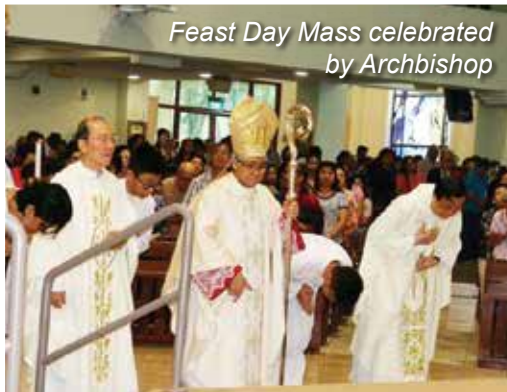
Triduum Day 3:
Fr. Terence Wee



Flowers in
Honour of
Christ the
King



Our talented
flower arrangers



Feast Day Mass celebrated
by Archbishop



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Feast Day Lunch @ Safra Toa Payoh



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Feast Day Lunch Committee



DIOCESAN EVENTS

GIFT ADVENT 2018

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. GIFT challenges every Catholic to make a regular pledge to support the operational and building needs of the archdiocese. Every Catholic is also encouraged to pray and volunteer for 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!

29 Dec (Sat), 2pm - 4pm @ Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St.

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! Register at www.one.org.sg/events. Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation

ST RAPHAEL SINGLES CHRISTMAS MASS & POTLUCK

16 Dec (Sun), 10am-2pm @ OLPS Canteen (Siglap)

Join us for Fellowship, Friendship, Potluck & Mass. Please bring some food to share with others. Email StRaphaelSingles@gmail.com to confirm your participation. (FB: www.facebook.com/groups/stRalp)

PERSONAL MORAL COMPASS COURSE 2019

By Rev Fr David Garcia, OP. Every Friday, 7.30pm - 9.30pm starting from 11 Jan 2019 @ Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street.

The Personal Moral Compass Course is for all Catholics and all people of goodwill interested in formation in the foundations of Ethics and Moral Theology. It is a one-year-long systematic course in Moral Theology consisting of 6 individual modules. This course is organised under Caritas Singapore. Register at www.caritas-singapore.org or email formation@caritas-singapore.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

1st & 4th Fri of the month 8.00pm (Chapel)

DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Fri after evening Mass (Main Church)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CHILDREN

2nd 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 ONE year 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. Please fill in registration form (available at the parish office) and deposit form 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.