

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 24 JANUARY 2016 • FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19

Ps 71: 1-6, 15-17

1 Cor 12: 31 -13:13

Lk 4: 21-30

“Jesus, thank you for making your home in me. Help me today to extend your kind and patient love to everyone I encounter today.”

As an examination of conscience, one may begin these descriptive sentences with your own name: “John is patient, John is kind.” What immediately leaps to mind is the many situations that called for patience, kindness, or endurance—but we came up short. Maybe a better approach would be to use the name of Jesus. Jesus is patient. Picture him pausing and waiting until the man slowed down by blindness makes his way forward to ask for healing. Jesus is kind. Imagine him taking the hand of the man who can neither hear nor speak and leading him away from the crowd to heal him in a more intimate setting. Jesus never fails. See him, wearied from ministering all day, still tending to the multitudes who come asking for help. Now, realize one more thing. Jesus Christ lives in you through your baptism. You have been given a share of his risen life—and his unconditional love. This means that you can draw on his stores of patience and kindness whenever you need to.

Pope Francis often reminds us that every command in Scripture is accompanied by a promise. Yes, God calls us to be loving, and this passage spells out what that love looks like. It's a high standard. But we are also gifted in Christ with the power to love as he loves, to be patient as he is patient, and to share his kindness with everyone around us. It's one of the most encouraging paradoxes of the Christian life: the more inadequate you feel, the more effective you can be. It doesn't take much to plunge your hands and heart into Jesus' storehouse of love and find everything you need.

Daily Readings

Feb 1 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

2 Sm 15: 13-14, 30; 16: 5-13 Ps 3: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 5: 1-20

Feb 2 Tue: PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEAST

Mal 3: 1-4 Ps 24: 7, 8, 9, 10 Heb 2: 14-18 Lk 2: 22-40

Feb 3 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Blaise, bishop, martyr/ Ansgar, bishop, missionary

2 Sm 24: 2, 9-17 Ps 32: 1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 6: 1-6

Feb 4 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

1 Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12 1 Chr 29: 10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd Mk 6: 7-13

Feb 5 Fri: Agatha, virgin, martyr

Sir 47: 2-11 Ps 18: 31, 47 and 50, 51 Mk 6: 14-29

Feb 6 Sat: Paul Miki, priest, martyr, & company., martyrs

1 Kgs 3: 4-13 Ps 119: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Mk 6: 30-34

A GENTLE REMINDER

Petitions to Divine Mercy

All petitions to the Divine Mercy will be offered up on the last Saturday of every month during the 5pm Divine Mercy devotion. Please place your petitions in the Petition Box at the Divine Mercy mosaic inside the main church.

Helping Hands Needed

We need more hands to clean the church. Just come by every Saturday from 8:00am to 10am at the main Church. All are welcome!

Parish Secretariat

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Opening Hours

Mon - Fri | 11am - 7pm

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Sat | 12.30pm - 5.30pm

Sun | 9am - 1pm

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For those who have not yet registered as parishioners of CDM, please do so at the Parish Office.



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Parish Bulletin

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The Jubilee Year of Mercy Holy Door will be open from 7am to 9pm daily.

Mass & Prayer Times

Weekday

6:30am, 6:15pm

Saturday

6.30am, 5:30pm

Every 1st Saturday of the month

7.30pm Syro-Malaba Mass (Chapel)

Every 3rd Saturday of the month

7.30pm Tagalog Mass

Sunday

7am, 9am, 11.30am, 5.30pm

Confessions 15 min before Mass.

Public Holidays 8am only

Divine Mercy Devotion

Daily at 6.45pm (Chapel)

Saturday at 5.00pm (Main Church)

Prayer for Priests

Every Thurs 5.15pm followed by 6.15pm mass

Community & Pastoral Care

Divine Mercy Apostolate

Neighbourhood Christian Community (NCC)

Prayer for the Sick & Dying

Funeral and Wake Services

Please contact the Parish Office or email secretariat@divinemercury.sg

Saints in Mercy

St Faustina Kowalska The Apostle of Divine Mercy

We continue our Saints in Mercy series this week with St. Faustina Kowalska. St. Faustina was born in August 1905 in Glogowiec, Poland. Her family was poor but religious. Throughout her life, Faustina reported having visions of Jesus and conversations with him, which she wrote about in her diary, later published as the book “The Diary of Saint Faustina”.

Find out more on page 2



Fill Your Heart with Faces & Names!

Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives. Jesus offered his precious blood on the cross for that person. Appearances notwithstanding, every person is immensely holy and deserves our love. Consequently, if I can help at least one person to have a better life, that already justifies the offering of my life. It is a wonderful thing to be God's faithful people. We achieve fulfillment when we break down walls and our heart is filled with faces and names!

Evangelii Gaudium (The Gospel of Joy)

Reflection: Our lives are amazing gifts, especially when we give them to others. Think about one small but merciful action you can make today that could brighten someone's day. Fill your heart with faces and names!

+ PARISH BUZZ

Saints in Mercy • St Faustina Kowalska

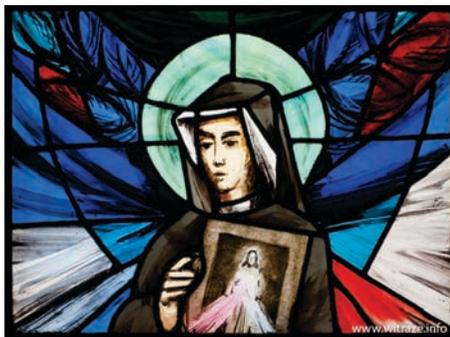


She first felt a calling to the religious life while attending the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at age seven. Faustina had a vision of a suffering Jesus at age 19. She then went to the cathedral where she was told by Jesus to leave for Warsaw immediately to join a convent. She was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1926. She was to be a nun for just over a decade.

Faustina wrote of a vision about the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in her diary, later published as the book "The Diary of Saint Faustina". Faustina wrote that the purpose for chaplet's prayers for mercy are threefold:

- **To Obtain Mercy**
- **To Trust in Christ's Mercy**
- **To Show Mercy to others**

From then on, progress was made in promoting the Divine Mercy and in 1937, a pamphlet was published with the title Christ, King of Mercy. Faustina died at the age of 33 on 5 October 1938. She was buried on 7 October and now rests at the Basilica of Divine Mercy in Krakow, Poland. Faustina was canonized as a saint in April 2000, having been considered a mystic and visionary, she is known and venerated with the Church as the Apostle of Divine Mercy.



Come join us for Divine Mercy chaplets at the following times: Daily at 6:45pm (Chapel), Sat 5pm (Main Church) and Mandarin devotion every 4th Sun of the month, 12:15pm (Chapel).

Nurses Enjoyed a Well-Deserved Break!



A New Year party for the nurses from the various hospitals was hosted by the Catholic Nurses' Guild on 23 January at Church of Divine Mercy. Majority of the nurses hailed from the Philippines with some from Myanmar. It was an opportunity for them to mingle with our local nurses, as well as share their culture and talents through their performances. Fun and laughter rang through the hall too, as the nurses played games and enjoyed themselves. There was also an abundance of food and gifts with everyone leaving for home armed with a present or two!

+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collection of Holy Palms

A reminder to please drop your last year's blessed palms in the boxes provided at entrance to B1 car park and main church foyer. **These will be collected and burnt on Friday, 5 Feb**, before Ash Wednesday to make the ritual ash.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

10 February

Mass Times: 6.30am, 1pm, 6.30pm, 8pm

Note that Ash Wednesday, which falls on the Third Day of Chinese New Year, is to be observed with fasting and abstinence.

2016 Catechism Sessions

Catechism sessions for all levels will start on the weekend of 20/21 February 2016. Sessions are as follows:

Levels 1 - 6 (Primary)

Saturdays: 4.15pm - 5.15pm OR

Sundays: 10.15am - 11.15am

Levels 7 - 9 (Secondary)

Sundays: 8.30am - 10am

Infant Baptism

Infant baptism for Feb 2016 is brought forward to 7 Feb during the 11.30am Mass. For details, please contact Francis Ang @ 96852537 (after 6pm) or email at franelen@live.com.sg.

Lenten Parish Retreat

Let's Prepare Ourselves

Fr Thomas Bobby Emprayil, a Vincentian Priest from the Potta Team will give the parish retreat to help us prepare for Lent.

When 13 February, Saturday (Full-Day)

8.30am till 4.30 pm ending with the

DMA Chaplet and Sunset Mass. All participants must register. Registration will be after Mass at the foyer this weekend

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

2 Feb, Tue, 6pm @ Church of St Ignatius

His Grace Archbishop William Goh will be the celebrating Mass for the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life and the closing of International Year of Consecrated Life. All are welcome.

Pilgrimage to Spain • Portugal • France | 25 May - 9 Jun 2016

Kindly confirm your bookings with Raymond at 91807887 or Julia at 91474938

Bookshop Closed

The bookshop will be closed on 6/7 Feb and 13/14 Feb.

Blessing of Candles • 2 Feb

Presentation of Jesus at the Temple

At the Feast of the Presentation, also known as Candlemas, the priest blesses the candles before the Mass. If you have candles to bless, please wrap them and place these on the table provided close to the altar. Please have your name/contact number written on the package and retrieve the candles after Mass.

Retreat by The Bible Apostolate

Consoling the Heart of Jesus by Fr Michael Gaitley

When Every Wednesday (17 Feb - 20 April) (10 sessions) from 8pm to 9.45pm

Where Parish Hall, Level 3

Registration at the foyer. Contact Jenny Krishnamoorthy at 96792415 or email jennykrishnamoorthy15@gmail.com

SHINE Combined Polytechnic Catholic Camp

Theme: Living in the Light - Eph 5

For all students who are entering or currently studying in Polytechnic.

When 15 - 18 Mar 2016 (Tue - Fri)

Polytechnic students will be at CDM this weekend to raise funds and to promote the upcoming SHINE camp! Find out more at the booth in the foyer.

For registration & details, visit:

tinyurl.com/registerSHINE2016 or

OYP website at www.oyp.org.sg

Home Rosary Session

There will be no community Home Rosary this week. Prayer will resume on 15 February. For further information, please contact Susan Tan @ 9119-5909