

## + REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 7 AUGUST 2016 • 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Wis 18: 6-9 Ps 33: 1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)  
Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19 Lk 12: 32-48

### “Jesus, help me to put my faith in you each day, every day.”

Famous people who excel in their field can also be considered authors. People like Beethoven, and Mozart “wrote the book” on classical music. People like Abraham Lincoln and Václav Havel “wrote the book” on leadership in government.

In his own way, Jesus “wrote the book” on life with God. Scripture tells us, “We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all” (Hebrews 10:10). On the cross, Jesus gave us everything we need—once and for all. Still, we will grow in faith only to the extent that we continue to embrace that “offering of the body of Jesus Christ.”

When the author of Hebrews calls faith the “realization of what is hoped for,” he is talking about an ongoing, ever deepening realization of all that Jesus has won for us (Hebrews 11:1). Our faith is meant to be living and active, capable of growing as we welcome the Lord into our lives.

Every Mass presents us with an opportunity to do just that. When we receive the Eucharist, we are asking Jesus to open our eyes to his love and his wisdom in a new and deeper way. And loving Savior that he is, he does just that. At the same time, our response to Jesus should extend past the moment when we receive Communion. It should move us to follow him throughout the day, trying our best to stay close to him in good times and in bad. So how should we respond to God’s grace today? By looking at the cross during Mass and saying, “Thank you, Jesus.” By asking Jesus for the faith to help you enjoy life’s blessings and get through its demands. By telling Jesus, “I trust that you have prepared a heavenly city for me.”

### Daily Readings

#### August 8 Mon: Dominic, priest, religious founder

Ez 1: 2-5, 24-28 Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Mt 17: 22-27

#### August 9 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin

Ez 2: 8 – 3: 4 Ps 119: 14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Mt 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14

#### August 10 Wed: Lawrence, d, martyr FEAST

2 Cor 9: 6-10 Ps 112: 1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 Jn 12: 24-26

#### August 11 Thu: Clare, virgin, religious founder

Ez 12: 1-12 Ps 78: 56-57, 58-59, 61-62 Mt 18: 21 – 19: 1

#### August 12 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Jane Frances de Chantal, martyr, wife, religious founder

Ez 16: 1-15, 60, 63 Is 12: 2-3, 4, 5-6 Mt 19: 3-12

#### August 13 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM/ Pontian, pope, martyr, and Hippolytus, priest, martyr

Ez 18: 1-10, 13b, 30-32 Ps 51: 12-15, 18-19 Mt 19: 13-15

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

#### General Office

Raymond Tan/Luke Teo/Maria Lim/  
Teresa Tan  
Tel | 6583 3378 • Fax | 6583 1694  
Email | secretariat@divinemercury.sg

#### Opening Hours

Mon - Fri | 11am - 7pm  
Closed for lunch | 1pm - 2pm  
Sat | 12.30pm - 5.30pm  
Sun | 9am - 1pm  
Closed on public holidays

### Staying Connected

#### To offer feedback, email us at

stayingconnected@divinemercury.sg

#### Subscribe to our e-bulletin at

www.divinemercury.sg

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www.divinemercury.sg/facebook

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### Parish Census

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



# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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## Parish Bulletin

### Parish Priests

#### Fr Johnson Fernandez

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#### Fr Terence Kesavan

Tel | 6583 8789



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

## CDM - A Refuge for Spiritual Peace

**“The Church of the Divine Mercy is not only a refuge of spiritual peace, it is also a refuge of happiness for homesick Filipinos!”**

- Ms Elvira Cedo, a visiting parishioner from the Philippines



Elvira Cedo reviewed Church of Divine Mercy - 6.5  
23 July at 12:55 · 🌐

As soon as I entered the church, I can feel and sense it is hallowed ground. Peace and calm enveloped me as I made my way inside. The icon of the Divine Mercy meets you and looks you in the eye atop its perch in the lobby. It is the first thing that you will see when you enter this place of worship.

Read more of her experience at CDM in the Buzz on page 2.

## Do we just tend to our own vegetable patch?

“Is self-interested love pleasing to Jesus? No, it is not, because love should be freely given, like his is. What are the relationships like in our parishes, in our communities? Do we treat each other like brothers and sisters? Or do we judge one another, do we speak evil of one another, do we just tend our own vegetable patch? Or do we care for one another?”

These are the questions of charity!

- Pope Francis - General Audience, October 23, 2013

**Reflection:** St. Vincent de Paul once said: “Extend your mercy toward others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping. For what hope is there for us if God should withdraw his mercy from us? Consider the questions from Pope Francis above.

Which people in your life need to receive your mercy?

## + PARISH BUZZ

### Level 9 Ministry Attachment 2016

#### OUR TEENS' CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

We caught up with 2 teens, Easton Simwandhi and Matthew Tan, who are attached to the Catechist Ministry. They are in the 2nd week of the attachment.

#### Why did you choose the Catechist Ministry for your attachment?

**E:** I like children since I was young and I've always been drawn to this Ministry. I don't mind being around children I guess, as I love to interact with them.

**M:** I think God chose me for the job!

#### What do you hope to get out of this attachment?

**E:** Being God's instrument in a way that I can speak about God's love to children.

**M:** I hope I can play a part in helping the children grow spiritually.

Please pray for our teens that the Holy Spirit will fire them up with zest as they prepare for their confirmation.

*This weekly series is put together by Tanya, Maisy and Nicolas, who are attached with the Communications Ministry*

### CDM: A Warm & Welcoming Place

CDM has had many visitors over the years as it is the national shrine of the Divine Mercy, and also one of the designated churches with the Holy Door. It is a special moment when we receive feedback on how our visitors enjoy their time here.

Ms. Elvira Cedo, from the Philippines, visited the church when she came to see her cousin, Orlie Seva, who is a member of the Couples for Christ. **"As soon as I entered the church, I can feel and sense it is hallowed ground. Peace and calm enveloped me as I made my way inside."**

She was taken in by the charms of CDM, from the "icon of Divine Mercy which meets you atop its perch in the lobby" to buzz of our Sunday canteen, which "serves as a bonding time for the Filipinos". Thank you parishioners for making our church welcoming to our visitors. Please share your affirmations about CDM on our Facebook ([divinemercury.sg/facebook](https://www.facebook.com/divinemercury)).



Confirmation teens Matthew Tan and Easton Simwandhi



## + PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Home Rosary Session

**Host** Edmond & Ann Nathan

**Dates** 8 Aug - 14 Aug 2016

#### Rosary days with community:

Mon, Tues and Wed at 8:15pm; Sunday at 3pm

**Venue** Blk 713 Pasir Ris St 72 #06-37

For more info, contact Susan Tan at 9119 5909 or visit the Ministry's webpage.

### Mass on National Day

There will only be one Mass at 8am on Tuesday, 9 Aug as it is a public holiday.

### Feast of Assumption • Sun, 14 Aug

The rosary procession will be at 5pm followed by the mass at 5:30pm.

### The Children of Praise

#### Humility in praying (Proverbs 29: 23)

That which brings the praying soul near to God is humility of heart. That which gives wings to prayer is lowliness of mind. Join us!

**When** Thursday, 11 Aug @ 8pm

**Where** Parish Hall Level 2

### Infant Baptism

The next Infant Baptism will be on 14 Aug, during the 5:30pm Mass.

### Movie Nights Galore!

Bible Apostolate Movie Night

**Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta** - Our modern day saint whose life and work has inspired millions around the world.

**When** Tuesday, 10 August, 8pm

**Where** Parish Hall (Level 2)

Legion of Mary Movie Night

**War Room: Prayer Is a Powerful Weapon**

**When** Tuesday, 16 August, 9.30am

**Where** Parish Hall (Level 2)

### Year of Mercy Mass

What I want is mercy, not sacrifice. - Mt 9:13

**When** 12 Aug, Friday, 8pm

Chaplet Devotion at 7.30pm

**Where** CDM

**Celebrant** Fr James Yeo

### Couple Empowerment Programme

Have you ever felt like you were coping with your married life rather than living it? CEP is a program for married couples who wish to discover more about building strong marriages, and to raise emotionally well-balanced children. Come for the introduction session to find out what our upcoming sessions & topics.

**When** Sunday, 14 Aug, 1pm to 5.30pm

**Where** St Anne's Church

66 Sengkang East Way S(548593)

\*A dedicated team will be available to take care of your kids including infants! Register NOW and make God the cornerstone of your marriage! Please contact Victor & Annabelle at 9105 9921 or Andrea at 9857 9075. Visit [www.cep-sg.org](http://www.cep-sg.org) or [facebook.com/CoupleEmpowermentProgram](https://www.facebook.com/CoupleEmpowermentProgram) to find out more.

### Annual Catholic Nurses Guild Mass

#### Nurses Day - Come Celebrate with us!

**When** Sunday 7 August 2016

1700hrs Mercy Walk

1730hrs Mass followed by dinner

**Where** CDM

**Dinner** at \$10/pax (cafeteria)

**Celebrant** Fr. Johnson Fernandez

**Contact** Janet Chong - 93210031/ Maria Chia 96610818 / Doreen Tay - 91093391 / Kathleen Low - 97865111

### Hai Sing Catholic School Blood

#### Donation Drive

Hai Sing Catholic School is organizing a blood donation drive.

**When** 13 August, Saturday, 10am - 3.45pm

**Where** Hai Sing Catholic School  
9 Pasir Ris Drive 6

Donors aged 16 to 17 will need a parent consent form, available from the school website. For more information contact Mr Jansen Joseph at 65827864.