

## + REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2016 • 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Hb 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4 Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8) 2

Tm 1: 6-8, 13-14 Lk 17: 5-10

### “Lord, teach me to serve gracefully, humbly, and faithfully.”

Didn't Jesus call us his friends? Aren't we called sons and daughters of God? Then why does he tell us to call ourselves “unprofitable servants”? Sometimes, Jesus can seem so confusing!

Actually, Jesus is not saying that we are worthless. We are all God's children, and we are all his friends. Neither is he saying that our works are worthless or unprofitable. Surely saints like Francis of Assisi and Mother Teresa made a huge difference. Here's the point. Our works for the Lord or the Church can deepen our faith. They are good for us and for the people we serve. They actually help build the Church. But they do not give us the right to demand anything from God.

Jesus wants us to be as humble as he was. He never flaunted himself or insisted on special treatment because he is God. No, he emptied himself and took on the form of a slave. He obeyed his Father in every way. And because of that, Jesus was exalted.

Jesus wants us to keep in proper perspective all the words of recognition, praise and congratulations that people give us. He doesn't want who we are or what we do to go to our heads. This is why he rebuked Peter for suggesting that Jesus was too important to be crucified.

In the end, we are all “unprofitable servants” (Luke 17:10). Every breath we take comes from the Lord. Every good deed we do is a sign of his grace at work in our lives. But being “unprofitable” isn't necessarily a bad thing. It's just a humble recognition that we are God's children, redeemed, called and equipped to build his kingdom.

### Daily Readings

#### Oct 3 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Gal 1: 6-12 Ps 111: 1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c Lk 10: 25-37

#### Oct 4 Tue: Francis of Assisi, religious founder

Gal 1: 13-24 Ps 139: 1b-3, 13-15 Lk 10: 38-42

#### Oct 5 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Gal 2: 1-2, 7-14 Ps 117: 1bc, 2 Lk 11: 1-4

#### Oct 6 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Gal 3: 1-5 Lk 1: 69-70, 71-72, 73-75 Lk 11: 5-13

#### Oct 7 Fri: Our Lady of the Rosary

Ac 1: 12-14 Lk 1: 46-55 Lk 1: 26-38

#### Oct 8 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM

Gal 3: 22-29 Ps 105: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 11: 27-28

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

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Email | [secretariat@divinemercury.sg](mailto: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

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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**

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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](mailto:secretariat@divinemercury.sg)

## Feast of St Faustina • 5 October



This Wednesday, we celebrate the feast of our patron saint, Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska who had her first vision of Jesus at 19. As she was so pure and obedient, Jesus subsequently revealed His Mercy as an outpouring of rays from His Heart. (More on page 3)

## Show Mercy to our Common Home

**THEME FOR 2016 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION**

“God gave us a bountiful garden, but we have turned it into a polluted wasteland of “debris, desolation and filth” (ibid., 161). We must not be indifferent or resigned to the loss of biodiversity and the destruction of ecosystems, often caused by our irresponsible and selfish behaviour. “Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right”

“Avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, showing care for other living beings, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, or any number of other practices” (“Laudato Si’, 211). We must not think that these efforts are too small to improve our world. They “call forth a goodness which, albeit unseen, inevitably tends to spread” and encourage “a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption.” (“Laudato Si’ 212, 222).

Pope Francis urges us to ask forgiveness for sins committed against the environment. “The resolve to live differently should affect our various contributions to shaping the culture and society in which we live.” – ‘Laudato si’, Italian for “Praise be to you God Almighty”.

## + PARISH BUZZ

### Level 9 Ministry Attachment 2016

#### OUR TEENS' CONFIRMATION JOURNEY - CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Yuan Tolentino Chiu and Erin Wee chose to experience their Level 9 Ministry Attachment with the Children's Liturgy. Erin joined because she likes interacting with children and was also curious to find out who the Word was simplified for the children, while Yuan enjoyed seeing the enthusiasm of the kids; seeing their faces filled with joy and their participation in Mass. However, both shared that going up to the lectern was "nerve wracking, even if you are talking in front of children!" Both teens expressed their interest to continue on in the Ministry. May the Holy Spirit touch all our teens at confirmation as they discern on how they will serve the church!



Yuan (second from left) and Erin (fifth from left) with other members of the Children's Liturgy.

### RCIA Journey - "Dinner with our priests"



Our catechumens enjoying a relaxing evening with our parish priests on CDM's rooftop! More photos can be viewed at [www.divinemeracy.sg/main/ministries/rcia-rciy/photos-and-videos-rcia-rciy](http://www.divinemeracy.sg/main/ministries/rcia-rciy/photos-and-videos-rcia-rciy)

### Cut Flowers or Potted Plants?



Our parishioners will be happy to know that we are still using cut flowers especially on special seasons and feast days but we generally use potted plants for a few reasons:

- We are inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, 'Laudato si' in which he called us to modify our lifestyles. Potted plants can be reused rather than cut flowers which withers and are discarded after a day or two

- Flower arrangement takes a considerable amount of time and the number of volunteers have diminished to less than a handful
- We have also been motivated by the way Changi Airport beautifies the terminal with fresh potted plants and flowers. We are far from it but we believe we will get there.

We welcome comments to the above and we invite plant lovers to help us in this effort. Please give your names to the parish office.

## + PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Feast of St. Faustina, Apostle of Mercy

Thanks to St. Faustina who obeyed Jesus' instruction to have the vision painted, we are now able to marvel at that wonderful image of our Divine Mercy. Saint Faustina started the Divine Mercy chaplet that has now spread to the world. Let us continue to be inspired by her deep love for our Lord and pray incessantly to our Divine Mercy. Join us in celebration of our patron saint's feast day!

**When** 5 October, Wednesday

The 6.15pm Mass will be held in the main Church followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

### October • Month of the Holy Rosary

A half hour before all the 4 Sunday Masses in October, the legionaries will recite the rosary. Please come 30 minutes earlier and join us in this beautiful Marian prayer. The family that prays together, Stays together".

### Home Rosary Session

**Host** Sunni & Jennifer Jayatilleke

**Dates** 3 - 9 Oct 2016

**Rosary days with community:**

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

**Venue** Blk 633 Pasir Ris Dr 3 #02-406

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

### Infant Baptism

The next Infant Baptism will be on 9 Oct during the 5:30pm Mass. The preparation session will be on 2 Oct @ 3.30pm in St. Faustina Room (Level 4). Attendance is compulsory for parents and godparents. Register at the Parish Office or contact Francis @ 96852537 (after 6pm) or email at [franelen@live.com.sg](mailto:franelen@live.com.sg) for more information.

### RCIA Canteen Day by Catechumens

Come support our catechumens in their first canteen day this Sunday morning. Sample favourites like mee siam, nasi lemak, nonya kueh, sandwiches and more!

### Pope Francis Calls Continuing Violence in Syria "Unacceptable"

*"...so many unarmed persons, children, have to pay the price of the conflict."*

The war has gone on for five years and has claimed more than a quarter of a million lives. Please pray fervently for the end of the latest conflict in Syria and for peace to prevail.

### Year of Mercy Mass • October

**Theme** Mercy: Gift and Fruit

**When** 14 October, Friday @ 8:00pm  
Chaplet Devotion @ 7:30pm

**Where** CDM main church

**Celebrant** Fr Jeffrey Tan, OCD

### Help a Worker: Donate a 3G Phone

Communications Ministry is organizing a second hand phone collection in support of Transient Workers Count Too (TWC2)'s effort to provide foreign workers with 3G phones. This is because many of them hold on to 2G phones to communicate with their families, to get help when injured etc. but the 2G phones will be phased out by April 2017. If you have 3G phones (and charger if possible) which you do not need, please drop it off at the Secretariat from now until 16 October. Or visit [www.giving.sg/transient-workers-count-too/3g](http://www.giving.sg/transient-workers-count-too/3g) if you wish to make donate money.

### Movie Screening • RISEN

To complete the series of talks on Acts of the Apostles, the Children of Praise will be screening the movie RISEN - witness the manhunt that changed the course of human history. All are welcome!

**When** 6 Oct, 8pm

**Where** Parish Hall, level 2

### Registration for 2017 Catechism Sessions

If you live in the Pasir Ris / Loyang area and have yet to register your child for catechism sessions at our parish, you may do so before and after all masses on the weekend of 22/23 October. A photocopy of the child's baptism certificate is required for registration.