

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2016 • 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Ex 17:8-13 Ps 121:1-8 2 Tim 3:14-4:2 Luke 18:1-8

“Lord, help us to persevere and put our whole hope in you until the day you come again.”

What a peculiar way to end this parable! Why did Jesus link his second coming to the story of a persistent widow? Perhaps this widow represents the Church. While we have been given the Eucharist, the Scriptures, and many other gifts, we are still waiting for Jesus to return. While we wait, we can feel as if we are “aliens and sojourners,” living apart from our true home. We can feel quite defenseless against temptation and the lies of the devil. At times we can feel as desperate for help as this widow, longing for deliverance.

Do you think life will be this way when Jesus comes again? Not at all! He will usher in a perfect world marked by peace and harmony. There will be no more sickness, divorce, poverty, division, war, or death. The wolf and the lamb, the leopard and the goat will all live together peacefully. When Jesus comes again, life is going to be fantastic, beyond our wildest imagination!

This is where a second possibility comes in: We as a Church must be vigilant until the day when Jesus returns. Like the widow, the challenging circumstances that we live in call for one response: persistence, especially in prayer. We need to pray every day, “Come, Lord Jesus!” And we need to pray continually for our daily bread, for forgiveness, and for strength against temptation.

The application of this parable to our daily lives is much less about Jesus finding faith when he returns and much more about our call to be persistent and hopeful in prayer. May we all pray for an out-pouring of grace upon the Church and the world. May we all be vigilant in prayer so that we won't fall to temptation. May we all keep our hearts aflame for him as we persist in prayer for his return in glory.

Daily Readings

Oct 17 Mon: Ignatius of Antioch, bishop

Eph 2: 1-10 Ps 100: 1b-2. 3. 4ab. 4c-5 Lk 12: 13-21

Oct 18 Tue: Luke, Evangelist FEAST

2 Tim 4: 10-17b Ps 145: 10-13. 17-18 Lk 10: 1-9

Oct 19 Wed: Isaac Jogues and John de Brébeuf, ps, rs, mss, martyrs, & company, martyrs

Eph 3: 2-12 Is 12: 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6 Lk 12: 39-48

Oct 20 Thu: Ordinary Weekday/ Paul of the Cross, priest, religious founder

Eph 3: 14-21 Ps 33: 1-2. 4-5. 11-12. 18-19 Lk 12: 49-53

Oct 21 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Eph 4: 1-6 Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6 Lk 12: 54-59

Oct 22 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM/ Blessed John Paul II, pope

Eph 4: 7-16 Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4ab. 4cd-5 Lk 13: 1-9

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!

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Opening Hours

Mon - Fri | 11am - 7pm
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Sun | 9am - 1pm
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Parish Census

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



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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

Level 9 Ministry Attachment Presentation



Last weekend marked the end of our Level 9 teens' Ministry attachment with a presentation on their 8-week attachment. Read more on page 2.

October - Our Lady of Help

Mary is able to recognize the traces of God's Spirit in events great and small. She constantly contemplates the mystery of God in our world, in human history, and in our daily lives. She is the woman of prayer and work in Nazareth, and she is also Our Lady of Help, who sets out from her town "with haste" (Lk 1:39) to be of service to others.

— Pope Francis in Evangelii Gaudium

Reflection: Mary wants to help you and will come to your aid quickly. Ask her to help you see God's Spirit in all of your life's events, great and small. Ask her to help you contemplate God's mercy and remind you of when you can give mercy to others.

+ PARISH BUZZ

Level 9 Ministry Attachment 2016

Last Sunday, our L9 teens shared with their mentors and catechists, the experiences, challenges and lessons learned over their 8-weeks attachment to various Ministries. Overall, it was a positive experience for everyone, with many of the teens sharing their desire to continue serving in their respective ministries after Confirmation. The L9 Catechists would like to thank the various ministries' members who have dedicated their time to guide the teens throughout the attachment, and taken our teens under their wings.

Join us as a parish community to pray for these teens as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 6th Nov, beginning with a Retreat on 22 & 23 Oct 2016.



From left: Nicole, Denise, David and Angelo who were attached to the Choral Ministry performed for their mentors during the closing session of the programme.

October 7 - 9 Marian Jubilee



Pope Francis dedicated last weekend as a special Jubilee celebration for Mary, whom Pope Francis said was not only Christ's mother but also his obedient disciple and model of service to us. He added, "Mary expresses the wealth of divine mercy that reaches out to all in their daily need". Pope Francis was addressing to thousands of pilgrims who were gathered in St. Peter's Square who were there to celebrate the Oct 7-9 Marian Jubilee. May we remember to turn our prayers and devotion to our holy Mother, especially during this month of the Holy Rosary.

Introducing the New Home Rosary Ministry Exco

Following the Home Rosary Ministry AGM, a new Exco was elected with effect from 1st October 2016 for a two-year term.

Chairman	Sharon Khng
Monday in-charge (IC)	Marie Newton
Tuesday IC	Sharon Khng
Wednesday IC	Christopher Ng
Sunday IC	Jane Yong
Treasurer	Jane Yong

We wish them all the best in their new appointments! Find out more about Home Rosary sessions on page 3.



From left: Maria Newton, Jane Yong, Sharon Khng (Christopher is not in the photo)

+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Rosary Session

Host Andrew & Sharon Khng

Dates 17 - 23 Oct 2016

Rosary days with community:

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

Venue 209 Jalan Loyang Besar, #01-10
Aston Residence

For more info, contact Sharon Khng at 9631-7575 or visit the Ministry's webpage.

Registration for 2017 Home Rosary

Parishioners who are keen to welcome the Holy Fatima Shrine to their homes can register with the Home Rosary Ministry, who will be at the foyer on the weekends of 29 & 30 Oct, and 5 & 6 Nov. For more information, please contact homerosary@divinemercury.sg

Christmas Eve Children's Mass Choir

We are forming a Christmas Eve Children's Choir! The Choral Music Ministry is looking for children between the ages 9 to 12 to form a Christmas Eve Children's Choir!

When 24 Dec, 5.30pm Children's Pageant followed by Mass at 6pm

Practices Every Sunday, 2pm to 3.30pm, starting 20 Nov. Contact Jean by 19 Nov at jeandupratt@gmail.com or 91717591

Registration for 2017 Catechism Sessions

Registration will be held on the weekend of 22 & 23 Oct before and after all masses. Please note that a copy of the Baptism Certificate and First Holy Communion Certificate (if applicable) will be required. Registration forms can be downloaded from our website or obtained from the Office.

Catechist Recruitment

If you have the passion for sharing our faith with children or youth and would like to be involved in parish catechesis, please contact Leonard Louis @ 81333078 or approach the catechists in the foyer before and after all masses on 22 & 23 Oct. To find out more about our parish catechesis, please visit the Catechetical Ministry page on our website.

Catechism Sessions Resume

Catechism sessions for all levels resume next weekend 22 & 23 October 2016.

First Holy Communion Photos

First Holy Communion photos are available! Please visit the Catechetical Ministry webpage.

The Children of Praise

Father Johnson will be giving a talk on 'Sin and Reconciliation' during our session. The Children of Praise warmly welcomes all to join us on the 20 Oct at 8pm, at the Parish Hall L2.

World Mission Month • 9 Oct 2016

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, celebrated by every parish across the world. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and Mission. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in more than 1200 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands and Canada. Please donate generously.

Invitation to Mission

Be an agent of change by co-discerning with your ministry and community members as to how the Lord has been leading and is guiding the way. Encourage a nurturing environment to help those new to the faith

David Haas in Concert

David Haas is highly regarded as a liturgical composer, musician and singer. Some of his best-known songs are 'You Are Mine', 'Blest Are They', and 'Send Us Your Spirit'. Joining David on stage will be Fr Edward Lim OCD, Fr Luke Fong, Fr Valerian Cheong and Fr Eugene Lee CSsR.

Where Church of Divine Mercy

When Friday 4 November 2016, 8 pm

Contribution \$25

Tickets are sold at our parish office or Email canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com or call 63384080

Mass for People with Special Needs

When 30 October, Sunday at 2.30pm

Where Agape Village

Call Office of Catechesis at 6858 3011 for info.