

## + REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 24 JUNE 2018 • BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST  
Lk 1:57-66, 80                      Is 49:1-6  
Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15        Acts 13:22-26

### “Come, Lord, and fill my heart with joy.”

What do you think is the most amazing thing about John the Baptist? His uncompromising zeal for the Lord? His clear, passionate preaching? Maybe his gift of self-denial, or the humility he displayed despite his fame.

How about this: that even as a fetus, John leapt for joy in the presence of Mary and Jesus. Imagine: Here was an unborn baby, barely aware of life outside of the womb, and yet the muffled, quiet sound of Mary's greeting filled him with the Holy Spirit and caused such a dramatic reaction.

This leap may remind us of Isaac's wife, Rebecca, who also felt an unusual amount of activity from the twins in her womb. Rebecca asked the Lord why this was happening, and he told her that something spiritual and prophetic was going on inside of her (Genesis 25:20-23).

John's leaping shows us that there is a part of us that can recognize God, regardless of what we do or who we are. It's encoded into the way he made us. This ability to recognize the Lord is not limited to unborn babies or to great saints like John. It's in all of us, and it's something that the Holy Spirit wants to bring to life so that we too can recognize Jesus more deeply and rejoice in his presence.

So on this great feast day, let's honour John the Baptist for all that he did for Jesus and for us. John truly is one of the greatest saints of the church. Let's never forget that the relationship between John and Jesus is something each one of us can experience. We can all leap for joy as we prepare this world for the coming of Christ the King.

### Daily Readings

#### Jun 25 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15, 18    Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13    Mt 7:1-5

#### Jun 26 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

2 Kgs 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-35, 36    Ps 48:2-3, 3-4, 10-11    Mt 7:6, 12-14

#### Jun 27 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor

2 Kgs 22: 8-13; 23: 1-3    Ps 119: 33, 34, 36, 37, 40    Mt 7: 15-20

#### Jun 28 Thu: Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr Obligatory Memorial

2 Kgs 24: 8-17                      Ps 79: 1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9                      Mt 7: 21-29

#### Jun 29 Fri: PETER AND PAUL, Apostles Solemnity

Acts 12: 1-11    Ps 34: 2-9    2 Tim 4: 6-8, 17-18    Mt 16: 13-19

#### Jun 30 Sat: Ordinary Weekday / Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary/ First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

Lam 2: 2, 10-14, 18-19    Ps 74: 1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21    Mt 8: 5-17

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/Ina Sim  
Tel | 6583 3378 • Fax | 6583 1694  
Email | secretariat@divinemercury.sg

#### Opening Hours

Mon - Fri | 11am - 7pm  
Closed for lunch | 1pm - 2pm  
Sat | 9am - 5:30pm  
Sun | 9am - 1pm  
Closed on public holidays

### 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

### Parish Census

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



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## Parish Bulletin

### Parish Priests

**Fr Johnson Fernandez**

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**Fr Damian De Wind**

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### 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, Sunday at

5:00pm (Main Church)

#### Prayer for Priests

Every Thurs 5:15pm followed by

6:15pm mass

### Staying Connected

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## Farewell Fr Terence! Welcome Fr Damian!



The Chee family was named, 'Best Dressed Family'

Last Saturday, more than 400 parishioners, together with Frs. Johnson, Damian, Terence and Valerian, gathered at Orchard Country Club for the above celebration. All came dressed for the 'International-themed' event! It was truly a night to remember! Everyone was in stitches, thanks to our talented parishioner, David, who was the MC. There were of course, many tributes to Fr. Terence! We wish Fr. Terence all the best for his studies, and we also look forward to working with Fr. Damian to continue building our church community.

Visit [divinemercury.sg/event\\_gallery](http://divinemercury.sg/event_gallery) for Fr. Terence's tribute video and event photos. We are still uploading the wonderful memories for this event. Please visit the site again next week for more!

**“To all who put in so much effort to organize the F & W dinner last night, A big thank you. It's was enjoyable, fun, with some touchy moments. Full of surprises and prizes, great deejay work.”** - Madeline, Arts and Environment Ministry.

## + PARISH BUZZ

### Altar Servers Day of Recollection • 15 June 2018

The fun, yet spiritually filled DOR for the Divine Mercy Altar Servers on 15 June was led by Fr. Damian. The DOR started with Mass in the morning and ended off on a good note through a meaningful sharing session.

The parents were also actively involved in the DOR by attending a session which was conducted by Fr. Damian after the morning Mass. A few members of the Parent Support Group helped out throughout the day by overseeing the boys in small groups and discussing with them about the topics shared by Fr. Damian.

The boys were able to forge closer relations to one another through games, Praise and Worship, and conferring about how to be good Catholics not only in church but also in their everyday lives.

**“The DOR definitely helped me learn more about growing my faith and becoming a server to others not only in but out of church as well”** - Antoine Kwok, 16



### Solemnity of the Birth of St John the Baptist • 24 June

Today we celebrate the birth of St. John, the Baptist, a prophet who foretold the coming of the Messiah in the person of Jesus, whom he later baptised. According to the Gospels, he baptised many people in the Jordan River and often foretold of Jesus' coming. It was because of this that many of Jesus' followers started out as followers of St. John. St. John is the second person after Blessed Virgin Mary whose birthdays are observed by the church.

Some fun facts about St. John:

- His parents were Zacharias and Elizabeth
- Elizabeth was barren to her age
- The Angel Gabriel appeared to Zacharias whilst in a temple and told him that Elizabeth would bear a child. Zacharias did not believe what he had been told, and therefore because of his disbelief, the Angel Gabriel made him mute.
- John was born six months before Jesus was

## + PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Home Rosary Session

**Host** Arnold Alcid

**Dates** 25 Jun - 1 July 2018

**Rosary days with community:**

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

**Venue** 29 Pasir Ris St. 72, #12-20

Tower 5 Whitewater

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

### The Children of Praise

“For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.” (2 Cor 4:17)

We invite all to join us in Praise, Worship and Prayers and reflect on the above scripture.

**When** 28 June at 8pm

**Where** Parish Hall (L2)

### Film: The Life of Sr Clare Crockett

Join us for a free screening of the film about the life of Sr. Clare Crockett

**When** 29 June 2018, 8pm sharp

**Venue** Parish Hall, Level 2

### Songs of the Spirit: Peace, Love and Kindness

**When** Saturday, 21 July 2018, 8pm

**Where** Church of Divine Mercy

Join us for an enchanting night of music and sounds of Love, Hope and Inspiration with performances from three excellent choirs:

- 1. San Pedro Calungsod Choir**, one of CDM's resident choirs who sings regularly for the Sunday evening Mass
- 2. VocaBlends Singapore**, a Singapore-based a cappella group formed by young Filipino professionals with an undeniable passion for life and music; together with an award-winning choir from the Philippines
- 3. Los Cantantes de Manila**, a community choir comprising students, young professionals, and devout musicians.

Please collect the free tickets personally from the Parish Office from 23 June onward. No reservation of tickets please, first come first serve.

### Home Rosary Canteen Day • 24 Jun

Saviour the home cooked breakfast such as pumpkin cakes, cookies, curry puff, nasi lemak and glutinous rice this Sunday after the Masses!

### Peter's Pence Collection

Please be informed that the collections taken at all masses on the weekend of 30 June -1 July 2018 will be for Peter's Pence.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter (ME) Weekend

A good marriage requires work and constant renewal of their commitment. When was the last time you and your spouse devoted time for just each other? Enrol now!

**When** Coming Weekends 6-8 Jul, 3-5 Aug (Fr Johnson Fernandez as presenting priest) 7-9 Sep (full), 2-3 Nov and 7-9 Dec.

ME couples are here this weekend, before/after mass, to enrol you and to sell ME gift vouchers. Or sign up on <http://wwmesg.org>

### Returned! by LANDINGS

For every account of someone who has left the Catholic Church, there is an inspiring personal tale of another's return. If you or someone you know is searching for a way back home to God, this may just be the homecoming you are looking for. Come hear some heartfelt homecoming stories of faith.

**When** 6 July 2018, Friday, 7:30pm-9:30pm  
**Where** CANA, The Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St.

Please register at [returning@landings.org.sg](mailto:returning@landings.org.sg).

### Clarity's Introductory Guide to Understanding Anxiety Workshop

Do you consistently worry about the same thing? Have persistent fear or feel like you are losing control? We will explore the reasons behind our anxieties, debunk myths and misconceptions and learn different ways to manage our anxieties.

**When** 7 Jul 2018, 10.30am – 12.30pm.  
**Where** Agape Village. Fees \$15.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/TC7Jul> or call 6757 7990.