



PARISH ASSEMBLY 2012

Once a year, at the beginning of every year, our parish has gathered in assembly to receive a report of what had been carried out over the last year, review our progress, take some feedback and chart possible directions for the year ahead.

This year, we are gathering on 18th of February 2012 following the sunset Mass. We will follow much of the same programme of reports, discussions and proposals for the year ahead ending off with a catered dinner and some fellowship.

However, what is significant for this year is that it also coincides with the 50th anniversary of the start of the Vatican II council. Fifty years ago in Rome, the bishops of the world gathered to chart a new direction for the Church, responding to the new challenges emerging from a changed world following the Second World War. While meeting new challenges of an emerging new world order, the church had to also hold fast faithfully to the heritage of faith that was passed down.

Fifty years later, we gather at our parish assembly to see where we are at in relation to the visions of the fathers of Vatican II. While we can see the obvious and more assessable changes in the Catholic Church of the third millennium, we have to also look at the structures of the parish that will embody this new vision of Church.

For the time being, many of our "active" Catholics would describe their association in the parish in terms of what "ministry" they belong to. We tend to see ourselves as wardens, communion ministers, youth ministry, family life, legion of Mary, choir, etc.

While ministries are important to the life of the parish, it does not describe what it means to belong to the parish. Much of our labels that we give ourselves seem to be describing something that we do. Alternatively, we have also come to use the term "Sunday Catholics" in a pejorative way. Nothing is further from the truth. We should be grateful that we have Catholics in our Masses on a Sunday!

What we are moving towards in this new millennium of Christianity is to recover once again the genius of the early Christian communities. Before even any ministries arose, the early Christians saw themselves in terms of a community.

We need a new paradigm in this new era of Christianity. How the parish and parishioners view themselves would need a paradigm shift.

When the day a parishioner describes his or her participation in the parish in terms of belonging to a Neighbourhood Christian Community, we would know then that we have arrived. The Gospel needs to go into our neighbourhoods, in the ecclesial communities that celebrate its identity, and breaking the Word of God. The Gospel lived and proclaimed in the ordinary looking out of one another, of tending to the needs of the elderly and the young, of extending a comforting hand to the bereaved, of assisting our young working couples. Neighbourhood communities that come together at the Sunday parish Eucharist to connect with other communities to eat of the one bread and drink of the one cup and belonging to the one Body of Christ.

In order for this vision to take root in our parish at St Mary of the Angels, we will propose the formation of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) that is more in conformity with this vision. This new interim PPC will have a two year term with the intention that by 2014, we will institute the 2014 PPC that is fully in accord with the vision of a Vatican II parish.

I invite all of you as parishioners to come forward and be counted. Be part of this new venture that requires the active participation and ownership of everyone to be Church in Singapore.

VATICAN II

50 years of empowerment and lay involvement

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4 / 5 Feb 2012

AT A GLANCE

MONDAY 6 FEB

SS. Paul Miki and Companions,
Martyrs, *memorial*

TUESDAY 7 FEB

5th Week, Ordinary Time

WEDNESDAY 8 FEB

St. Jerome Emiliani, *memorial*
St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin,
memorial

THURSDAY 9 FEB

5th Week, Ordinary Time

FRIDAY 10 FEB

St. Scholastica, Virgin, *memorial*

SATURDAY 11 FEB

Our Lady of Lourdes, *memorial*
World Day of Prayer for the Sick

SUNDAY 12 FEB

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Parish Event

Special Notice

Liturgy Related

Outward Bound



INFANT BAPTISM: Sun 4 Mar | 3pm

Preparation Course:
Thur 1 Mar | 8pm | Main Church

Baptism Application Form:
Available from Parish Office, church racks or website. Submit completed form with a copy of child's Birth Certificate to Parish Office **1 week** before Baptism date.



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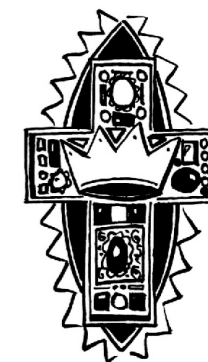
Columbarium Office

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EVANGELIZATION

"Let us go to nearby towns to preach there," said Jesus. How spontaneously he evangelized! Of course, Jesus did not find evangelization easy when it meant carrying the cross and then dying on it. His passover to third-day glory, however, gave cruel crucifixion new significance. Risen life gives direction to all growth.

Whether we call our lack of growth "sin," "demon," "disease" or "death," Jesus shows us how to pass through it and into newness. How well he preaches the good news in our town!



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B. Illustration © 2000 K.Sullivan. Text, James A. Wilde, PhD © 2000 OCP. All rights reserved.

HIGHLIGHTS

PARISH ASSEMBLY 2012 - REGISTER NOW!

SAT 18 FEB | 7 - 9.30pm | Main Church

This year is the 50th Anniversary of the Vatican II. Pope Benedict XVI declared a Year of Faith which will begin on 11 October 2012 and will conclude on 24 November 2013, the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King.

Our Parish Assembly 2012 will focus on how we can continue to grow in our faith and be disciples of Christ in- and out-side Church.

REGISTER for our Parish Assembly 2012 which will be held on SATURDAY, 18 FEB, from 7pm to 9.30 pm at the CHURCH.

Registration can be done online at www.stmary.sg/pa2012 or at the Piazza. Registration is necessary to facilitate plans for dinner which will be served after the assembly.

This year a new Parish Pastoral Council will be elected. Nomination is now open. Nominations can be submitted to Chairman, PPC at leow.shirley@gmail.com from 28 Jan to 12 Feb.

See page 2 for more Highlights...

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HIGHLIGHTS

What is Vatican II all about?

The 2nd Vatican Council started in 1962. This year marks the 50th anniversary since this council started. As part of this celebration, our parish has organised a series of talks throughout 2012. You are invited to come for the 1st series of talks, which will give a broad overview and introduction to Vatican II, on the following dates:

21 Feb 2012	Vatican II – Introduction, Background, History	Speaker : Arthur Goh, Director - Singapore Pastoral Institute
28 Feb 2012	Vatican II & Me	Venue: St Clare Hall Time : 8 – 10pm
6 Mar 2012	Vatican II & My Work	To register: ✉ aff@stmary.sg
13 Mar 2012	Vatican II & My Parish	
20 Mar 2012	Vatican II & My Neighbour	

NCC SECRETARIAT

Stephen Wong, Pastoral Assistant | stephen@stmary.sg

NCC MEETINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Mon 6 Feb – Fri 10 Feb 2012

The following Neighbourhood Christian Community (NCC) will be having their meetings for the coming week:

Bukit Batok Area

Blk 267 Bukit Batok East Ave 4 | Wed 8 Feb 10am

Mystical Rose NCC | Monica [☎ 9328-6862](tel:9328-6862)

Blk 251 Bt Batok East Ave 5 | Wed 8 Feb 8pm

Bt Batok East View NCC | Helen [☎ 9479-7964](tel:9479-7964)

Bukit Panjang Area

Blk 654 Senja Road | Thur 9 Feb 8.30pm

Bukit Batok NCC | Rey [☎ 9680-4761](tel:9680-4761)

Choa Chu Kang Area

Blk 681 Choa Chu Kang Crescent | Thur 9 Feb 8.30pm

Yew Tee NCC | Gani [☎ 9154-8405](tel:9154-8405)

Blk 638A Choa Chu Kang Crescent | Fri 10 Feb 8pm

Mary's Soldiers NCC | Gina [☎ 9168-3047](tel:9168-3047)

Malayalam Community

Bukit Batok East | Sat 11 Feb 7.30pm

St Mary's Community | Martin [☎ 9068-0874](tel:9068-0874)

Please contact the respective NCC coordinators for more details.

CATECHETICAL OFFICE

Agatha Cheong, Director | acheong@stmary.sg

Franciscan International Boxes

Students that have not returned the FI boxes are reminded to do so by Sunday, 12 Feb.

AROUND ST MARY'S

miniSTRY: St Francis Kids' Club

Register NOW for Y2012

Be part of our Family Faith Formation programme with your Pre-school children, ages 4, 5 & 6 years in Y2012.

Choose from either Saturday (4 - 5pm) or Sunday (10.30 - 11.30am). We begin with combined Opening Session on 26 Feb 2012 (3 - 5pm) @ St Clare Hall. Thereafter, weekly sessions on respective days continue. To assist in our administration/preparation, please register NOW via Email. For more info, contact: Carol Seow [☎ 9636-3655](tel:9636-3655)

[✉ carolseowlee@gmail.com](mailto:carolseowlee@gmail.com)

Journey through Lent with HeartSpace

Sundays Feb 26, Mar 4, 11, 18 and 25 | 2-5pm | Room 11

HeartSpace will open its studio on Sunday for duration of Lent. Come for a moment to reflect on and create the images of this season with paint, pastels or even clay. You need not be an artist to participate this faith journey. Everyone will benefit from the sessions with a little imagination and prayer.

Little Rock Bible Ministry

Registration is open over the next 3 weeks up till 26 Feb. This is a 5-session programme, 'Biblical Walk through the Mass', starting 29 Feb and ending 29 Mar. Please refer to SMOTA website, Feb issue of Tomorrow or LRBM banner on church notice board for details of this. For more info: [☎ www.stmary-lrbm.org.sg](http://www.stmary-lrbm.org.sg)

Passion Play Auditions

Are you aged 13 - 30? Love singing and/or acting? Looking for a meaningful way to journey through Lent? Colours of Faith is looking for actors and singers for their annual passion play happening this Good Friday. Open auditions are on 11 & 12 February, 7pm at Room 6. Sign up at the booth outside church or drop an e-mail to [✉ coloursofffaith@gmail.com](mailto:coloursofffaith@gmail.com)

RCIY

The new RCIY cycle for inquirers will commence on 13 March every Saturday, 3.30pm at Assisi Room. This is an introduction for youth aged 13 - 19 to find out more about the faith. If you feel called to join the Catholic faith or would simply like to learn more about it, you're most welcome to join us! Catholics who are interested in serving with the RCIY team are also welcome to make inquiries with us. For more info, visit our booth after Mass or contact Andrew Martin [☎ 9100-4832](tel:9100-4832) [✉ andndrew@hotmail.com](mailto:andndrew@hotmail.com)

PARISH SOCIAL WORKER

The parish of St Mary of the Angels is looking for a social worker with the necessary qualifications to be part of the parish team that would look into the pastoral areas of family life, coordinating the social needs of people in the parish and other areas of care. Interested applicants should write to Fr John-Paul Tan at [✉ jjptan@stmary.sg](mailto:jjptan@stmary.sg) with the necessary Curriculum Vitae and copies of professional qualifications attained.

Body Prayer/Liturgical Dance – A prayer experience through movement

Join our community of dance-prayers in 2012!

Dates/Times:

1) 30 Jan & 6, 13, 20 Feb, 9.15 am - 10.45 am (Mondays)

2) 7, 14, 21, 28 Feb, 8.00 pm - 9.30 pm (Tuesdays)

Venue: Dance Studio (B11)

Fees: \$25 for 4 classes, or \$10 for a single class. Please register via email or SMS, space is limited to 15 people. Comfortables clothes, bare feet; no dance experience required. Contact instructor for queries:

[✉ vera@verahandojo.com](mailto:vera@verahandojo.com) | [☎ 8333-4585](tel:8333-4585)

GOD'S EXTRAVAGANT LOVE | 17-19 Feb

An invitation to experience God's Extravagant Love from a Franciscan perspective. Love & Primacy of Christ; Creation & Humility of God; Dignity of the Human Person. Come see how much more there is to God's plan than meets the eye! Contribution \$100 for whole package. \$20 for only the Public Lecture on 17 Feb. Register Now: Janet [☎ 97560239](tel:97560239) | Fred [☎ 90080544](tel:90080544) Email [✉ franciscanfamily@gmail.com](mailto:franciscanfamily@gmail.com) [☎ http://www.stmary.sg/announcement/515/gods-extravagant-love](http://www.stmary.sg/announcement/515/gods-extravagant-love)

miniSTRY: Choir Kids (Ages: 7 to 16)

Choir practice resumes for Lent/Easter Celebrations THIS Sunday, 5 Feb, and continues EVERY WEEK until Easter Sunday. Time: 12noon* to 1.30pm. Venue: Room B11 @ St Clare Centre (Dance Studio). (*Teens join practices at 12.20pm after Catechism Classes) New interests please text: "Parent's name+Child's name" to [☎ 9636-3655](tel:9636-3655) (Carol) or [✉ carolseowlee@gmail.com](mailto:carolseowlee@gmail.com) for more info.

Volunteer Carpark Supervisors on Weekdays

The parish would like to invite volunteers to supervise the use of the car parks on weekdays. Interested volunteers can submit their names and contact numbers at the parish office.

MANDARIN CORNER 堂区通讯

堂区大会2012—立即报名!

今年是梵蒂冈第二大公议50周年纪念, 教宗本笃十六世宣布从2012年10月11日开始为信德年直到2013年11月24日的耶稣基督普世君王节结束。

我们2012年的堂区大会的中心点将探讨如何使我们的信德继续成长并在教会内和外如何活出基督。

2012年堂区大会将在2月18日星期六晚上7点到9点30分在教堂内举行。

你可在广场或上网报名, 网址: www.stmary.sg/pa2012。

为了准备足够的晚餐供大家会议后享用, 因此登记报名是必要的。

由于今年将改选新的堂区理事, 因此现在开始接受提名。

从1月28日开始到2月12日, 你可向理事会的主席提名, 网址: leow.shirley@gmail.com

华文邻里基督团体NCC

聚会日期: 08 / 02 / 12 (星期三)

地址: Blk 290D, Bukit Batok East Ave 3, #02-372

时间: 晚上8点

要参加者请预先联络Anna 美纳姐妹 92225141

The Emmaus Young Adult Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group

Sins and Temptations: A Lantern Reflection

4, 11, and 25 Feb | 7.45pm | Classroom 2

Collection of Palm Leaves for Ash Wednesday

The parish is now collecting old palm leaves for ash Wednesday. Kindly drop them at the collection points near the entrance doors.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

CatholicNews

CatholicNews, the newspaper of the Singapore archdiocese, is looking for a fulltime REPORTER/SUB-EDITOR to report on local Church news and help edit/lay out stories. He/she must have journalism experience and knowledge of the Catholic Church, including local Church affairs. Please send full resume, expected salary and samples of published work to [✉ cncareer@catholic.org.sg](mailto:cncareer@catholic.org.sg)

The Personal Compass Navigating Ethical Ambiguity

Have you ever asked: "What makes a person good?" The human skills and disposition of making ethical decisions are covered in this module – namely the cardinal virtues of prudence, temperance, fortitude and justice. This very popular module reintroduces the wisdom of the cardinal virtues to participants. Do come and join Moral Theologian Fr David Garcia on Thursday nights beginning 23 Feb 2012. Cost: \$80.

Course Guide & Registration: [☎ www.catholicspi.org](http://www.catholicspi.org)

Enquiries: Janice [☎ 6858-7012](tel:6858-7012) [✉ janice@catholicspi.org](mailto:janice@catholicspi.org)

CHOICE WEEKEND | 24-26 Feb

It takes the 1 weekend that will inspire the rest of your 2012 year. How will your year ahead be like? Young adults 18-35 years old come away for a Choice Weekend – it is by the choices we make that we define what our life is all about. Visit [☎ www.choice.org.sg](http://www.choice.org.sg)

Enquiries: Dawn [☎ 9880-3093](tel:9880-3093) | Albert [☎ 9046-2297](tel:9046-2297) or email

[✉ registration@choice.org.sg](mailto:registration@choice.org.sg)

2012年四旬期证道会

主题: 通过信德之门

地点: 耶稣复活堂 (大巴窰)

时间: 7.45pm-9.45pm

形式: 苦路善功、弥撒与证道

日期: 2月29日 (星期三)

主祭: 萧永伦神父

讲题: 耶稣是信德之门

日期: 3月7日 (星期三)

主祭: 董立神父

讲题: 基督是天主子

日期: 3月14日 (星期三)

主祭: 沈再德神父

讲题: 基督是活水

日期: 3月21日 (星期三)

主祭: 蔡汉坤神父

主题: 基督是光

日期: 3月28日 (星期三)

主祭: 郑肇强神父

讲题: 基督是复活与生命

天使驿站

日期: 2012年2月26日 (星期日)

时间: 下午5点到晚上8.30分

地点: 圣佳兰中心课室B1到B4

对像: 所有还不认识天主教信仰的人。

我们提供丰富的晚餐、茶水和节目。

欲参加者清一定要向黄修女报名,

以方便我们准备足够的晚餐和茶水。

联络: 黄修女 9239—6226