



# You are Invited!!!!

Dear Friends,

How fleeting is time!!!

We are already at the fourth Advent weekend and Christmas is just a week away.

Are we prepared for the Great Christmas Feast!?!

### CHECKLIST:

*Have I decided what I want to wear for Christmas? Checked!*

*Have I bought presents for all who will be coming for the party? Checked!*

*Are all my ingredients for that dinner and decors for my home in place? Checked!*

*Are all my friends' and relations' invitations being sent? Checked!*

*How about the Christmas cake and Turkey? Checked!*

*Has Jesus being invited to my party? Checked?????.....*



Holy Mother Church in her wisdom designated 4 weeks of reflection & preparation time for the coming of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. She invites us to prepare the most wonderful birthday for baby Jesus. She asks of us what precious gifts we shall bring to this beautiful occasion.

*Like the wedding feast, will our soul be dressed in the most dazzling white garment?*

*What are the priceless gifts that we can really give to our family & friends?*

*Are we inviting only the ones who love us or are we extending to those who are really in need of our gift of friendship?*

*How about the invaluable gifts of Forgiveness, Kindness & Christian Charity?*

*Humility, Goodness, Godliness and Faith; are all these beautiful decors within our Home as well?*

*Certainly, baby Jesus will be most pleased with all these thoughtful gifts for his guests but he is also wondering what YOUR gift to him will be in this year. He will be most excited to find out what it is that you have most thoughtfully wrapped up just for him; will it include that one thing that he has been whispering the last couple of weeks in your heart? Will it make him clap his hands in glee?*

*What are in the birthday itinerary in store for his enjoyment?*

*Will he have that surprise item that will make him laugh; how about the songs that will make him giggle with pleasure & happiness?*

*Will you make him the happiest birthday Child this coming Christmas?*

Dear friends, go ahead to plan for your party, invite as many friends as you like and cook your best dishes so that your loved ones may enjoy your delicious cooking. Dress in fineries so that everyone will be in the festive mood and give gifts to all as a sign of appreciation of friendships & love. Let's make this year's Birthday Party for baby Jesus one that will truly bring on the sweetest smile on his face!!!!

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**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF  
ADVENT**  
17 / 18 Dec 2011

## AT A GLANCE

### MONDAY 19 DEC

Advent Weekday ( O Radix Jesse)

### TUESDAY 20 DEC

Advent Weekday ( O Clavis David )

### WEDNESDAY 21 DEC

Advent Weekday ( O Oriens ) / St Peter Canisius, presbyter

### THURSDAY 22 DEC

Advent Weekday ( O Rex Gentium )

### FRIDAY 23 DEC

Advent Weekday ( O Emmanuel ) / St John of Kanty, presbyter

### SATURDAY 24 DEC

Advent Weekday

NATIVITY OF THE LORD or Christmas

### SUNDAY 25 DEC

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Parish Event

Special Notice

Liturgy Related

Outward Bound

**INFANT BAPTISM:**  
**Sun 1 Jan | 3pm**

**Preparation Course:**

Fri 30 Dec | 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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## MARANATHA!

Gabriel the archangel brought hard joy to the Virgin Mary: "Rejoice, most favoured, the Lord is with you. If you agree, you will have a baby who is your savior and your God". What an awe-filled choice! And Mary said, "Yes."

Such cooperation between the Lord and the woman begins the revelation of the great hidden mystery: the presence of Christ Jesus, Savior and Lord, among us. Celebrating Mary's choice, give glory to God through the only begotten son, Jesus, Marantha!



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## HIGHLIGHTS

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMINGS

**Christmas Eve | Sat 24 Dec**

Reflections by Kids | 8pm

Children's Mass | 8.30pm

Carolling | 11.15pm

Midnight Mass | 12am

**Christmas Day | Sun 25 Dec**

Mandarin Mass | 7.30am

English Masses | 9am | 10.45am | 12.30pm

**No Mass at 5.30pm and 7.15pm**

See page 2 for more Highlights...



### EUCHARIST

Sat: 6.55am (Morning Mass)

Sat: 5.30pm (Sunset Mass)

Sun: 7.30am (Mandarin), 9am, 10.45am, 12.30pm, 5.30pm, 7.15pm

3rd Sun: 3.30pm (Indonesian)

Weekday: 6.55am (with Morning Prayer) & 6.30pm



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**R1** Dawn Isa 62: 11-12 | Day Isa 52: 7-10

**R2** Dawn Tit 3: 4-7 | Day Heb 1: 1-6

**G** Dawn Lk 2: 15-20 | Day Jn 1: 1-18



### NOVENA

To Our Lady:

Sat, 5pm

To St Anthony:

Tue, after 6.30pm Mass



### ROSARY DEVOTION

Mon-Sat, after Morning Masses  
Family Rosary: Every Sat, 4.30pm



### RECONCILIATION

20 mins before Sunday Masses, or by personal appointment with priest

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Penitential Services (Advent)

Mon 19 Dec | 8pm | St Francis of Assisi

Tue 20 Dec | 8pm | St Ignatius

Wed 21 Dec | 8pm | Holy Cross

**Thur 22 Dec | 8pm | ST MARY OF THE ANGELS**

Fri 23 Dec | 8pm | Blessed Sacrament

## NCC SECRETARIAT

Stephen Wong, Pastoral Assistant | stephen@stmary.sg

### NCC MEETINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

#### Mon 19 Dec – Fri 23 Dec

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

#### Bukit Batok Area

Blk 267, Bt Batok East Ave 4 | Wed 21 Dec | 10.15am

Mystical Rose NCC | Monica ☎ 9328-6862

#### Bukit Gombak Area

Blk 386, Bukit Batok West Ave 5 | Thur 22 Dec | 8pm

Jesus in Our Midst NCC | June ☎ 9645-5469

#### Bukit Panjang Area

Blk 654, Senja Road | Thur 22 Dec | 8.30pm

Bukit Batok NCC | Rey ☎ 9680-4761

#### Bukit Timah Area

Jalan Bangket, Mayfair Park | Wed 21 Dec | 8pm

May Fair NCC | Timothy ☎ 9835-9798

#### Choa Chu Kang Area

Blk 453 Choa Chu Kang Ave 4 | Wed 21 Dec | 8pm

House of Harvest NCC | Emily ☎ 9643-8376

Blk 681 Choa Chu Kang Crescent | Thur 22 Dec | 8.30pm

Yew Tee Branch NCC | Gani ☎ 9154-8405

#### Hillview Regency Area

83 Hillview Ave, Mera Lodge | Mon 19 Dec | 8pm

Echo SCC | Tony ☎ 9661-8876

Please contact the respective NCC coordinators for more details.

### Parish NCCs Get-together

**Sat 7 Jan | 9.30am - 1pm | Classroom 1 - 4**

As we enter start another new year 2012, all NCC members are invited to come for a get-together for a time of reflection, sharing and visioning. Lunch will be provided. RSVP by 31 Dec 2011 appreciated for catering purpose.

For further enquiries, ✉ nccso@stmary.sg

## AROUND ST MARY'S

### Wedding Choir (M-cubed) Recruitment

Calling all keyboardists, organists, psalmists and aspiring singers! The celebration of marriage in the Catholic Church is one of the most profound and joyous occasion in a couple's journey together. Join the wedding choir in being part of this symbolic union of Christ and His Church as we lift our voices in celebration of Holy Matrimony. Auditions will be held in January 2012 and all who are interested can email Ethan at ✉ ethanjayhsu@gmail.com for more details.

### There is no Divine Mercy Prayer due to Penitential Service on Thur 22 Dec.

### Divine Mercy Prayer resumes on Thur 5 Jan

### The Legion Book Barrow

The Legion Book Barrow will close as usual at end of November and re-open on 1st week of March 2012 with more new titles and a variety of books for children, adults and seniors. In the meantime, kindly get your copy of 'Catholicism for Dummies' @ barrow special \$26.50 & other books on prayers etc..

### Patrician Meeting - Youth Forum

Sat 8 Jan | 2.30 - 4.30 pm | Classroom B1

Theme :

***Purgatory - is it only a Christian myth or real purification?***

### CPG

We are closed on 23 & 30 Dec 2011 for the festive season. Normal prayer meeting will resume on Fri 6 Jan 2012.

Wishing you and your team a very Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us, for all your works and efforts in helping our prayer group.

### Franciscans International Advent Project 2011

This weekend, we would be distributing the 4th set of FI Advent envelopes. Next weekend would be Christmas; it would be a good time for offering your FI advent envelopes in support of the works of the Franciscans International in Asia. We would like to thank you all in advance for participating in this Advent project and for your generous support!

### Christmas Celebration | Sun 18 Dec | 6.30 - 10pm

Christmas @ Heartland With songs & dances organised by the IRCC On the 18th Dec 2011 at the U-Square Bukit Batok Ave 4 (Next to Blk 283). All are Welcome!

## OUTSIDE THE PARISH

### Book of Prophet Jeremiah - by Msgr Eugene Vaz

**17 Tuesdays from 3 Jan 2012 till 22 May 2012**

**9.30am - 11.30am (or) 7.45pm – 9.45pm**

Contribution: \$95 (Early bird registration: \$90)

(Register with payment before 20 Dec to enjoy the 'early bird' discount)

For register : ☎ 68583011 | ✉ admin@catholicspi.org

### The Contemplative Dimension of Faith

**Sat 7 Jan - Sun 8 Jan | CJC**

The aim of this Seminar is to further deepen the spirit of friendship and collaboration among the different faiths in Singapore. Common Ground will focus on the contemplative practice of religion and how the shared experience of silence in meditation can enhance interreligious dialogue.

Led by Fr. Laurence Freeman, OSB with contributions from other religious leaders.

On Sat 7 Jan 2012 (8.30am - 5pm) and Sun 8 Jan 2012 (9am - 5pm) at CJC Performing Arts Center, Whitley Road.

Cost: \$50. Registration required.

For enquiries/registration:

✉ commonground2012@gmail.com

☎ 84113130 / 63364815

## MANDARIN CORNER 堂区通

### 2012年华文成人慕道班开始招生了。

开课日期是1-2-2012 (星期三) 晚上8点。

招募活动将从20-11-2011至 11-12-2011 共4周

日在教堂外广场, 设有招募摊位, 欢迎前往询问。

### 将临期和好圣事——晚上8点

19/12/11 (星期一) ——圣方济亚西西堂

20/12/11 (星期二) ——圣依纳爵堂

21/12/11 (星期三) ——圣十字架堂

**22/12/11 (星期四) ——天使之后堂**

23/12/11 (星期五) ——圣体堂

### Catholic Church of St Ignatius

***Has immediate job vacancy for full-time ASSISTANT PARISH ADMINISTRATOR***

Interested candidates please email your full resume with latest passport-sized photograph to ✉ gabriel@stignatius.org before Thur 15 Dec.

Only Shortlisted candidates will be notified.

### GOD'S EXTRAVAGANT LOVE

Come, explore the Franciscan worldview on Love & the Primacy of Christ; Creation & the Humility of God; and The Dignity of the Human Person with Sr Pat Smith, OSF and Sr Ann David, OSF from the United States.

***Fri 17 Feb 2012 – 8-10pm***

Lecture @ St Clare Hall

***Sat 18 Feb 2012 – 8:30am - 4:30pm***

Seminar Day 1 @ FMM House of Prayer.

***Sun 19 Feb 2012 – 8:30am - 6pm.***

Seminar Day 2 @ FMM House of Prayer.

Contribution : Fri Night \$20; Seminar \$100 (includes Friday night)

For registration and enquiries,

✉ franciscanfamily@gmail.com

### 圣诞节弥撒时间

圣诞前夕——24 / 12 / 11 (星期六)

晚上8点——儿童映像

晚上8.30分——儿童弥撒

晚上11.15分——报福音

晚上12点——午夜弥撒

圣诞节当天——25 / 12 / 11 (星期日)

华语弥撒——早上7.30分

英语弥撒——早上9点, 10.45分, 中午12.30分

注意: 下午5.30分和晚上7.15分没有举行弥撒

### 华文上主慈悲敬礼组

天使之后堂华文上主慈悲敬礼组将从12月20日开始暂停聚会, 我们将在2012年1月3日 (星期二) 继续回来聚集祈祷。