



Simple Profession 2012

Dear Friends,

Greeting of blessings for the New Year!

This year the Franciscan Order in Singapore rejoiced as it received the first simple professions of the 3 novices, Cruzender, David and Aiden, on 7 Jan.

Those among you who were regulars at Tuesday's evening devotion to St Anthony last year would be familiar with these 3 novices who took turns to preside over the prayers.

The Profession Mass was held at 2pm on a Saturday. Present to preside over this taking of vows was our Minister Provincial Friar Paul Smith OFM, and con-celebrating together with him were, his Grace Most Rev. John Ha, DD, SSD Archbishop of Kuching, and Rev. Father Felix Au of Kuching (brother of our novice David Au).

Also presents were the families of our novices, friars of the Singapore Custody and religious sisters and some invited friends to witness this special occasion.

Simple Profession is part of the first steps that our novices take in their initial formation to receive the evangelical vows of poverty, chastity & obedience for about 16 months; these vows are to be renewed as they continue to grow in their initial formation to understand the Franciscan spirituality and way of life.



Why 16 months? Simple vows for most religious congregation are for a year (12 months). Well, basically because of practicality as well as tradition.

Practicality because they are taking their vows at the end of their canonical novitiate which as stated in the canon law must be exactly a year or more and because there are some courses at the Seminary that they need to attend and these usually start at the beginning of the year.

Traditionally, all solemnly professed friars renew their commitments on 16 Apr to commemorate that special day when St Francis obtained the approval of his (Franciscan) way of life and the Rule from Pope Honorius III. Therefore 1 year (12 months) plus till the month of April (4 months) equals 16 months to bring their renewal of the simple vows in line with this special occasion as well.

As our Minister Provincial Paul Smith puts very clearly, the taking of the evangelical vows is the deepening of our understanding of our baptismal promises and so the 3 vows of poverty, chastity and obedience is not something merely seen as deprivations and therefore something negative. Rather these 3 vows should free oneself to give more fully to God and neighbours in love and service.

Although this occasion was only witnessed by a limited congregation, it is hoped that at the end of their initial formation (approximately 6 years), parishioners of St Mary of the Angels will be invited to witness their Solemn Profession where they will publicly vow for the whole of their life to our Franciscan family, the Order of Friar Minors here in Singapore, Malaysia & Brunei.

We wish the 3 friars God's guidance and continual graces as they continue in their formation years and we ask you in your charity to please pray for our present friars in initial formation; Desmond, Francisco, Xavier, Jason, Esmond, Clauence, Cruzender, David and Aiden that God will bless and bring their good aspirations to a good end in Solemn Profession.

Blessings!



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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14 / 15 Jan 2012

AT A GLANCE

MONDAY 16 JAN

2nd Week, Ordinary Time

TUESDAY 17 JAN

St Anthony, Abbot, memorial

WEDNESDAY 18 JAN

2nd Week, Ordinary Time

THURSDAY 19 JAN

2nd Week, Ordinary Time

FRIDAY 20 JAN

St Fabian, Pope & Martyr, memorial

St Sebastian, Martyr, memorial

SATURDAY 21 JAN

St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr, memorial

SUNDAY 22 JAN

3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Parish Event

Special Notice

Liturgy Related

Outward Bound



INFANT BAPTISM: Sun 5 Feb | 3pm

Preparation Course:

Thur 2 Feb | 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.



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 Jona 3: 1-5, 10
 R2 1 Cor 7: 29-31
 G Mk 1: 14-20



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



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REPENT

Repent and believe the good news! Come, follow me! Andrew, first to respond, brought along his brother Simon whom Jesus nicknamed Cephas, which means Peter, which means rock. Then came the fisher brothers, James and John. These four are the great witnesses to Jesus' public work.

We hear the same call: "Come, follow me" into new life. God raises us up, too, if we follow Jesus. Time is short. The world we know is passing away. Are we ready to give witness?



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B. Illustration © 1999 S. Erspamer. Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2001 OCP. All rights reserved.

HIGHLIGHTS

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Inviting all Christians to join in prayer, reflection, songs and fellowship, with the theme **"We will all be changed by the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ"** (1 Cor 15).

First Service | Mon 16 Jan 2012 | 8pm

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. 30 Duke's Road.

Second Service | Thurs 19 Jan 2012 | 8pm

Catholic Church of St Mary of the Angels.

Please invite your family and friends to be part of this world-wide event of prayer for unity among Christian believers.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Sale of Chinese New Year Goodies

Share the festive joy with your families and friends this Chinese New Year! Share the blessings of the season with homemade cookies and snacks.

Homemade goodies by friends and parishioners will be on sale on 14/15 Jan at the piazza.

CATECHETICAL OFFICE

Agatha Cheong, Director | acheong@stmary.sg

Catechism classes for all levels in 2012 will resume on Jan 28 (Saturday) and Jan 29 (Sunday)

NCC SECRETARIAT

Stephen Wong, Pastoral Assistant | stephen@stmary.sg

NCC MEETINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK Mon 16 Jan – Fri 20 Jan

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

Bukit Batok Area

Blk 203 Bt Batok Street 21 | Wed 18 Jan 8pm

West Mall NCC | Helen ☎ 9479-7964

Blk 21 Hume Park II | Mon 16 Jan 8.15pm

Echo NCC | Tony ☎ 9661-8876

Bukit Panjang Area

Blk 654 Senja Road | Thur 19 Jan 8.30pm

Bukit Batok NCC | Rey ☎ 9680-4761

Bukit Timah Area

24J Bangket Mayfair Park | Wed 18 Jan 8pm

May Fair NCC | Tim ☎ 9835-9798

49 Toh Tuck Place | Wed 18 Jan 10.30am

Mystical Rose NCC | Monica ☎ 9328-6862

Choa Chu Kang Area

Blk 681 Choa Chu Kang Crescent | Thur 19 Jan 8.30pm

Yew Tee Branch NCC | Gani ☎ 9154-8405

Blk 638A Choa Chu Kang Crescent | Fri 20 Jan 8pm

Mary's Soldiers NCC | Gina ☎ 9168-3047

Hillview Area

49 Hillview Avenue, Hillington Green | Fri 20 Jan 8pm

Hillington Green | Brendan ☎ 8180-5648

Please contact the respective NCC coordinators for more details.

AROUND ST MARY'S

RCIY

Have any friends between the ages of 13 and 20 who are interested in our Catholic faith? Invite them to sign up for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Youth! Weekly sessions (Saturdays) commence on 17 March 2012.

To register or enquire, please contact:

Andrew ☎ 91004832 ✉ andndrew@hotmail.com

RCIA

RCIA new cycle for inquirers will commence on 2 Feb for 10 weeks on every Thursday at 8pm at St Clare Hall. This is an introduction stage for inquirers to experience the initial faith journey and if the process is suitable and one wishes to continue, then the next stage is known as "Catechumenate stage".

Catholics are also welcome to accompany the inquirers on this journey till their baptism in March 2013.

For enquiries, please contact the following RCIA coordinators:

Philip Lee ☎ 9772-5794 | June Chen ☎ 9645-5469

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, St Mary.

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

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.

All who are interested, please email Ethan

✉ ethanjayhsu@gmail.com for more details.

Recruitment for IT Project

Adept with various web technologies (Drupal, html, css, PHP, ASP, Java, Perl, or C++ or any lightweight web programming language), different multimedia editing applications (InDesign, Photoshop, Flash, etc) and Security; some familiarity with web server administration and project management.

Any IT-related degree desired but actual work experience in design implementation and web administration with emphasis on security is required. Good interpersonal relationship and communication skills in the English language, a must. Please include your portfolio, if any. Please send your applications to Viji ✉ viji@stmary.sg

MANDARIN CORNER 堂区通讯

2012年华文成人慕道班开始招生了。

开课日期是2-2-2012 (星期四)晚上8点。

有亲戚朋友要认识天主教信仰的, 请向慕道班负责人报名。

农历新年(初一)

农历新年23/1/12初一的华文弥撒时间是早上7点30分。

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Talks on Book of Prophet Jeremiah

By Msgr Eugene Vaz

17 Tuesdays From 3 Jan till 22 May

9.30am - 11.30am (or) 7.45pm – 9.45pm

Contribution: \$95

To register: ☎ 6858-3011 | ✉ admin@catholicspi.org

4-Day Malayalam Retreat on the Word of God with Healing Service

Malayalam Charismatic Group (affiliated to SACCRE) is organising a 4-day retreat in Malayalam during CNY holidays. Adults Retreat by Jerusalem Retreat Centre, Kerala; Children's Retreat by Christeen, Kerala (For age group 4 -12); Teen's Retreat (English) by Jesus Youth (For age group 13-19).

Date: 21 Jan to 24 Jan | 9am to 6pm

Venue: St Anthony's Primary School, 1 Bukit Batok Street 34.

Contact:

Malayalam retreat:

Milen ☎ 9186-7456 | Diana ☎ 9896-5294;

Children's retreat: Joby ☎ 9790-3482;

Teen's retreat: Ajith ☎ 9022-4690.

华文上主慈悲敬礼组

华文上主慈悲敬礼组将暂停两个星期17/1 和 24/1/12 (星期二), 请大家在 31/1/12 (星期二) 早上9点再继续回来。