



Near and here

Christmas is a great feast of the church. So great that there is a whole season to prepare for it, 4 weeks' worth of spiritual anticipation, waiting and renewal. A renewal so intended that the church begins her liturgical year with Advent.

This weekend as we enter into Year B, we also officially begin our new translation of the Roman Missal. You will hear prayers said by the priest that employ a more flowery vocabulary, intended to help one to enter prayerfully into the theme of each week. The English-speaking world is now geared for a spiritual renewal, through a renewal in the liturgy. How can we be part of this renewal then?

First of all, we could remind ourselves of the marvel of the Incarnation, the divine taking on human flesh, God becoming man. That he came among us because of his overwhelming love, as Blessed John Duns Scotus the great Franciscan theologian, tells us.

Overwhelming love. Only this will explain why God, in humility, will want to be part of our messy lives, to be born in a dirty manger. His first coming (recall that advent means 'coming') was to perfect creation, and as a result, our sins are eradicated and our souls cleansed.

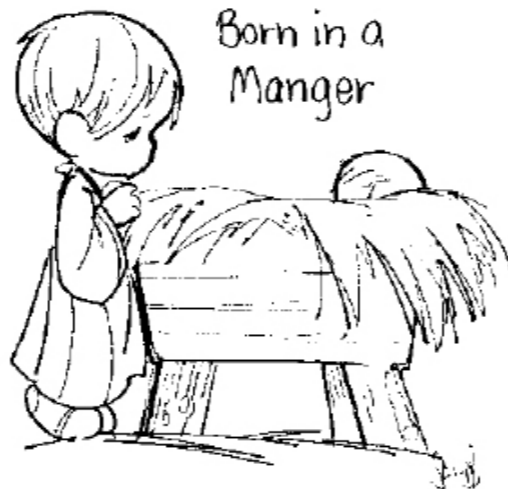
His second coming is to bring all creation to the glory of the Father, when all have been subjected to him, renewed in his love.

Some of us may feel that the first and second comings are too abstract, too distant, too remote, not touching our lives directly enough. Well, there is a third coming, and that happens every moment around the world - at every altar where loving and yearning hearts are gathered to ask the Lord to be present.

The Eucharistic feast is when the earthly is changed into the divine, where Jesus is physically here, is present in the bread and wine. This coming is also worth marveling at. And you probably have just partaken of this divine food at the Mass, encountered Jesus powerfully at this supper.

May this food from heaven renew you as you are now sent into the world to be an instrument of renewal for others.

Come and be renewed. Jesus is near and is here. He is waiting.



AT A GLANCE

MONDAY 28 NOV

Advent Weekday

TUESDAY 29 NOV

Advent Weekday

WEDNESDAY 30 NOV

St Andrew, Apostle, Feast

THURSDAY 1 DEC

Advent Weekday

FRIDAY 2 DEC

Advent Weekday

SATURDAY 3 DEC

St Francis Xavier, presbyter religious (Principal Patron of the Missions), feast

SUNDAY 4 DEC

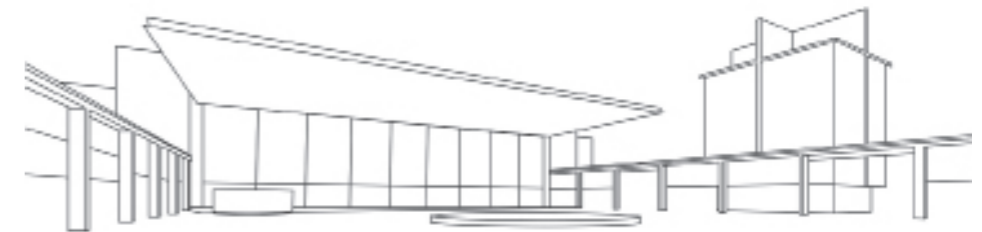
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Parish Event

Special Notice

Liturgy Related

Outward Bound



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STAY AWAKE

"The Lord is coming, but you know not the day of the hour." This season makes us all aware of time's movement and our place in its fragile duration. Now is the time to sort things out, look around and get ready, for at the Lord's presence the mountain melt.

Advent means: He's coming soon! Heads up! Keep your own eyes open. Don't expect someone else to alert you. Be ready!



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HIGHLIGHTS

"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven" - Matt 5:3

Sat 3 Dec | 2.30pm - 5.30pm | Rooms 6,7 | St Clare Hall

1. Why does Jesus call those who are poor in spirit 'Blessed'?

2. Is it possible to live this Beatitude today?

3. Does it mean living without luxuries?

4. Is there any significance in it being the First of the Eight Beatitudes of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount?

Inviting all parishioners, friends and relatives to this enlightening session with Bryan Crucis Shen (independent lay missionary of 15 years and qualified counsellor) who will also witness to what it means to be poor in spirit. Don't miss this opportunity and keep the date free:

ALL ARE WELCOME. Admission FREE

For enquiries call Family Life Ministry ☎ 9699-3134.

See page 2 for more Highlights...

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INFANT BAPTISM:
Sun 4 Dec | 3pm

Preparation Course:

Wed 30 Nov | 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 Isa 40: 1-5; 9-11
R2 2 Pt 3: 8-14
G Mk 1: 1-8



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

An evening of voices, strings and organ

Fri 2 Dec | 8pm | St Clare Hall

Come for a relaxed and enjoyable evening of fine music. Our organist, string quartet, and vocal ensemble will be presenting a light-hearted selection of organ music, string serenades, and carols that will bring you into the mood for Advent and Christmas. All are welcomed. BYO wine and cheese!

FAMILY MOVIE NITE (free) | ‘MY DOG SKIP’

Wed 7 Dec | 7pm - 9.30pm | St Clare Hall

Games, Quizzes and Fabulous prizes to be won!
BRING ALONG YOUR FAMILY AND ENJOY THE MOVIE & company! Snacks and Refreshments to see you through the evening.....
ENJOY!!!! Kindly let us know if you are coming.... call Parent Support, Family Life Ministry
☎ 96993134 | ✉ htwong55@singnet.com.sg

NCC SECRETARIAT

Stephen Wong, Pastoral Assistant | stephen@stmary.sg

NCC MEETINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Mon 28 Nov – Fri 2 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 30 Nov | 10.15am
Mystical Rose NCC | Monica ☎ 9328-6862

Blk 203 Bt Batok St 21 | Wed 30 Nov | 8pm
West Mall NCC | Raymond ☎ 9060-6050

Blk 251 Bt Batok East Ave 5 | Wed 30 Nov | 8pm
Bt Batok East View NCC | Helen ☎ 9479-7964

Blk 289B, Bt Batok St 25 | Fri 2 Dec | 11am
Lady of The Holy Rosary NCC | Josephine ☎ 9763-2671

Bukit Gombak Area

Blk 386, Bukit Batok West Ave 5 | Thur 1 Dec | 8pm
Jesus in Our Midst NCC | June ☎ 9645-5469

367, Bt Batok St. 31 | Mon 28 Nov | 8pm
Mary Help of Christians NCC | Teofilo ☎ 9653-1828

Bukit Panjang Area

Blk 654, Senja Road | Thur 1 Dec | 8.30pm
Bukit Batok NCC | Rey ☎ 9680-4761

Bukit Timah Area

SpringDale Condominium | Tue 29 Nov | 8pm
St John NCC | John ☎ 9185-3052

Jalan Bangket, Mayfair Park | Wed 30 Nov | 8pm
May Fair NCC | Timothy ☎ 9835-9798

Choa Chu Kang Area

Blk 681 Choa Chu Kang Crescent | Thur 1 Dec | 8.30pm
Yew Tee Branch NCC | Gani ☎ 9154-8405

Blk 683A Choa Chu Kang Cresent | Fri 2 Dec | 8pm
Mary’s Soldiers NCC | Gina ☎ 8265-7953

Hillview Regency Area

26 Hillview Regency, Bt Batok East Ave 2 | Fri 2 Dec 8pm
Hillview Regency NCC | Lily ☎ 9686-5595

Please contact the respective NCC coordinators for more details.

AROUND ST MARY’S

FRANCISCAN 5 | St Clare Hall | 8pm

“If Adam and Eve did not sin, do we still need Jesus to come to earth to save us?”.

Join Fr John Wong, OFM as he shares on Franciscan Spirituality and the Theology & Intellectual Tradition of the Order through a series of talks on 5 prominent Franciscans and also to find out answer like this. The remaining talks are:

01 Dec - Bl John Duns Scotus: The Story of our Salvation
For more enquiries, ✉ aff@stmary.sg or on day of the talk.

ADVENTure 2011

Will you embark on an adventure as we prepare for the birth of Jesus? Come and join the ADVENTure of weekly Gospel reflection sessions based on the Advent booklets “Jesus comes Under Our Roof” from the SPI & Caritas Singapore.

The ADVENTure starts from 1st week of Advent.

Register to express interest or for enquiries,
✉ nccso@stmary.sg | 🌐 www.stmary.sg

Angels, Saints & Purgatory

Sun 27 Nov | 3pm - 5pm | B2 St Clare Centre

All are Welcome !

Address by Friar John Soh followed by VIDEO CLIPS on Michael the Archangel(Protector of the Church), St Therese of Liseux (Little flower of Jesus), St Maria Goretti (model for youth) St Maximilian Kolbe (martyr of charity) St Padre Pio (Mystic) and Mother Angelica, founder of EWTN who will share her insight on Purgatory and What Satan hates most!

Do join us and invite your families, relatives and friends.

Tea & Fellowship @ 4.15 pm.

For more enquiries:

Parent Support/Family Life Ministry ☎ 9699 3134

Pre-order your Christmas goodies now!

Five Loaves will be taking orders for their Christmas bake on the **26-27 of November**. Items available for order include our Christmas log cake, fruit cake, suger cake, gingerbread men / women and more. Come by our stall on the above dates to place your orders, or to pick up an order form. Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to get something yummy for the season!

The Catholic Epistles

In preparation of the coming of the Lord, the Little Rock Scripture Study (LRSS) Group invites you for a 4-session study - by Fr Ambrose Vaz on the Letters of Peter, James, Jude & John. **30 Nov 2011 (Weds)** | 7.45 - 9.45pm | St Clare Hall
Light refreshments will be served. Love Offering : \$10
For more enquiries: Raymond Tan 9633-0616 | Michael Arteché 9827-5995 | Dominic Yap ☎ 9115-6691

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..

Want to know more about Catholic Faith?

Registration for RCIA journey for year 2012 is now open.

Register: RCIA booth | Piazza after all Masses

from Sat Nov 19 to Sun Dec 11.

Catholics may register as sponsors to accompany the faith seekers.

Sale of Breaking Bread Hymnal 2012

If you would like a personal copy of the new hymnal for 2012, you may purchase a copy (small version) for \$9.50 at the booth in the piazza or at the piety shop. If you would like the old 2011 copy, they are available at the side entrances of the church. If you are interested, there are also many good liturgical resources, like daily Gospel reflections, on sale at the piety shop.

MANDARIN CORNER 堂区通

天使驿站@天使之后堂

邀请新移民和工友参加

圣诞联欢会

日期: 2011年12月11日 (星期日)

时间: 下午5点—晚上8点30分

地点: 天使之后堂圣佳兰中心课室B1-B3

地址: 5, Bukit Batok East Ave 2

联络: 黄修女9239—6226

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2012年华文成人慕道班将在20-11-2011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。

华语讲座

主题: 干细胞与安乐死

讲师: 台湾辅仁大学甯永鑫教授

日期: 12月1日(星期四)

时间: 7.45pm - 9.30pm

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS OFFICE

Ann Yeong, Director | ann@stmary.sg

Venite Adoremus

Sat 3 Dec | 8 - 10pm | Main Church

Come, Let Us Adore

We invite all youth and young adults to join us for an evening of music and reflection, with caroling, to prepare our hearts for Christmas on Saturday, 3 Dec, from 8-10pm at the main church.

Come with your friends!

Please register online 🌐 www.stmary.sg/adventyyao

Fishing with Fr JP

Monday 5 Dec | 5pm - 11pm | Bedok Jetty

Inviting all Sec 1 - 4 youth for an evening of fishing and camaraderie with the parish priest and friends at Bedok Jetty. Dinner and transport to and fro will be provided. Please register by 30 Nov

🌐 www.stmary.sg/fishing and invite your friends to do so too!

地点: 天使之后堂 B1—B3课室

主办: 教委信仰培训小组

欢迎大家出席

天使之后堂华文组歌咏班报佳音

如果你有意邀请我们到你府上报佳音, 请即刻和我们联络,

日期有: 12月13, 12月15, 12月17和12月21日 (共4天)

时间: 晚上8点

为了方便, 我们将根据路线来做安排到你府上报佳音的日期和时间。

任何询问请联络: 余玉凤 9273—4183

预定圣诞糕点

要预定圣诞糕点吗? 弥撒后请到在教堂外, 向售卖面包的五饼烘培组预订吧!

上主慈悲敬礼组

上主慈悲敬礼组将在11月29日暂停一次聚会,

12月6日我们再回来。

将临期小册子

将临期小册子已出版, 请大家记得拿一本回去。