

# ST. ANTHONY'S VOICE



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Nativity Of The Lord

(Year B)

1st Jan 2012

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday: Num 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21

Monday : 1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday : 1 Jn 2:29-3,6, Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday : 1 Jn 3:7-10, Jn 1:35-42

Thursday : 1 Jn 3:11-21, Jn 1:43-51

Friday : 1 Jn 5:5-13, Mk 1:7-11

Saturday : 1 Jn 4:11-18, Mt 6:45-52

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. FUND RAISING FOR ANNEX BUILDING*
- 2. CATECHISM MATTERS*
- 3. CHINESE NEW YEAR ORANGES*
- 4. CHINESE NEW YEAR EU-CHARIST*
- 5. PARISH OFFICE CLOSED*
- 6. DRESS CODE*

## Thought of the Week

**LIKE CLOUDS AND  
WIND WITHOUT RAIN  
IS A MAN WHO  
BOASTS OF GIFTS HE  
DOES NOT GIVE**

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# Parish Announcements

## *Fund Raising For Annex Bldg*

The new building would cost about \$5 million dollars. We request your donations for this purpose. You can make your contributions at Fr. Cyril's office.

## *Chinese New Year Oranges*

"Chinese New Year falls on January 23, 2012. We will have the usual traditional distribution of oranges. We appeal, therefore, for donations, preferably, cash donations to buy the oranges. Please hand your donations to Lily, at Fr. Cyril's office . Thank You"

## *Chinese New Year Eucharist*

The celebration on Mon, 23rd Jan '12 will be at 8.00am in Mandarin and at 10.00am in English

## *Devotion To St. Anthony*

Please take note that the devotion on 24th Jan '12 will be at 6.00pm followed by the Eucharist. The morning Eucharist will be at 8.00am

## *Children's Bible For Pri 1 To 3*

The Children's Bible for Primary 1 to Primary 3 Catechism classes is now on sale at the Parish Bookshop. Parents are reminded to purchase the Bible before Catechism lessons commences.

## *Emmanuel P & W Group*

There is no session from this week till the end of the year. Emmanuel resumes its weekly praise & worship sessions on 11 Jan 2012.

## *Prayer For Priest & Vocation*

It will be held on 19th Jan '12 at 7.45pm in St. Cecilia's room. All are welcome.

## *Stewardship Fair Canteen*

Come to the STEWARDSHIP FAIR CANTEEN on Sun, 8th Jan '12! Our inter ministries are preparing a wide range of delicious food! All monetary profit from the canteen will go to deflate the cost of Stewardship Fair that will be held on Sunday 19th Feb '12

## *Parish Office Closed*

The parish office will be closed on 1st Jan '12 and 2nd Jan '12

## *Canteen Closed*

The canteen will be closed on 1st Jan '12

## *Thunder Strike*

'Thunder strike' bowling is on:

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2012 (12noon – 6pm)

Venue: Orchid Country Club (OCC), Yishun  
Be bold and get on the roll, to bowl!!

Thunder Strike bowling deals, are running out soon. See you at the parish foyer/  
email thundestrike2012@gmail.com

Remember, you don't have to be a pro to bowl, just be bold!!

## *Fundraising Bingo Session*

Win Cash!! Come join us in this family game of bingo. All can play. Come, play, enjoy yourselves while helping the Fund Raising Cause. Bingo is played every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 9.30am Mass. The first starts next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Next session 15<sup>th</sup>, instead of 22nd because of Chinese New Year.

## CATECHISM ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 2012

### **COMMENCEMENT OF CATECHISM**

1. Catechism classes for 2012 will commence on the 7/8 January weekend. Only students who have been registered for 2012 as listed in the class namelist will be admitted into the classes.

### **MEETING WITH PARENTS**

2. All Parents kindly take note of the following dates for briefing on the Catechism Program in St. Anthony's Church. Attendance is compulsory:

- a) Primary 1 - 6 January 2012 @ 8.00pm @ Auditorium
- b) Primary 5 - 8 January 2012 @ 2.00pm @ Auditorium
- c) Primary 6 - 8 January 2012 @ 3.00pm @ Auditorium
- d) Confirmation 1 - 8 January 2012 @ 4.00pm @ Auditorium
- e) Confirmation 2 - 8 January 2012 @ 5.00pm @ Auditorium

### **CHINESE NEW YEAR CATECHISM BREAK**

3. There will be NO CATECHISM CLASSES on the 14/15, 21/22 & 28/29 January weekend. Classes will resume on 4/5 February weekend.

### **CATECHISM CLASS DRESS CODE & PUNCTUALITY**

4. All students are reminded to dress appropriately for Catechism Classes. Guidelines to the Dress Code can be found under 'Requirements for Catechism for 2012' in the Catechism Website. Students failing to follow the dress code guide will not be allowed into the prayer rooms.

5. All students are reminded to be punctual for Catechism class. Door leading to the Prayer Rooms will be locked upon commencement of catechism and latecomers will be locked out.

***Fr. Gerard, Fr. Cyril, Fr. Terence  
would like to wish all parishioners  
a Merry Christmas and a Happy  
New Year!***



## Dress Code

*Over the past years, we have highlighted in the bulletin what we would like our parishioners to wear when they come for worship. We want Dress to promote what you can wear instead of what is not permitted. These guidelines were decided upon by the PPC in 2005.*

*The Catechism of the Church instructs us about our disposition and the manner with which we come as a community and as individuals to thank Our Father for His love for us.*

*We know there has been some unhappiness in certain quarters concerning the enforcement and we completely understand. There seemed to be varying standards. These have been looked into*

*After over a month of feedback and consultation with parishioners again, we believe that we can do better - in setting more specific guidelines concerning the dress code for men, ladies and children so that it will be less confusing.*

*Here are our guidelines:*

### For Men:

*Shirts, polo or round-neck tee-shirts with sleeves - short or long.*

*Full length pants*

*Footwear - shoes or boots or sandals*

### For Ladies:

*Tops with Sleeves.*

*Pants should be full length. We will accept lengths of 1 or 2 inches above the ankle.*

*Skirts, dresses 1 or 2 inches above the knees will be accepted.*

*Footwear – shoes, sandals, proper dress slippers*

### Children:

*For all children above the age of seven the same dress code as the adults will apply.*

*For children under the age of seven*

*Boys: Shorts with lengths 1 or 2 inches above the knees*

*They must also use shoes or sandals.*

*Girls: shorts or skirts or dresses with lengths 1 or 2 inches above the knees.*

### **Our Priests**

Rev Fr Terence Pereira (ext 14)  
Rev Fr Gerard Weerakoon (ext 13)  
Rev Fr Cyril John Lee (ext 15)

### **Parish Office**

#### **Pastoral Coordinator**

Kenny Chen (ext 12)

#### **Administrator**

Anthony Tan (ext 11)

### **St. Anthony's Child Care Centre**

Mdm Lim Guat Eng, Manager  
Tel: 6368 5058, Fax: 6368 4307

### **St Anthony's Medical Clinic**

Mon (7pm - 9pm)  
(Closed on Public Holidays)  
Tel: 6365 6683, Fax: 6365 8339

### **Mass Times**

#### **Weekdays**

6.30am (Mondays to Fridays)  
8.00am (Saturdays and Public Holidays)  
6.30pm (Mondays to Fridays)  
\*except Tuesdays & 1st Friday - Mass is after the devotions.

#### **Saturday Sunset Mass**

6.00pm

#### **Sunday Masses**

7.30am (**Mandarin**).  
9.15am, 11.00am & 6.00pm.

**Tamil Mass @ 7.30pm on 2nd Sat of the Month.**

**Tagalog Mass @ 7.30pm on 4th Sat of the Month.**

### **Devotions**

- Devotion to St Anthony on Tuesdays at 8pm with Mass. Recitation of Rosary at 7.30pm)
- Devotion to Sacred Heart on 1st Fri at 8pm with Mass.
- Devotion to Divine Mercy on Fridays except 1st Fri from 8.00pm to 9.30pm in St Thomas Aquinas Room.

### **The Library**

Visit our Library located at the Basement which is open from 8.30am to 12.30pm every Sunday.

### **Mass Offerings:**

The office of Fr Cyril handles **Mass Offerings**. Intentions of Masses to be offered will be printed weekly on Saturday and left on the altar for the Celebrant(s) and on the notice board for all to view. Offerings made after Friday night will not be published. They will, however, be recorded in a book kept in Fr Cyril's office. Masses will also be offered on the day and time stipulated. Please do not drop your Mass Offering envelopes into the collection bags. A collection box for your Mass Offering is provided at the back of the Church.

### **Infant Baptism :**

The schedule for Baptism Preparation is as follows:

Parents are required to attend 3 Sessions commencing from the 2nd Sun of each month.

Upon completion all 3 sessions, couples can then register with the Presenters their preferred Baptism date. Godparents are to attend the last session to prepare themselves.

The Baptism ceremony will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sun of each Month at 4.00pm.. All the Sessions will be held in St John Vianney's Room. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Marriage :** The Sacrament of Matrimony celebrates the union of two people within the church community. We request those planning a marriage to contact the priests of the church 6 months prior to the anticipated date, so that proper preparations can be made. For those who want Fr Terence, you are to inform him 1 year in advance.

### **Funerals :**

Please inform any of the Priests or the Parish Office immediately.

### **Reconciliation :**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrates the healing and forgiving love that God has for each of us. There are opportunities for confession 15 minutes before the Sunset Mass on Sat and before all the Sun Masses. Priests are available for confession at other times upon request.

### **Parish Community Census Registration :**

We invite you to be a part of our community of faith and to participate in all areas of our parish life. You are welcome to register as members of our Parish. The forms are available in the church and can be given to any of the Priests or the Secretariat when completed.

### **Intercessory Prayers**

We have an Intercessory Prayer group who will meet regularly to pray for all your prayer intentions. You are welcome to place your prayer intentions in the drop box located at the right hand staircase of the Church hall entrance. The prayer group also meets every Monday evenings at 8.00pm in St. Cecilia's room for prayers. You are welcome to join them.



## **தூய கன்னி மரியா - இறைவனின் தாய் - 1/1/2012**

"கடவுளே! எம்மீது இரங்கி எமக்கு ஆசி வழங்குவீராக! - தியா : 67 : 1-2, 4-5, 7

### **உருட்டுப் பந்து விளையாட்டு (Bowling)**

4/2/2102 (மதியம் 12 - மாலை 6) - Orchid country club - ஈசூன் நுழைவு சீட்டுகளை தேவாலய முன்வாயிலில் வாங்கிக் கொள்ளுங்கள். அல்லது thunderstike2012@gmail.com என்ற மின் அஞ்சல் முகவரியில் மேல் விவரங்களைப் பெற்றுக் கொள்ளலாம். இவ்விளையாட்டில் திறமை அவசியமில்லை. ஆர்வமிருந்தால் போதும்.

### **மறைக்கல்வி வகுப்புச் செய்திகள்.**

7/1/2012 - 8/1/2012 தேதிகளில் வகுப்புகள் தொடங்கவுள்ளன. பதிந்து கொண்ட மாணவர்கள் மட்டுமே வகுப்பினில் அனுமதிக்கப் படுவார்கள்.

### **கட்டாய பெற்றோர் சந்திப்பு**

கீழ்க்காணும் வகுப்பு மாணவர்களின் பெற்றோர்கள் இச்சந்திப்பில் அவசியம் கலந்து கொள்ள வேண்டும். இவ்வருட மறைக்கல்வி பாடத் திட்டங்களைப் பற்றி இதில் விளக்கப்படும்.

தொடக்க நிலை 1 - 8/1/2012 @ இரவு மணி 8 @ தேவாலய அரங்கம் (auditorium)

தொடக்க நிலை 5 - 8/1/2012 @ பிற்பகல் மணி 2 @ தேவாலய அரங்கம்.

தொடக்க நிலை 6 - 8/1/2012 @ பிற்பகல் மணி 3 @ தேவாலய அரங்கம்.

உயர் நிலை 1 - 8/1/2012 @ பிற்பகல் மணி 4 @ தேவாலய அரங்கம்.

உயர் நிலை 2 - 8/1/2012 @ மாலை மணி 5 @ தேவாலய அரங்கம்.

கீழ்க்காணும் தேதிகளில் , சீனப் புத்தாண்டை முன்னிட்டு, மறைக்கல்வி வகுப்புகள் நடைபெறாது. ினவரி மாதம் - 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 மற்றும் 29.

பிப்ரவரி மாதம் 4/5 தேதிகளில் மீண்டும் வகுப்புகள் ஆரம்பமாகும்.

**திருத்தந்தைகள் சாற்பாக அனைவருக்கும் புத்தாண்டு நல்வாழ்த்துக்கள்.**

இறைவனது பாதுகாப்பிலும் பராமரிப்பிலும் வளரும் போது தான் நாமும் நன்மைத்தனம் நிறைந்தவர்களாக இருப்போம். எனவே இன்று நம்மையும், நமது குடும்பங்களையும் ஆண்டவருக்கு அன்பளித்து அவரது

# 天主之母节

2012年1月1日

## 圣安 多尼 之声

本堂神父  
Fr. Terence

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Fr. Gerard  
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平日弥撒  
上午6点半  
傍晚6点半  
星期二晚上8点

星期六黄昏弥撒  
傍晚6点

主日弥撒  
(华语)  
上午7点半  
(英语)  
上午9点15分  
11点, 傍晚6点

儿童洗礼  
第一主日上午12点

婚姻  
请给予六个月通知

葬礼  
请立刻联络神父

### 为新附属建筑物筹款

新附属建筑物的建筑费用为5百万元。

我们需要你们的慷慨解囊。你们可以将捐款交到李神父办公室。

### 农历新年

今年的农历新年在23/01/2012(星期一)。希望教友们能慷慨捐款赞助购买柑橘的费用,请将捐款交到李神父的办公室。

### 农历新年的弥撒时间

日期: 农历新年在23/01/2012(星期一)。

时间: 8.00am(华语),  
10.00am(英语)。

### 为圣召祈祷

日期: 19/01/2012

时间: 7.45pm

地点: St. Cecilia's room

欢迎大家踊跃参加

### 不适合感恩祭典的穿着:

- 各种短裤(包括西装短裤/百慕达)
- 无袖的T恤衫和运动服装
- 拖鞋
- 印有淫秽和褻渎的文字或图案的衣着
- 印有宣传暴力或不良倾向的文字或图案的衣着

适宜的穿着表达出我们对主基督和全能天主父的尊崇之情。

## SUNDAY: 1 January 2012

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary,  
the Holy Mother of God

1st reading: Nm 6:22-27

Psalm 67

2nd reading: Gal 4:4-7

Gospel reading: Lk 2:16-21

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### **Scripture:** *Lk 2:16-21*

<sup>16</sup>So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, <sup>18</sup>and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup>As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as they had been told. <sup>21</sup>When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

### **Meditation:**

What's the significance of a name? For the Jewish people the giving of a name had great importance. When a name was given it represented what that person should be in the future. An unknown name meant that someone could not be completely known. To not acknowledge someone's name meant both denial of the person, destruction of their personality, and change in their destiny. A person's name expressed the reality of his or her being at its deepest level. A Jewish child was named at the time of circumcision, eight days after birth. This rite was instituted by God as an outward sign to single out those who belonged to the chosen people. It was a sign of the covenant that God made with Abraham and his posterity.

In fulfillment of this precept, Mary's newborn child is given the name Jesus on the eighth day according to the Jewish custom. Joseph and Mary gave the name Jesus because that is the name given by God's messenger before Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb. This name signifies Jesus' identity and his mission. The literal Hebrew means *the Lord saves*. Since God alone can forgive sins, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son made man *will save his people from their sins* (Matthew 1:21). In the birth and naming of this child we see the wondrous design and plan of God in giving us a Savior who would bring us grace, mercy, and freedom from the power of sin and the fear of death. The name Jesus signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son who became man for our salvation. Peter the Apostle exclaimed that *there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved* (Acts 2:12). In the name of Jesus demons flee, cripples walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. His name is exalted far above every other name (Philippians 2:9-11). The name *Jesus* is at the heart of all Christian prayer. It is through and in Jesus that we pray to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. Many Christians have died with one word on the lips, the name of Jesus.

### **Question for Community Faith Sharing:**

1. Do you hold the name of 'Jesus' deeply rooted in your heart?
2. Do you daily exalt the name of Jesus in your life?
3. When you call 'Jesus', who is it that you are calling?

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*"Lord Jesus Christ, I exalt your name above every other name. For in you I have pardon, mercy, grace and victory over sin and death. You humbled yourself for my sake and for the sake of all sinners by sharing in our humanity and by dying on the cross. Help me to always praise your holy name and to live for your greater glory."*