



St Anthony's Voice

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Parish Priest: Rev Fr Andrew Wong (Ext 14)
Assistant Priest: Rev Fr John Lau (Ext 13), Resident Priest: Rev Fr Cyril Lee (Ext 15)

Last Sunday (8th & 9th July)
collection was S\$10,911.90



There will be a 2nd collection
this week. Please give
generously.

25th Ordination Anniversary

Rev Fr Andrew Wong

Date: Sun, 23rd July
Eucharistic Celebration: 6pm
Celebrant:
Archbishop William Goh
Buffet Dinner will be held at
the Auditorium, 7.30pm.
All are welcome.

Prayer for Priests and Vocations

Date: Fri, 20th July
Time: 8pm @ Mt Tabor.
All are welcome.



Star Coaching

Urgently needs P5/P6 English
teachers, Sec level Maths
teacher. If you have any
experience in teaching
contact, Theresa Louis at
81822402 (HP)

Street Challenge 2017

Date: Fri, 1 September

(Hari Raya Haji PH)

Time: 9am-5pm

Venue: Woodlands Avenue 1,
hard court opposite Esso

Competitive Games

The event is back with all-time
favourites Basketball, Dodgeball,
Captain's Ball, Soccer and Frisbee.
Registration fee: \$15/person for
the first game, additional \$5 for
second game

**Each team needs to be mixed
gender with at least 1 participant
of the opposite sex.**

Family Games

This year there will be family games
ongoing as well! These games are
suitable for all age groups, ranging
from kids to adults, so do come
down together as a family for a
fun-filled day!

Registration fee: \$5/person

Sign up link: <http://tinyurl.com/StreetChallengeCSA2017>

Emmanuel CPG

Date: Wed, 19th July

Time: 8pm @ St Lucy Room, 4th via lift
at Dwelling Place

Come and praise God as one
family. Seek the Holy Spirit's
guidance. Fellowship after session.



Mass Schedule

Mon – Friday 6.30am & 6.30pm

Saturday 6.30am

Lauds: 6.15am

Vespers: 6.15pm

Rosary recitation after every
evening EC.

Except on Tues & 1st Fri

Weekend Eucharist Celebrations

Saturday Sunset: 6.00pm

Sunday: 7.30am (Mandarin),
9.15am, 11.15am & 6pm

Rosary recitation at 5.30pm on Sat
Sunset and Sunday 6pm EC

Public Holiday: 7am only

Tamil Mass: 7.30pm

every 1st & 2nd Sat of the month

Malayalam Mass: 7.30pm

every 3rd & 5th Sat of the month

Devotions

- Devotion to St Anthony on
Tuesdays at 8pm with Mass.
(Recitation of Rosary at 7.15pm)
- Devotion to Sacred Heart on 1st Fri
at 8pm with Mass.
- Devotion to Divine Mercy on Fridays
except first Fri from 8.00pm to
9.00pm in St Lucy/Angela

St Jude Pilgrimage with Fr Cyril

3D/2N tour to celebrate the
Feast of St. Jude on 28/10/2017,
at the pilgrim Church of St. Jude
at Rawang. Tour includes a visit
to St Pio Centre, Ulu Tiram and to
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Melaka,
2-night stay in KL. Tour
commence from CSA on 27/10 till
29/10. At \$285/- per pax payable
upon registration on twin sharing
basis. Contact Charles Kang at
9756 4215.

常年期第十五主日

2017年7月16日

华文慕道团招生

华文慕道团新一届课程已经开始了：时间：晚上8点(星期三)。
地点：St. Gregory Room
继续欢迎教友们邀请还未认识天主的亲戚朋友们来参加，有兴趣者请到秘书处登记。
或联络：王雅甘姐妹 90521905，
吴怡城兄弟：84811122

2017年新加坡古伦神父灵修系列讲座

主题：“活出更丰盛的生命”
主讲：德国灵修大师古伦神父
日期：8月26日至31日
入场免费。参阅 cams.org.sg 讲题内容和地点。
任何询问教委秘书处：62828428

2017年婚前辅导

日期：8月6日和13日(星期日)
时间：早上9点至傍晚5点
地点：圣母圣诞堂，1259 Upper Serangoon Road Singapore 534795
报名费：一对新币100元
询问/报名：
秀琼 9852 4047，
email:2tempicture@gmail.com
丽碧 9878 2200，
email:vinnalim1961@yahoo.com

圣安多尼堂神恩复兴团体-四周年感恩祭与圣体医治

日期：09/07/2017(星期日)
时间：下午一点三十分(1.30pm)到五点(5pm)
主祭：林长震神父
地点：St. Agnes Room (乘电梯到3楼转右)
形式：敬拜赞美，感恩祭，明供圣体，圣体医治，见证和共融茶点。
询问：范洲南(9684 8989) 黄莉莉(9786 1974)
让我们一起来敬拜赞美主，荣耀祂的圣名和分享祂的爱。
欢迎大家带家人和亲友们出席

பொதுக்காலம் - - 15ஆம் ஞாயிற

குருக்கள் மற்றும்
துறவறத்தாருக்காக ஜெபிக்க
அழைக்கிறோம்

தேதி : ஜூலை 20, 2017

நாள் : வியாழக்கிழமை

நேரம் : மாலை 7:30

இடம் : மவுண்ட் தாபோர்

பாடகர் குழு

பாடகர் குழுவில் இணைந்து
பாட விரும்புவவர்கள்
பெயர்களைப் பதிவு
செய்துகொள்ளுங்கள். பயிற்சி
அளிக்கப்படும்..
தொடர்பிற்கு :
டேனியல் - 8186 8586



தமிழில் திருப்பலி

நாள் : முதல் மற்றும்
இரண்டாம் சனிக்கிழமை

நேரம் : மாலை 7:30 மணிக்கு

அனைவரும் குடும்பத்துடன்
கலந்து கொண்டு இறை ஆசீர்
பெற அன்புடன்
அழைக்கிறோம்.

புனித அந்தோணியார் மருத்துவ மையம்

ஆலயத்தின் கீழ்த்தளத்தில் உள்ள
புனித அந்தோணியார் மருத்துவ
மையம், ஒவ்வொரு
திங்கட்கிழமையும் (பொது
விடுமுறை நாட்கள் தவிர) இரவு 7
மணி முதல் 9 மணி வரை
திறந்திருக்கும். கட்டணம்
இலவசம்!

ஞானஉபதேச வகுப்பு

இந்த ஆண்டு மூன்றாம்
பருவத்திற்கான வகுப்புகள்
ஜூலை 8ஆம் தேதி முதல்
துவங்க உள்ளது.

பங்கு சமூக கணக்கெடுப்பு பதிவு

புதிதாக ஊடல்ண்ட்ஸ்க்கு
குடிபெயர்ந்து இருப்பவர்கள்,
தங்கள் குடும்பத்தை பங்கில்
பதிவுசெய்ய அழைக்கிறோம்.
அதற்கான படிவம் ஆலய
அலுவலகத்தில் கிடைக்கும்,
பூர்த்தி செய்யப்பட்ட
படிவங்களை,
அருட்தந்தைகளிடமோ
அல்லது நமது ஆலய
செய்யலாளரிடமோ
கொடுக்கும்படி
கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறோம்.

"Why do you speak to them in parables?"**Reading 1: Is 55: 10 – 11****Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65: 10 – 14****Reading 2: Rom 8: 18 – 23****Gospel Reading : Mat 13: 1 – 23****Scripture: Matthew 13:1-23**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat there; and the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away. Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear."

Closed eyes and dull hearts

Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to him who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah which says: 'You shall indeed hear but never understand, and you shall indeed see but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are heavy of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should perceive with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn for me to heal them.' But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

Jesus' explanation of the parable

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When any one hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in his heart; this is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the delight in riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the word and understands it; he indeed bears fruit, and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Meditation: What is the best and easiest way to help people understand God's kingdom? Like the rabbis of his time, Jesus very frequently used parables - short stories and images taken from everyday life - to convey hidden truths about the kingdom of God. Like a skillful artist, Jesus sketched memorable pictures with short and simple words. A good image can speak more loudly and clearly than many words. Jesus used the ordinary everyday illustrations of life and nature to point to another order of reality - hidden, yet visible to those who had "eyes to see" and "ears to hear". Jesus communicated with vivid illustrations which captured the imaginations of his audience more powerfully than any abstract presentation could. His parables are like buried treasure waiting to be discovered. Any farmer will attest to the importance of good soil for supplying nutrients for growth. And how does a plant get the necessary food and water it needs except by its roots?

How do you listen to God's word?

Jesus' parable of the sower is aimed at the hearers of his word. There are different ways of accepting God's word and they produce different kinds of fruit accordingly. There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to what he or she doesn't want to hear. Then there is the shallow hearer. He or she fails to think things out or think them through; they lack depth. They may initially respond with an emotional reaction; but when it wears off their mind wanders to something else. Another type of hearer is the person who has many interests or cares, but who lacks the ability to hear or comprehend what is truly important. Such a person is too busy to pray or too preoccupied to study and meditate on God's word. Then there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is at all times willing to listen and to learn. He or she is never too proud or too busy to learn. They listen in order to understand. God gives grace to those who hunger for his word that they may understand his will and have the strength to live according to it. Do you hunger for God's word?

The refusal to believe and understand

Jesus told his disciples that not everyone would understand his parables. Did Jesus mean to say that he was deliberately confusing or hiding the meaning of his stories from his listeners? Very likely not. Jesus was speaking from experience. He was aware that some who heard his parables refused to understand them. It was not that they could not intellectually understand them, but rather, their hearts were closed to what Jesus was saying. They had already made up their minds to not believe. God can only reveal the secrets of his kingdom - that which is hidden to the spiritually blind - to those who hunger for God and humbly submit to his truth. Preoccupation with other things can distract us from what is truly important and worthwhile. And letting our hearts and minds be consumed with material things can easily weigh us down and draw us away from the heavenly treasure that lasts for eternity. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart which is docile and ready to hear what God has to say.

How God's word takes root in us

The parables of Jesus will enlighten us if we approach them with an open mind and heart, ready to let them challenge us. If we approach them with the conviction that we already know the answer, then we, too, may look but not see, listen but not understand. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart that is ready to believe and willing to submit. Do you submit to God's word with trust and obedience? One lesson from this parable is clear: *the harvest is sure to come*. While some seed will fall by the wayside and some fall on shallow ground and never come to maturity, and some be choked to death by the thorns; nonetheless a harvest will come. The seed that falls on good soil, on the heart that is receptive, will reap abundant fruit. God is always ready to speak to each of us and to give us understanding of his word.

Community Faith sharing questions

1. What can the parable about seeds and roots teach us about the kingdom of God?
2. What can make us ineffective or unresponsive to God's word and in what ways can we overcome this?
3. What does the Word of God mean to you? How can you allow the Word to take root in your life and live in the Word submit and live in the Word of God?

"Lord Jesus, faith in your word is the way to wisdom, and to ponder your divine plan is to grow in the truth. Open my eyes to your deeds and my ears to the sound of your call, that I may understand your will for my life and live according to it".