



ST ANTHONY'S VOICE

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4th Sunday of Lent
(10 & 11 March)

A PARTICIPATIVE CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

<p>MORNING MASS: Mon to Sat: 6.30am Lauds: 6.15am</p> <p>EVENING MASS: Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri: 6.30pm Vespers: 6.15pm Tue & 1st Fri: 8pm Rosary: After evening mass except Tue & 1st Fri. Public Holiday: 7am only</p>	<p>WEEKEND MASSES: Sat Sunset: 5.30pm Sun: 7.30am (Mandarin) Sun: 9.15am, 11.15am & 5.30pm</p> <p>Rosary will be at 5.00pm before Sat sunset mass & before Sun evening mass.</p>	<p>5th Sun of Lent (17 & 18 Mar) Preacher: Rev Fr John Lau Sat 5.30pm: Rev Fr John Sun 7.30am: Rev Fr Daniel Lim Sun 9.15am: Rev Fr Andrew Sun 11.15am: Rev Fr Cyril Lee Sun 5.30pm: Rev Fr John</p>
<p>Devotion to St Anthony: Tuesdays 7.15pm; Mass 8pm Divine Mercy: 1st Fri 7.15pm Other Fridays 8pm St Lucy Room Sacred Heart: 1st Fri Mass 8pm</p> <p>Devotion to the Immaculate Heart: Every 1st Saturday Rosary after the morning mass</p> <p>Tamil Mass: 7.30pm 1st & 2nd Sat Malayalam Mass: 7.30pm 3rd & 5th Sat Tagalog Mass: 3rd Sun 7.30pm</p>	<p>Adoration Room @ Mt Tabor: Daily from 7am to 10pm Medical Clinic @ the basement: Only on Mondays - 7.30pm to 9pm Closed on public holidays. Prayer for Priests & Vocations: 3rd Thu 7.45pm Adoration Room The Bookshop Opening Hours: Before all weekend masses. Blessing of expecting parents: 1st Sun – at the end of mass Library @ the Auditorium: Sundays only - 9am to 12 noon</p>	<p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be at 7.30pm on Fri 23 Mar. This is followed by mass at 8pm.</p> <p>CATECHISM MATTERS Catechism will resume Sat 24 Mar</p> <p>The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a booklet of reflections for the season of Easter in English, Mandarin and Tamil. The theme is "The Liberating Community". Please take a copy of the booklet for your household. It will also be made available online at: http://www.one.org.sg/resources/easter-reflection-2018/</p>

Join us as a participant ...

EVENTS	DAY/DATE	TIME	VENUE	REMARKS
1) Young at Heart	Every Monday	10am - 6pm	Coffee Corner & Auditorium	Alice Morais i/c
2) Share A Pot with Exercise Routine	Every Tuesday	9am - 12nn	Basement Carpark Auditorium	63683804 Catherine & Mary
3) Mustard Tree	Every Wed	10am - 11am	St Agnes Room	63683804 Angel
4) Ukelele Class		11am - 12.30pm		96271764 Phyllis

Join us as a member or helper ...

MINISTRY / TEAM	FREQUENCY	PERSON i/c	Description of job	REMARKS
1) Flower Team	Fri or Sat mornings	97280456 - WATS APP Deborah	Do flower arrangement under guidance	No prior experience needed; willing to learn on the job & to attend basic training session if required.
2) AV Team	Weekend masses	91873320 Joseph 84794853 Steven	Attend to the audio & visual console @ loft	
3) Communication & Publicity Ministry	during selected Church Events	63683804 Anthony Ng	Have basic skills of a photographer	To have an unconditional desire to learn and share.
4) EMHC - communion minister	during masses		Called to serve	
5) Catechist Ministry - Pri & Sec catechists	Saturdays Morning or noon	63683804 Catherine	Be committed and love children	
6) Share A Pot Team (collaboration with the KTP hospital team)	Every Tuesday morning		Help in admin or kitchen work.	

Emmanuel CPG

There will be no session on **Wed 21 Mar** as the parish is having LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE .
The CPG session will resume on **Wed 28 Mar** with mass celebrated by **Rev Fr Charlie Oasan**.

REGISTRATION FOR PRECIOUS SEEDS (6 YEARS OLD IN 2018)

The Children's Ministry will be starting a faith formation programme called **Precious Seeds**, for children aged 6 years of age, commencing in April 2018, and held every Saturday morning.

To register your interest, please do so online at: <https://tinyurl.com/preciousseeds>
For enquiries, please email us at precious.seeds.csa@gmail.com Closing Date is **Sun 31 Mar**

THE LANDINGS MINISTRY will commence a new 10-week programme for returning Catholics on **Fri 6 Apr to Fri 22 Jun from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd.**

#ComeHome – Our mission is to help reconnect the 'away' Catholics back to Church. Rediscovering one's faith alone is difficult. Landings offers you a safe space to rediscover your faith together with those who share similar struggles. Our 10-week Landings programme starts on **6 April** at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd.

Come explore a possible return with us. Please email cathedral@landings.org.sg.

Find out more about Landings at landings.org.sg. Registration closes on **Fri 30 Mar**.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Mon 19 March (10.30 am & 8 pm)
Church of the Risen Christ

Tue 20 March (8 pm)
Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea

Wed 21 March (8 pm)
Church of St Anthony

Thu 22 March (10.30 am & 8 pm)
Church of Christ the King

Mon 26 March (8 pm)
St Joseph Church (Bt Timah)

Tue 27 March (8 pm)
Church of the Holy Spirit

As this is a communal celebration, we invite all to remain for the closing prayer and blessing after the Recon Service is completed.

CHRISM MASS 2018

The Chrism Mass will be held at
Church of The Transfiguration
Thur 29 Mar @ 10.30 am
Celebrant: **Archbishop William Goh**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

@ CSA on 29 Mar 7.30pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper with the
Washing of Feet. **Holy Hour after evening mass till midnight.**

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

30 Mar Stations of the Cross (SOC)
8.30am SOC 9am Service (English)
11.30am SOC 12nn Service (Chinese)
2.30pm SOC 3pm Service (English)
4.30pm SOC 5pm Service (Tamil)

REVERSED STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sat 31 Mar at 10 am
(this is conducted OUTDOORS)

FILCOMSAPP LENTEN RECOLLECTION

In preparation for lent, we are organising a Lenten recollection for our Filipino Community on **Sat 24 Mar from 9am to 3pm @ St Anthony Auditorium**

Recollection Master:
Rev Fr Charlie Oasan

MASS & HEALING SERVICE

Sat 7 Apr at 7pm
St Anthony Auditorium
Celebrant:
Rev Fr Francis Leong
There will be Rosary, Praise & Worship, Mass & Adoration.

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Come and receive His love and mercy.

SAINT ANTHONY BREAD PROJECT

Collection of food items will end on **Sun 18 Mar.**

Packing will be on **Sun 25 Mar.**

Distribution on **Sun 1 Apr.**

Both events will be @ 1.30pm in St Basil Room. Everyone is invited to come and help.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Next Holy Hour is **Wed 28 Mar, 7.45pm.**
We will meet at St Catherine on Level 3, Fireplace before moving to Mount Tabor for the Holy Hour. **The next Children Adoration will be Fri 20 April.**

We are called to repentance through the sufferings Christ bore for our sake. Let us come together as a community to reflect upon the sufferings of Christ.

Join us as we prepare our hearts for the passion of our saviour on **Good Friday, 30th of March 2018 from 9am leading up to the 3pm Service** at the Level 3 in the Dwelling Place. Register at tinyurl.com/CSAGoodFriday2018 before **25th March!**

This is open to ALL parishioners!

33 DAYS TO MERCIFUL LOVE RETREAT

A 6-week Divine Mercy retreat including workbooks, group discussion and talks on DVD based on the book by the renowned author, Rev Fr Michael Gaitley.

The Retreat begins on **Sat 7 April from 2pm to 3.30pm at St Thomas Aquinas room.** The subsequent sessions at the same time will be at the **Church Auditorium: Sun 15, 22, 29 April and 6 May.**

The concluding session for the retreat will be on **Thursday 10 May at the Church Auditorium From 7pm to 7.30 pm**
To register, please contact **Sophia 97846782**

All are welcome!

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope through prayer and reflection on the WORD OF GOD.

Our next monthly session on every 4th Tuesday of the month is on **Tue 27 March 2018, 7:30pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lor 8. Contact us via pieta.singapore@gmail.com or <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>**

HOLY SATURDAY 31 March 7.30pm (Easter Vigil)

Baptism for 5 adults from the Jeremiah RCIA, 5 adults from the Chinese RCIA and 5 children. Confirmation for 31 candidates during the Baptism & Confirmation Mass for Easter Vigil.

Let's pray for all our Elects and Confirmands.

<p>四旬期华文苦路敬拜 从2月22日至3月22日 每逢星期四晚上8pm 请大家抽时间，一起朝拜为纪念耶稣为我们而被钉在十字架上。</p>	<p>2018年四旬期北区忏悔礼 19/03/2018(星期一), 10:30am, 8pm - 耶稣复活堂 20/03/2018(星期二), 8pm - 海星圣母堂 21/03/2018(星期三), 8pm - 圣安多尼堂 22/03/2018(星期四), 10:30am, 8pm - 耶稣君王堂 26/03/2018(星期一), 8pm - 圣若瑟堂 27/03/2018(星期二), 8pm - 圣神堂</p>
<p>圣周四 – 主的晚餐弥撒 3月29日 – 7:30pm 弥撒过后圣体朝拜至午夜</p>	<p>帮助贫困家庭慈善活动 本堂区圣安多尼面包小组将在4月1日，复活节，分发食物给所需要的家庭 请不要捐新鲜食物，并且确保食物是清真食品 (Halal)。 截止日期于3月18日，包装日期3月25日在 St Basil room.</p>
<p>主受难日仪式 3月30日 (圣周五) 9am – 英文 (朝拜苦路 – 8:30am) 12pm – 华文 (朝拜苦路 – 11:30am) 3pm – 英文 (朝拜苦路 – 2:30pm)</p>	<p>2018年教委四旬期证道会 日期：2月21日 – 走出罪恶的奴隶 - 萧永伦神父 2月28日 – 转向耶稣 - 陈宾山神父 3月7日 – 与主重建关系 – 蔡汉坤神父 3月14日 – 拉匝禄 – 张思谦神 3月21日 – 回归主爱 – 黄财龙神父 时间：7:45pm – 9:45pm 地点：圣雅丰索堂 Novena Church</p>
<p>四弦的小吉他 (Ukulele) – 初级学习者 日期：每逢星期三 时间：11am-12:30pm 地点：圣堂 St Agnes Room 询问：Phyllis 9627 1764</p>	

தவக்காலம் – ஜந்தாம் ஞாயிறு

<p>தமிழில் திருப்பலி மற்றும் ஜெபமாலை நாள்: ஒவ்வொரு மாதமும் முதல் சனிக்கிழமை நேரம்: மாலை 7:00 மணிக்கு <u>நற்கருணை ஆராதனையும்</u> அதை தொடர்ந்து தமிழில் திருப்பலியும் மற்றும் இரண்டாம் சனிக்கிழமை நேரம்: மாலை 7:00 மணிக்கு <u>ஜெபமாலையும்</u> அதை தொடர்ந்து தமிழில் திருப்பலியும் நடைபெறும்.</p> <p>அனைவரும் குடும்பத்துடன் கலந்துகொண்டு இறை ஆசீர்பெற அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்.</p>	<p>சிலுவைப்பாதை (Stations of the Cross) நாள்: தவக்காலத்தில் வெள்ளிக்கிழமை தோறும் நேரம்: மாலை 7:15 மணிக்கு, இடம்: புனித தாமஸ் அறை தமிழில் சிலுவைப்பாதையும் அதனைத்தொடர்ந்து ஆலயத்தில் ஆங்கிலத்தில் திருப்பலியும் நடைபெறும்.</p>	<p>புனித அந்தோனியார் உணவு திட்டம்: வசதி குறைந்தோர்க்கு அத்தியாவிசயப் பொருட்கள் அன்பளிப்புகளாக வழங்கப்படவுள்ளன. <u>உணவு பொருட்களின் பட்டியல்:</u> அரிசி – 2.5 கிலோ, சமையல் எண்ணெய் – 1 லிட்டர், மைலோ பேக்கட் – 900 கிராம், பிஸ்கட்டுகள், பால் பாக்கெட்டுகள், மேகி நூடல்ஸ் மற்றும் ஞா, சார்டின் போன்ற மீன் டின்கள். (ஹலால் பொருட்களாக இருக்க வேண்டும்). இறுதி நாள்: மார்ச் 18, 2018 அனைவரையும் உதவிட அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்.</p>
<p>ஒப்புரவு திருவருட்சாதனம் மாலை 7:00 மணிக்கு குருவானவர் ஒப்புரவு அருட்சாதனம் வழங்கிக்கொண்டு இருப்பார் இதனை பயன்படுத்தி மாதம் ஒருமுறை இறைவனிடம் நாம் கொண்டுள்ள உறவை புதுப்பித்துக்கொள்வோம்.</p>	<p>புனித வெள்ளி தேதி: 30.03.2018 நேரம்: மாலை 4:30 மணிக்கு தமிழில் சிலுவைப்பாதையும் அதனை தொடர்ந்து புனித வெள்ளி சடங்குகளும் தமிழில் நடைபெறும். அனைவரும் பங்குகொள்ள அழைக்கிறோம்.</p>	<p>அன்பியம் (CNC Prayer) நாள்: மார்ச் 24 நேரம்: மாலை 8:00 மணிக்கு தொடர்பு: ஜோசபின் (9712 4610) அனைவரும் கலந்து கொள்ளுமாறு அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்!</p>

"When I am lifted up - I will draw all people to myself"

Reading 1: Jer 31: 31 – 34

Reading 2: Heb 5: 7 – 9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 51: 3-4, 12-15

Gospel Reading: John 12. 20 - 33

Gospel John 12: 20 – 33

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If any one serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honour him. "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? `Father, save me from this hour'? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify thy name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing by heard it and said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out; and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." He said this to show by what death he was to die.

Meditation:

God is a covenant-maker who draws men and women to himself in a bond of peace and friendship. God established a covenant with his people when he freed them from slavery in Egypt and brought them to his holy mountain at Sinai. "I will be your God, and you will be my people" (Exodus 6:7; Leviticus 26:12). But his people time and again broke covenant with him and did not follow his ways (Jeremiah 31:32) - "each did what was right in his or her own eyes" (Judges 17:26 and 21:25). God, nonetheless, continued to send his prophets to draw his people back.

A new and everlasting covenant

when the prophet Jeremiah was sent to the exiles to offer them a message of hope and restoration, he spoke of a new covenant that would surpass the previous covenant which God had made. God intended to establish a new and everlasting covenant that would wipe away the sins of his people and open the way to God's throne of mercy and grace (his undeserved favour and blessing). This new covenant would be sealed with the blood of the perfect sacrifice that Jesus would offer to the Father when he died upon the cross to atone for our sins. At the beginning of Jesus' ministry John the Baptist prophetically pointed to Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, was sent from the Father in heaven to become a man for our sake so he could as man offer the one perfect sacrifice that would unite us with God and give us everlasting life.

Jesus' hour of glory

shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover, Jesus announced to his disciples that the "hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified" (John 12:23). The Son of Man is a prophetic title for the Messiah recorded in the prophecy of Daniel (see the Book of Daniel 7:13-14). In Jesus' time the Jewish people were looking for a Messiah who would set them free from the oppressive rule of Rome. Jesus came to set people free from the worst oppression of all - the tyranny of endless slavery to sin, Satan, and death. Jesus came to bring us into a new covenant relationship with God that would not end with death but lead to eternal life. Jesus announced to his followers that when "he would be lifted up from the earth, he would draw all people to himself" (John 12:32). What did Jesus mean by the expression of being "lifted up" and "drawing people to himself"? When a great leader won a complete and decisive conquest over his enemies and brought freedom and peace to his people, he was crowned and given a new title, as Victor, Saviour, and Deliverer of the people. A conquering ruler was robed in royal splendour and raised up and enthroned on high in the sight of his people.

Victory through suffering and the cross

How did Jesus fulfil his mission as the Anointed (Messiah) King who came to bring victory and freedom for his people? Jesus knew that the only way to decisive victory for God's kingdom on the earth would be through his voluntary suffering and death on the cross. Jesus described his willingness to go to the cross as his "hour of glory" (John 12:23) when he would fulfil his Father's will and accomplish the mission entrusted to him. Jesus saw his death on the cross as triumph over the powers of sin and Satan's forces of darkness. The real enemy that Jesus came to overcome was Satan who tempts the human race to rebel against God and his commands in order to create their own destiny through sinful pride and disobedience. Jesus took our sins upon himself and nailed them to the cross to set us free from condemnation to death and destruction, and the eternal consequence of separation from God.

"Unless the grain of wheat dies..."

How can suffering and death bring life and freedom? Jesus used the illustration of the "grain of wheat" to show how God brings life from death and good fruit through patience and suffering. Seeds by themselves are worthless and lifeless. Only when the seed is destroyed by burying it in the ground, can it rise to new life and bear fruit. What is the analogy which Jesus alludes to in the image of the grain of wheat that must first die in order to rise to new life and bear good fruit? Is this simply a veiled reference to his own impending death on the cross and to his resurrection? Or does Jesus have another kind of "death and rebirth" in mind for his disciples as well? Jesus, no doubt, had both meanings in mind. Jesus' obedience and death on the cross obtain for us freedom and new life in the Holy Spirit. His cross frees us from the tyranny of sin and death and shows us the way of perfect love and readiness to lay down our lives in sacrificial service for the good of others.

A new "creation" in Christ

If we want to receive the abundant new life and the fruit of the Spirit which the Lord Jesus freely offers us, then the "outer shell" of our fallen sinful nature must first be broken and be put to death. In baptism our "old nature" which was enslaved by sin is buried with Christ so we may rise to new life with Christ through the cleansing waters of baptism. Paul the Apostle describes this death and rebirth in Christ as a "new creation" which Christ accomplishes in us through the power of his saving death and resurrection (2 Corinthians 5:17). This process of death to the "old fallen self" is both a one-time event which occurs in our baptism, and it is also a daily, on-going cycle of growth in which the Holy Spirit buries us more deeply into Jesus' death to sin so we might rise anew in the power of God's love, righteousness (moral goodness), and holiness. There is a great paradox here. Death leads to life. When we "die" to our selves - to our rebellious sinful nature and wilful rejection of God's commandments - we receive God's forgiveness and the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit which frees us to love and serve others, and follow God faithfully. It is God's free gift of grace (his blessing and favour towards us) and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit that enables us to live and serve joyfully as sons and daughters of God.

Pruning and bearing good fruit in Christ

It certainly means that what is contrary to God's will must be "put to death" within me. God gives us grace to say "yes" to his will and the strength we need to reject whatever is contrary to his commands and plan for our lives. The Lord Jesus promises that we will bear much "fruit" for him, if we choose to deny ourselves for his sake and embrace his will for our lives. Jesus used strong language to describe the kind of self-denial he had in mind for his disciples. "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life" (John 12:25). What did Jesus mean when he said that a follower of Christ must hate himself or herself? The expression to hate something often meant to prefer less. Jesus says that nothing should get in the way of our preferring him and the will of our heavenly Father above all else. Paul the Apostle reminds us that "what is sown in the earth is subject to decay, what rises is incorruptible" (1 Corinthians 15:42). Do you believe in the power and victory of Christ's saving cross and resurrection? And are you ready to reject whatever is contrary to God's commands and to trust him for the strength and joy to embrace his will for your life?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

1. How does God bring you into an inseparable bond of love and unity with himself?
2. In your life what is the image of the grain of wheat that must first die in order to rise to new life and bear good fruit?
3. How can I practically "die" to myself so that the Lord Jesus can live in me and transform me into his likeness and holiness?

"Lord Jesus, let me be wheat sown in the earth, to be harvested for you. I want to follow wherever you lead me. Give me fresh hope and joy in serving you all the days of my life."

source: www.dailyscripture.net, author [Don Schwager](#)