

# COTT



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CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

17 Dec 2017

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2,10-11 • 1 Th 5:16-24 • Jn 1:6-8,19-28

## ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

The final penitential service for Serangoon District will be held in our parish, Church of the Transfiguration on Monday, 18 December at 8 pm.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES AT COTT

**Christmas Eve – Sunday, 24 December**

Pageant: 10.45 pm ☩ Carolling: 11.30 pm ☩ Mass: Midnight

**Christmas Day – Monday, 25 December**

Masses at 9 am, 11 am & 4 pm

*The various church choirs will be carolling after the weekend Masses on 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> December at the Church Foyer. Come and share the joy of the season.*



## VIEWING OF NATIVITY SCENE AT CHURCH SANCTUARY

The Main Church will remain open until 10.00 pm daily till 8 January 2018 to allow visitors to view the Nativity Scene at the Sanctuary. After the evening Mass, access will be available only through the doors on the right flank of the church.

## SHARE YOUR WELL-WISHES

Parishioners are invited to pen their well-wishes or thank you messages on the Christmas tree in the Church Foyer. Coloured cards and pens are available in the basket for your use. Please feel free to write a note and hang it on the tree. Let's share the love and joy of Christmas as a Catholic Community.



## GIFT ADVENT 2017

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the GIFT campaign. GIRO forms, cheques or cash can be sealed into GIFT envelopes and dropped into the collection bags that will go around. Spare GIFT envelopes are available at the parish office. Please give generously for the vision of the archdiocese. More info is available at [gift.catholicfoundation.sg](http://gift.catholicfoundation.sg).



The reason why a person often feels good for having done something generous or good is because God is generous and God is good.  
By doing these, we are allowing the generosity and goodness of God to flow through us.  
Just as water flows through the pipe before it reaches outside,  
the pipe becomes the first contact of the water, not the user.  
When a person is generous and does good, he becomes the first contact  
of God's presence in the generosity and goodness given.

*Fr Joachim's Daily Reflection – C025*

**UPCOMING**

# **EVENTS**

**IN THE PARISH**

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## **A NEW JOURNEY BEGINS!!!**

The RCIA journey begins on Friday, 5th January 2018.  
Registration is now open.  
Forms are available at the Parish Office.

*Seeking for meaning in life or wanting to know more about God?  
Keen to join the RCIA Team or be a friend to the 'enquirers'?  
Come and join us!*

## **2018 Catechism Classes**

Catechism Classes for 2018 will commence on 20 (Sat) & 21 (Sun) January 2018.  
All parents whose children have been registered successfully are required to attend the briefing.

Details of the briefing are as follows:

Date: 14 January (Sun) 2018

Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Venue: COTT, Main Church Hall

## **CHANGE OF VENUE FOR EVENING MASS – FRIDAY, 29 DECEMBER**

Please note that the evening Mass on Friday, 29 December will be held at the **Auditorium on Level 3** as His Grace, Archbishop William Goh will be hosting an Inter-Religious Gathering in the Main Church.

Rosary recitation at 6 pm followed by Mass at 6.30 pm in the auditorium.

## **FESTIVE PROMOTIONS AT COTT**

2 kg Honey Glazed Chicken Ham with pineapple sauce at \$75. Bookings can be made at the Parish Office.  
Pick up from 19 – 22 Dec.



Festive items such as fruit cakes, brownies, banana cakes and homemade cookies are on sale this weekend, 16 & 17 Dec at the canteen.

Proceeds from these will go towards operating costs at COTT.  
Thank you for your support and generosity.



# CHRISTMAS

## *Don't Forget Jesus*

*Christmas is a special time to reflect on Jesus Christ  
The wonder of His lowly birth brings meaning to our lives*

*There really is no other reason we celebrate this day  
The birth of God's precious son and the life He willingly gave*

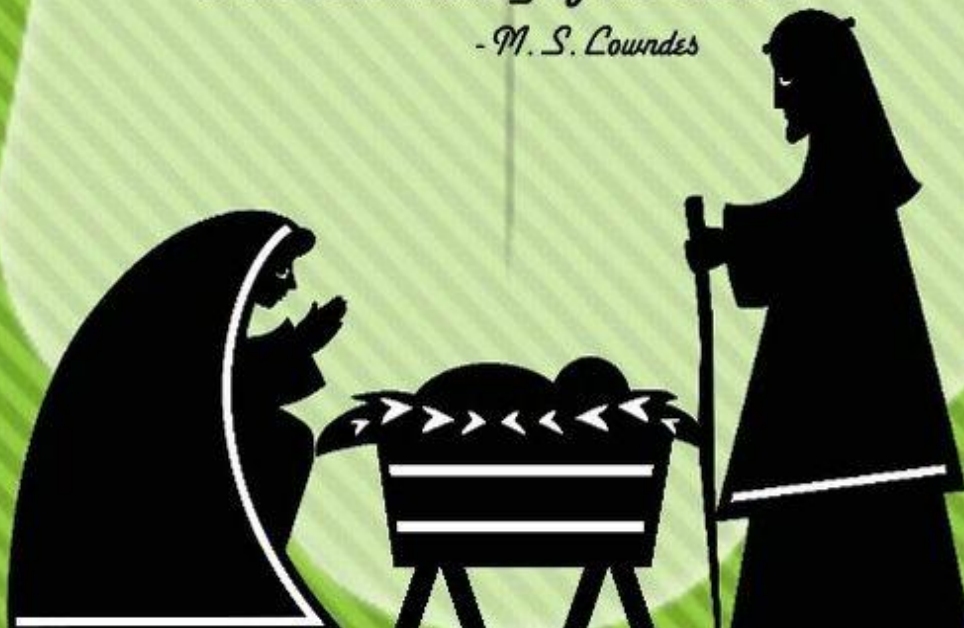
*But so much seems to distract us in the bustling of our lives  
We lose our focus in all the happenings not knowing,  
we leave out Christ.*

*We lose sight of the true meaning as we endlessly rush about  
Trying to find that perfect gift seems to cloud our Savior out*

*We need to stop and reflect awhile remembering our precious Lord  
His birth, His life and sacrifice and all that He stands for*

*For though the world may celebrate it seems for other reasons  
Let's keep in mind that Jesus Christ  
is the true meaning of the season.*

*- M. S. Lowndes*



## **MASS SCHEDULE:**

### **Saturday**

6.30 am & 4 pm (Sunset Mass)

### **Sunday**

7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 5 pm

### **Weekdays**

6.30 am & 6.30 pm

### **Public Holidays**

8 am ONLY

### **NOVENA:**

3.15 pm (Saturday)

### **DAILY ROSARY:**

7 am (Monday to Saturday)

6 pm (Monday to Friday)

### **CONFESSION:**

15 minutes before weekend Masses

### **OPERATING HOURS:**

#### **Parish Office**

9.00 am - 8.00 pm (Mon - Fri)

\*12noon - 1 pm (Closed)

9.00 am - 7.30 pm (Sat)

8.00 am - 6.30 pm (Sun)

#### **Adoration Room**

7.00 am – 9.45 pm

#### **St Teresa of Calcutta's Corner**

9.00 am - 8.00 pm (Weekdays)

#### **St Dominic Savio's Corner**

9.00 am - 8.00 pm (Weekdays)

#### **Spiritus Sanctus Bookstore**

Saturday: 2.00 – 6.00 pm

Sunday: 8.00 am – 6.30 pm

#### **Parish Priest**

Rev Fr Joachim Chang

#### **Assistant Parish Priest**

Rev Fr Cary Chan

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# **PARISH INFORMATION**

## **COMMUNITY PRAYERS AT COTT**

**Divine Mercy Devotion** is held daily (Monday – Friday) at 3.00 pm in the main church.

**Intercessory Prayer** is held weekly on Wednesdays at 8.00 pm in Room 3-6.

**The Rosary is prayed in Chinese** on Wednesdays in Room 3.5 at 8 pm.

**Charismatic Prayer Meeting** is held on Thursdays in Room 3.2 at 8 pm. All are welcome.

**Holy Hour** is held on the first Wednesday of every month at 8.00 pm in the main church.

**Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** is held on the first Friday of every month at 7.00 pm after the evening Mass in the main church.

## **ANNOINTING OF THE SICK**

Anointing of the Sick can be administered to any Catholic who is awaiting serious surgery, suffers from serious illness or is weakened by old age.

Kindly contact the Parish Office to request for a priest to administer the sacrament. In emergencies, either the priests of the parish or priests of the church nearest to the hospital can be contacted.

## **MASS OFFERING**

Mass offering envelopes are available in the Parish Office. To ensure that Mass intentions are offered for the date and time specified, kindly submit your envelopes at least ONE week in advance of your intended date. Please write the names clearly in block letters.

Please note that for late submissions, intentions will be offered at the specified Mass but the intentions might not be screened.

## **INFANT BAPTISM**

Application forms (available at the Parish Office) must be completed and submitted with relevant documents attached. Parents and godparents will be informed of the dates of the two preparatory sessions that they would need to attend as well as the actual date of baptism.

## **PROPERTY OF THE CHURCH**

We have placed newspapers at the St. Teresa of Calcutta's Corner (Canteen) and Bibles and reading materials in the Adoration Room. Please note that these are the property of the church and MUST not be removed.

## **SEATING IN CHURCH GALLERY**

We wish to inform all parishioners that the Gallery on Level 3 will only be opened for Mass when the Main Church hall is filled. We seek your understanding on this and kindly cooperate with the Wardens on duty whilst you are in the Gallery so that your safety is not compromised. Thank you.