



2018 CATECHISM CLASSES

Catechism Classes for 2018 will commence on 20 (Saturday) & 21 (Sunday) January 2018.

All parents whose children have been registered successfully are required to attend a briefing.

Details of the briefing are as follows:

Date: 14 January (Sunday) 2018

Time: 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Venue: COTT, Main Church

Please note that children and their Godparents are NOT required to attend the briefing.



THE RCIA JOURNEY

*Seeking for meaning in life or wanting to know more about God?
Let nothing prevent you from taking the journey of faith.
We will walk with you.*

A new journey has begun at COTT. Come and join us!

Weekly sessions are held on Fridays.

Time: 7.45pm Venue: Auditorium, Level 3

If you know of friends who wish to embark on this amazing journey please invite them to come and join us.

Registration forms are available at the Parish Office.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETINGS

The prayer meetings will resume on Thursday, 18 January 2018 in Room 3.2 at 8pm. All are welcome.

It is very easy to make negative comments without realising how it may hurt. Our excuse to justify our comments may range from claiming that we have the freedom to speak to claiming that we are only speaking the truth.

Yet when we become victims of such talks, we condemn such excuses.

The fact is that freedom doesn't give us the right to act without consideration and truth is something we do not always have the privilege of having.

**The only freedom we have is the freedom to be humble,
and the only truth we have is Jesus Christ.**

Fr Joachim's Daily Reflection – B014

UPCOMING

EVENTS

IN THE PARISH

DISPENSATION FROM ABSTINENCE & FASTING FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR 2018

In view of the Chinese New Year festivities, Catholics in Singapore need not abstain from meat on Friday, 16 February 2018.

At the last meeting of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei in January 2017, it was decided that dispensation be given to all Catholics from fast and abstinence from meals on Friday, 16 February 2018 in view of the festive season of Chinese New Year.

2018 GIFT COLLECTION

Next weekend, 20 & 21 January, being the 3rd weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges and contributions for the GIFT (Giving in Faith and Thankfulness) campaign. Contributions to GIFT will help others encounter the love of Christ through numerous archdiocesan organisations and building projects of the archdiocese. More information is available at gift.catholicfoundation.sg.

May God bless you for your generosity!



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018

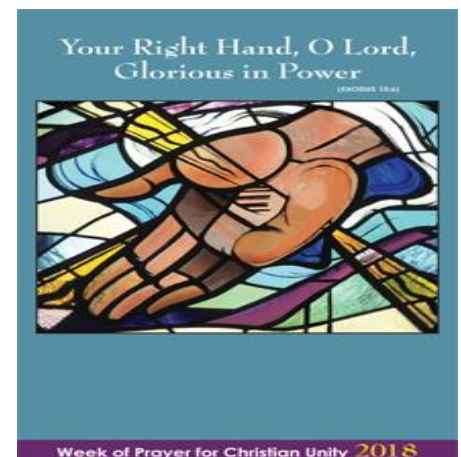
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which began in 1908, is an international Christian ecumenical observance kept annually between 18 January and 25 January. It is an octave, that is, an observance lasting eight days. The prayer service is jointly prepared by "The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity" and "The Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches".

Church of the Transfiguration is pleased to be one of the hosting churches for the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018". The prayer service in COTT will be held on Thursday, 25 Jan 2018 at 8.00pm.

All are welcome to join and participate in the prayer service, songs, reflection and fellowship in the following venues.

Sessions are from 8pm – 9pm, followed by fellowship.

18 Jan, Thu	Covenant Community Methodist Church 11 Blackmore Drive, Level 4 (S 599986)
19 Jan, Fri	Mar Thoma Syrian Church in Singapore 29 Jalan Keli (S 577933)
23 Jan, Tue	St Andrew's Cathedral (Nave) 11 St Andrew's Road (S 178959)
24 Jan, Wed	The Salvation Army Balestier Corps 126 Balestier Road (S 329681)
25 Jan, Thu	Church of the Transfiguration 51 Punggol Central (S 828725)



UPCOMING

EVENTS

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

CARITAS SINGAPORE YOUNG ADULTS – FAITH ON FILM

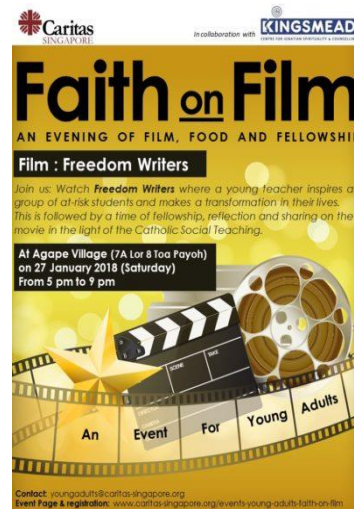
Join us for an evening of film, food and fellowship as we watch **Freedom Writers** together – a film where a young teacher inspires a group of at-risk students and makes a transformation in their lives. Reflections will be led by the team from the Kingsmead Centre for Ignatian Spirituality and Counselling.

Date: 27 January 2018, Saturday

Time: 5pm – 9pm

Venue: Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh

For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore.org or email to youngadults@caritas-singapore.org



FROM THE ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

One Church Video

ArchProductions has produced a video in celebration and thanksgiving for 2017 - even as we look ahead with great anticipation for God's grace and love for us in 2018.

His Grace, Archbishop William Goh's thoughts on this video:

"Indeed, as we watch this video we have much to thank God for. So many things and events have happened in our lives in 2017; for all these blessings, we want to give praise and thanks to God! Let us continue to work hard together as One Church. We have much to do for the church in Singapore, and not only for our Church but also for the community beyond. And so, we need to work together as one, to collaborate and to use whatever resources we have. The work of the church cannot be done by just a few people - everyone must play their part. We thank you all. The Church is what it is today because of the many people who have given their time, contribution and support. I wish you all a Happy New Year! Continue to pray for us, as I continue to pray for you all. I hold you in my heart and may the good Lord bless all of you."

Archbishop's Prayer Intentions 2018

This year we would like to encourage all parishes in the Archdiocese to pray in solidarity with His Grace, the prayers on his heart.

Prayer intention of His Grace for January for **Inter-religious Peace and Freedom:** That inter-religious dialogue will bear fruit in a greater understanding and respect amongst the different faiths.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday

6.30am & 4pm (Sunset Mass)

Sunday

7am, 9am, 11am & 5pm

Weekdays

6.30am & 6.30pm

Public Holidays

8am ONLY

NOVENA:

3.15pm (Saturday)

DAILY ROSARY:

7am (Monday to Saturday)

6pm (Monday to Friday)

CONFESSION:

15 minutes before weekend Masses

OPERATING HOURS:

Parish Office

9.00am – 8.00pm (Mon - Fri)

*12noon – 1pm (Closed)

9.00am – 7.30pm (Sat)

8.00am – 6.30pm (Sun)

Adoration Room

7.00am – 9.45pm

St Teresa of Calcutta's Corner

9.00am – 8.00pm (Weekdays)

St Dominic Savio's Corner

9.00am – 8.00pm (Weekdays)

Spiritus Sanctus Bookstore

Saturday: 2.00 – 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am – 6.30pm

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PARISH INFORMATION

COMMUNITY PRAYERS AT COTT

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

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

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

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

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

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is held on the first Friday of every month at 7.00pm 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.

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.

WEDDING

Kindly contact the Parish Office approximately 12 months before your intended date to book the church premises and ensure that your presiding priest is able to make the date. Do remind your priest 9 months prior to your wedding.

GENTLE REMINDER

We remind all parents of young children to refrain from bringing snacks, drinks, writing or colouring materials and toys to church to occupy your children during Mass. We seek your cooperation and understanding as we strive to cultivate a spirit of reverence in and around the main church. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

WEEKLY CHURCH CLEANING

The Main Church and Adoration Room are cleaned weekly on Fridays, from 7.30 – 8.30pm. We appeal for volunteers to help clean the main church. Please keep the Lord's house clean and kindly dispose of your litter in the bins provided.

Thank you for keeping our church clean.