Is 61:1-2, 10-11

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Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



"Marine Terrace NCC" will be the host for this weekend's canteen. Bring your family and friends for a sumptuous breakfast after the 7.15am & 9.15am Masses. The "A Team" will host next week's canteen.

ADVENT

LOOKING BEYOND SELF Advent is the time when we usually think of the people we love. We send cards and plan gifts and family gatherings in anticipation of Christmas. We focus on others. Many of us spend the year busy with work and ourselves; Christmas reminds us to look beyond ourselves.

John the Baptist understood this well. His life can best be summed up with the clarion call to "Stay awake and be attentive. Look. There is the Messiah! Look there, not here!" He was generous in giving himself to the service of God's kingdom. He understood that he was lesser and Jesus was the one greater than he was. This Advent, while we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we too can place others' needs first. We can bring the Christmas joy to more people, beyond those whom we normally spend time with. Do we include the poor, the marginalised and those in need in our parish community of Holy Family Church? In doing so, we recognise Christ in one another; we reflect God's love to our brother and sister in our midst.

Many of us make resolutions for the year. We have begun a new liturgical year; can we resolve to be more caring of others around us? In a community where each person shows love and kindness to others in simple ways, everyone will feel loved and welcomed.

Wouldn't that be a wonderful Christmas gift?

(The Parish Liturgical Committee)

HOLY FAMILY FEAST DAY DINNER TICKETS

Tickets for our Feast Day Dinner at Roland's Restaurant on Saturday, 27th December are still available. Please call Gwen Andres at 97315447 to avoid disappointment.

NCC ADVENT REFLECTION SCHEDULE- (3RD WEEK)

NCC	DATE	TIME	HOME OF	ADDRESS	CONTACT	HANDPHONE
Bedok South	13 Dec (Sat)	8:30pm	Martin & Monica	Blk 160, #12-539 B.South Ave 3	Cheryl	97473634
COSE	9 Dec (Tue)	8.00pm	Agnes & Cecilia	43 Jln Buloh Perindu	Agnes	96612811 62412663
Elliot	8 Dec (Mon)	7.30pm	Soon Keasavan	163B Up East Coast Rd	Angela	90176971
Joo Chiat	12 Dec (Fri)	7.30pm	Petrus & Jenny Tan	89 Marshall Rd Marshall/Lodge	Petrus Helence	90303788 97609121
Kew- Eastwood- Ria-Limau	11 Dec (Thu)	8.00pm	Joan & Jack Wong	5 Eastwood Place	Joan Carlos	96673477 96704123
Laguna Park/ Lagoon View	10 Dec (Wed)	8.00pm	Edward Tan	Blk J #20-43 Lagoon View	Edward	98620011
Marine Crescent	9 Dec (Tue)	8.00pm	Angeline Teo	Blk 43 #23-04 Marine Cres.	Cecilia	93806372
Marine Drive	9 Dec (Tue)	8.00pm	Agnes Fernandez	Blk 73 #02-53 Marine Drive	Ronnie	98264007
Marine Terrace	11 Dec (Thu)	8.30pm	Albert & Grace Chitty	Blk 55 #14-17 Marine Terrace	Malcolm	90024444
Neptune Court	8 Dec (Mon)	8.00pm	Philip & Lina	Blk 3 #20-63	Philip & Lina	64491021
Sennett/ Lucky Heights	8 Dec (Mon)	8.15pm	James & Pady Goh	29 Lucky Gardens	Raymond	96160306
Telok Kurau	8 Dec (Mon)	8.00pm	Rosalind & Herbert	19 Jln Baiduri	Rosalind	96313001

PARENTS' FORMATION WORKSHOPS

Calling ALL FAMILIES i.e. parents and children! In the preparation season of

ADVENT, let us come together for Advent Sharing on **12th and 19th December**, **from 8.00pm to 9.30pm**.

Venue: Meeting and/or RCIA Room (located on Ground. and 1st levels respectively in Priest House) For more information please contact Connie Yeo at **90012773** or Gwen Andres at **97315447**



SECOND COLLEC-TION

There will be a 2nd Collection this weekend for the **Society of St Vincent de Paul,** to support the poor and needy families. We thank you for your generosity. Cheques should be made payable to:

"Society of St Vincent De Paul Holy Family Conference"





The Divine Mercy Family Prayer Night will be held on **Friday, 12th December @ 7.15pm.** Venue:

Adoration Room.

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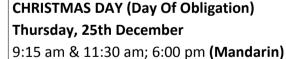
Date/Day	Church	Time(s)
Thu. 11 Dec	OLPS	10.30am & 8.00pm
Fri. 12 Dec	Divine Mercy	8.00pm
Mon. 15 Dec	Queen of Peace	8.00pm
Tue. 16 Dec	Holy Trinity	10.30am & 8.00pm
Wed. 17 Dec	St Stephen	8.00pm
Thu. 18 Dec	Holy Family	10.30am & 8.00pm



CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, 24th December

9:00 pm Christmas Mass / 12:00 Midnight Christmas Mass.





FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, 27th December Mass @ 6.00pm Mass will be celebrated by our Archbishop William Goh.

Feast Day Dinner will be held thereafter at Roland's Restaurant

Sunday, 28th December

7.15am; 9.15am & 11.30am & 6.00pm



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

6 Chapel Road, Singapore 429509 Tel: 6344 0046; Fax: 6348 0552 http://www.holyfamily.org.sg

Rev. Fr. Patrick Goh (Parish Priest)	63485842	Mass Times
Rev. Fr. Damian De Wind	63448468	Weekdays:
Rev. Fr. Donatien Davaine	63466240	6.15 am (Mondays to Saturdays)
Secretariat: Andrew Teo / Pamela Go	6.15 pm (Mondays to Fridays)	
(secretariat@holyfamily.org.sg)	63440046	8.30 am (Public Holidays)
Catechetical: Jennifer Tan	63465357	Saturday Sunset Masses:
(catechist@holyfamily.org.sg)		6.00 pm (English) 8.00 pm (Mandarin)
Youth Co-Ordinator: Andrew Lin	64407217	Sunday Masses:
(youth@holyfamily.org.sg) H/P:	91858886	7.15, 9.15 & 11.30 am & 6.00 pm
Columbarium: Ronnie Yeo	63465248	(Confession 15 min. before weekend
Holy Family Kindergarten	64404344	masses)
Katong Catholic Book Centre	63451413	Novena: 5.00 pm Saturday

Infant Baptism (monthly)
Liturgy of the Word for Children
Elders Catechism (Dialect)
Meditation Classes
Weddings

Adoration Room

Columbarium

Mon-Sat: 9.30am to 6pm - Sunday: 8.30am to 6pm 9.00am to 12.00pm - Public Holidays

Mon-Sat 7am to 10 pm, Sun / Public Holidays: 7am to 8.30pm

Preparation last Sunday at 3pm; Baptism 1st Sunday at 4pm Every Saturday, 6pm Mass or Every Sunday, 11.30am Mass Every Thursday, 1pm to 3pm @ Meeting Room, Priest House

Tuesdays/Thursday 8pm : Wednesdays 7.30pm Apply at Parish Office at least 6 months in advance

2nd Sunday in Advent

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PREPARE THE WAY

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord." In Gods[pell, John the Baptist announces blows his horns and announces his cousin's coming. But Jesus is not an actor or a clown – he is the Christ, the Messiah, the one whom the prophets said would put all things back in order and the one who baptizes not just with water but with the Spirit of God. Like John, his cousin, Jesus planted the seeds of our salvation when the two met on Jordan's bank. In God's own good time, it comes to flower. For our world, the Lord is a patient gardener, and the gardener's time is not ours. Thanks be to God! We are called to be ready for the harvest.