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Mass Timings Weekday 6:30am; 6pm

**Saturday** 6:30am; 5:30pm

Sunday

6:45am; 8:30am (Mandarin); 10:15am; 12pm & 5:30pm

Parish Office Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm Saturday/Sunday

9am - 1pm **Public Holidays** 

Closed

**Columbarium Monday - Friday** 9am – 6pm

Saturday 10:30am - 6pm

Sunday

Open during Mass timings

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Weddings

Wedding bookings to be made 1 year in advance. Please enquire at the Parish Office.

# Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity

Lay Apostolate Sunday, 20 August 2023





"Woman, you have great faith. Let your desire be granted." Matthew 15:21-28

> <u>Hour of Prayer</u> Monday, 21 August, 8:00pm Chapel

**Catechists Recruitment** 

Are you considering joining the Catechist ministry? Have a conversation with them this weekend at their booth at the foyer.

# Sunday Meditation Lay Apostolate Sunday, Year A Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

...for all peoples. (Isaiah 56:7)

Did you notice a theme in today's readings? Isaiah prophesies that the Temple, God's "house," will become a house of prayer "for all peoples," wherever they come from (56:7). Then Paul rejoices that Gentiles are coming to faith in Christ and entering the Church—God's house. And Jesus challenges his disciples to look at a Canaanite woman, a pagan, as someone beloved of God and deserving of his mercy.

Through these readings, we can hear God asking us to reach out to those people who might feel they don't belong in his house. They may not be the people we expect to see at Mass on Sunday, but they are part of the "all peoples" whom God is longing to welcome into his kingdom. Here are three short stories that illustrate this point:

- Imran grew up in a devout Muslim household, but in college he became friends with some Christians whose faith and welcoming attitude moved him to start reading the New Testament.
- Mandy loved to party, but after one hangover too many, she found an AA group meeting in the local parish. There she met a parishioner named Joan who helped her get sober—and who introduced her to the Lord.
- Alan was a regular brawler in prison until his new cellmate convinced him to join a Bible study. The message of Jesus' forgiveness and love that he heard there pierced his heart. Now, instead of fighting, he tells other inmates about the Lord.

Jesus' heart breaks for those who don't yet know him. He is always reaching out to them, calling them into his house. And he does that by leading them to believers who do know him. That's us. All we have to do is befriend those people and share with them how the Lord has touched our lives. We don't have to do it perfectly, either. We just have to try, and the Spirit will work through us.

So who will God send to you today?

"Lord, open my heart to share your love with the people you put in my path today."

Reflection from Word Among Us

### **Parish Activities**

Sunday (20 Aug)

4:00pm - 5:00pm: Legion of Mary

for children (Mother of Holy

Innocents)

Monday (21 Aug)

7:45pm - 9:30pm: RCIA Mandarin

 $8{:}00pm-9{:}00pm \quad : Hour \ of \ Prayer$ 

Tuesday (22 Aug)

 $\overline{7:30pm - 9:30pm}$  : Legion of Mary

Mandarin (天主之母)

8:00pm – 9:00pm : Christian

Meditation

Wednesday (23 Aug)

9:00am onwards : Church cleaning

(by Willing Hands)

10:00am - 12:00pm : JOY for the

elderly

Thursday (24 Aug)	
10:00am – 12:00pm	: Catholic Praying Mothers
10:00am – 11:30am	
7:30pm – 9:30pm	: Legion of Mary (Our Lady of Charity)
7:45pm – 9:30pm	: RCIA
7:45pm – 9:30pm	: Society of St
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8:00pm – 9:30pm	: Lectors
8:00pm – 9:30pm	: Legion of Mary Mandarin (圣母升天)
8:00pm – 9:30pm	: Legion of Mary Mandarin (诸圣之后)
Friday (25 Aug)	
10:00am – 11:30am	: Evergreen for the Elderly, Mandarin
7:15pm – 9:15pm	: Legion of Mary Mandarin (圣母领报)
8:00pm – 9:00pm	: Divine Mercy Devotion
Saturday (26 Aug)	
9:00am onwards	: Church Cleaning (by Willing Hands)
10:00am – 12:00pm	*
1:00pm – 2:30pm	: Legion of Mary (Mary, Star of the New Evangelisation)
3:30pm – 5:00pm	: Legion of Mary (Queen of Angels)
7:30pm – 9:30pm	: Neo- Catechumenal Way Mass

# **Other Timings**

Rosary Prayer

Weekdays: 5:25pm @ Chapel Saturday & Sunday: 4:55pm @ Main

Church

# Parish News

### Hour of Prayer

Monday, 21 August, 8:00pm Chapel

Come and pray together for the universal church.

### **Catechist Recruitment**

If you have been considering, or hesitating about joining the ministry, have a chat with the catechists this weekend at their recruitment booth.

Sale of Bible Diary - '365 Days with the Lord 2024'

On the weekend of 26 and 27 Aug, the Daughters of St. Paul will be in our parish to promote the Bible Diary during mass timings.

### **Archdiocese Events**

### **Landings: For Returning Catholics**

- 4 Sept to 14 Nov, 8:00pm to 10:00pm
- 1. Every Monday,
  - @ Church of the Holy Spirit
- 2. Every Tuesday,
  - @ Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace

Welcoming home Catholics who are seeking a reconnection to the faith. We invite you to register your interest at returning@landings.org.sg or visit www.landings.org.sg for more details.

### Katong Catholic Book Centre 📮 **Decomissioning**



Katong Catholic Book Centre will be closed during the month of September. It will re-open as Katong Catholic Shop (KCS) on 1 October 2023. Kindly scan the OR code for more details.

# Parenting Pre-Teens in the Digital

Age

Saturday, 9 Sept, 9:30am to 12:00pm



For parents with children 12 years and below. To help them review their parenting skills and learn valuable tips to impact positively on the growth of their children. To register, please scan the QR code.

### **ACMI Charity Gala Dinner** Friday, 20 Oct, 7:00pm

Goodwood Park Hotel



Join us in celebration for 25 years of being family to migrants. Funds raised from the dinner go towards supporting migrants under ACMI's care. To register, please scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/43SHbnm

### **Catholic Foundation Dinner 2023**

Wednesday, 8 Nov Village Hotel Sentosa

The annual fundraising dinner will be hosted by His Eminence, William Cardinal Goh where he will share his pastoral vision and plans. All funds raised from the dinner will go towards the building of the Catholic Hub. Please scan the QR code or visit catholicfoundation.sg/cfdinner

### **Marriage Preparation Course** (Mandarin)



Both Sundays, 3 and 10 Sept, 9:00am to 5:00pm Agape Village, 7A Lor 8 Toa Payoh

OR code.

Archdiocesan Commission for Apostolate of Mandarin Speaking (ACAMS) offers Marriage Preparation Courses twice a year, in March and September. To register, please scan the