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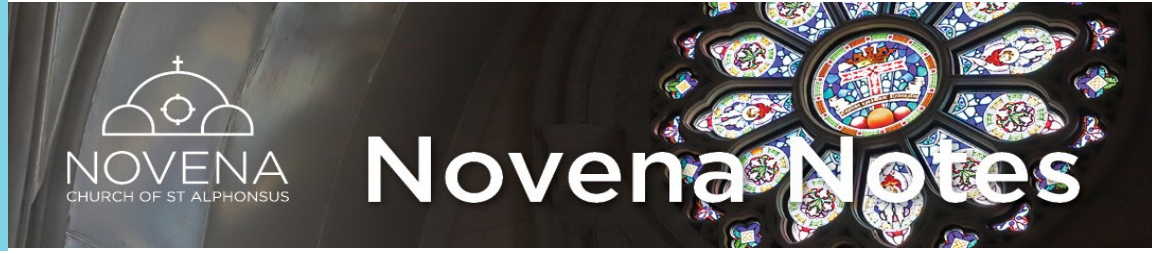

The one who treated him with mercy . . . Go and do likewise

During the last three weeks, the word "mercy" had been circling in my mind's eye. What is mercy? The dictionary defines it as "compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm."

As I can testify to God's mercy in my life, I am reminded to exercise mercy towards others.

Not too long ago, my eyes were opened to the fact that due to my own foolishness, I had been seduced by lies and darkness instead of the truth and the light. Lies and deception can look so beautiful on the outside and blind us. I realised that only the Word of God is Spirit and Life.

I had been misled and misguided for a long time. Thus, I am very grateful that our gentle God of mercy and love had been patient with me all these years, waiting for me to turn towards the light and trust in Him instead of on humankind.

It had been a humbling lesson for me to experience His great love and mercy through understanding of the Word and reconciliation. The first reading from Deuteronomy shouts out at me "When you return to the Lord, your God, with all your heart and all your soul" . . . "it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts, you have only to carry it out"

It is simply about listening to the voice of God, asking the Holy Spirit to teach and inform me and then keeping his commandments. Being loving and merciful to others just as He had been merciful with me. It is about showing compassion to another person. Where is it most difficult to live it up? At work when I am faced with an insecure boss who tries to pin me down . . .at home with a family member who insists that you do it his way or the highway . . . What is mercy then? It is about being patient, forgiving and non-judgmental towards these characters and seeking to understand that behind their seemingly unreasonable behaviour is actually a hidden cry for help and healing. Having experienced His mercy, I can be His humble instrument.

Most importantly, the gospel reading of the Parable of the Good Samaritan has taught us not to be legalistic and narrow-minded like the priest and the Levite but to show love to others just as He had loved us.

Reflection by Hope

Readings & responses for the week

Sunday, 10 JULY	**Deut 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37** **Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.**
Monday, 11 JULY **St. Benedict**	**Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34; 11:1** **I will show God's salvation to the upright.**
Tuesday 12 JULY	**Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24** **God upholds his city for ever.**
Wednesday, 13 JULY **St. Henry**	**Is 10:5-7,13-16; Mt 11:25-27** **The Lord will not abandon his people.**
Thursday, 14 JULY **St. Camillus de Lellis**	**Is 26:7-9,12,16-19; Mt 11:28-30** **The Lord looked down from heaven to the earth.**
Friday, 15 JULY **St. Bonaventure**	**Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; Mt 12:1-8** **You have held back my life, O Lord, from the pit of doom.**
Saturday, 16 JULY **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**	**Mic 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21** **Lord, do not forget the poor.**

NOVENA DEVOTIONS ON SATURDAY

Vaccinated Status required
8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 4.00pm

No Vaccination Status/ No MARS required
2.00pm (Mandarin), 6.00pm

MASS ON WEEKDAYS

Vaccinated Status required
12:15pm

Vaccinated Status required
9.00am Public Holiday

No Vaccination Status/ No MARS required
6.30pm

MASS ON SUNDAY

Vaccination Status required
8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 5.30pm

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES UPDATE

No booking is required. There will not be standing room allowed in the main church.

RECEPTION OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Friday
9.00am to 8.00pm

Lunch Hour
11.45am to 12.45pm

Saturday
7.30am to 7.00pm

Sunday
8.30am to 1.30pm & 4.30pm to 7.00pm

Novena Church Bulletin

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Novena Church iLit MInistry

We need volunteers to help in areas of projection, recording, live-streaming during Masses/Novena Devotion. Join us in serving the Lord in the iLit Ministry! Submit your name/contact number to the reception or email ilit@novenachurch.com, and the team will be in touch.

Upcoming Activities in preparation for Novena Annual Procession

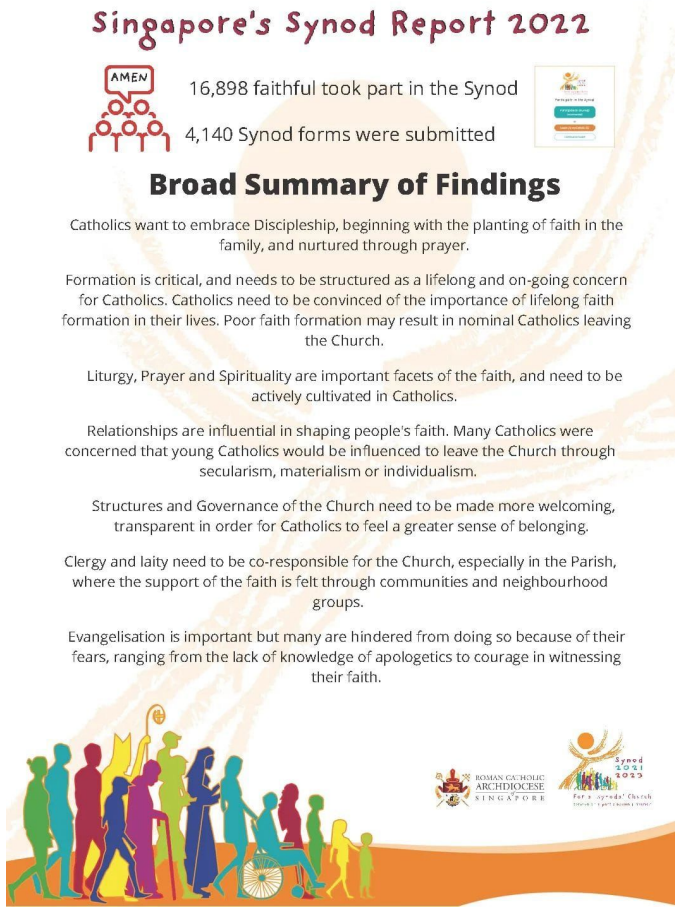
23 July : Alphonsian Spirituality Talk from 9.00am to 12.00pm by Fr. Alvinrex.

4 August : Learning to Forgive (Catholic Divorce Support Group) from 8.00pm to 10.00pm by Mr Joachim Goh.

5 August : A Safe Space (CFL Pro Bono Counseling) from 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

Novena Theme in Preparation for Annual Procession

SIngapore's Synod Report 2022



Hari Raya Haji

Please take note there will be no lunch time Mass on 11th July being Public Holiday. Masses will be at 9am and 6.30pm.