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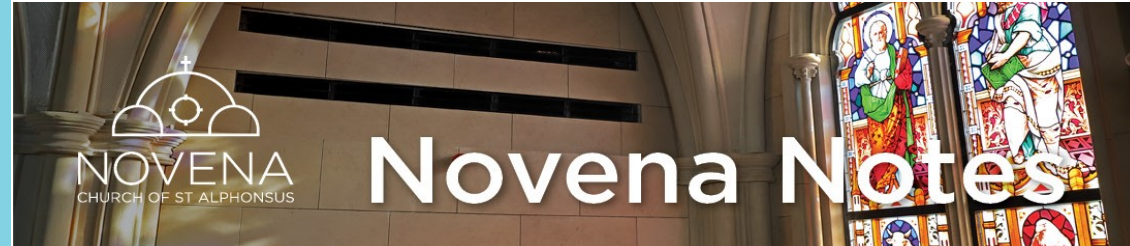
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Novena Notes

The Good News: John 3:16

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Redeemer. This is the titular feast day of the Redemptorists, whose official name is the 'Congregation of the Most Redeemer' (Latin: Congregatio Sanctissimi Redemptoris, abbreviated to CSsR).

Today's Gospel is from John 3:16-21. This Gospel passage gives the 1-sentence description of the entire Gospel - the Good News: God loved the world so much that he gave his only son; so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life". This 1-sentence is the summary of Christianity - Who we are and we believe?

I reflected on a short blog by Michael Kelly: *How John 3:16 Answers the 3 Big Questions of Life*

1. Who are we?

We are God's dearly loved creation. Not just the Jewish people, the Chosen race. But each one of us, who has been chosen from the "world" and called by name:

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit ...". (John 15:16)

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are Mine!" (Isaiah 43:1)

2. Where did we come from?

We are from God. We are made in the "image of God" and we were created in love in order to relate to God and to glorify Him forever. We are meant to love God and our Neighbour - with *"all our heart and soul"*.

"Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, 'I have come to know him,' but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says, 'I abide in him,' ought to walk just as he walked. (1 John 2:3-6)

But we have strayed because of our pride and disobedience. We look for our worth, meaning and purpose in life in transitory things. We do not need God in our lives until there is crisis. We also cannot and do not always love our Neighbour. We choose to be nice to only those we like. We also cannot forgive, be reconciled and live in peace with one another. We are messed up and need to be saved!

3. Where are we going?

John 3:16 gives the two options. We are either bound to be lost (or perish), or bound for eternal life. If we believe that we are loved and created by God, but that we have rejected His authority over us and now must be made right with Him, then in His love, God has provided a way. John 3:16 provides for this moment and for all times - Jesus is the Gift and the Sacrifice.

By God's grace, Jesus has told us the Truth - the Good News. Repent and return. Come and believe that Jesus is the Most Holy Redeemer of the world!

Reflection by Ros

Readings & responses for the week

16 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 20 JULY The Most Holy Redeemer	Gen 18:1-10, Col 1:24-28, Lk 10:38-42 The just will live in the presence of the Lord.
Monday, 21 JULY St Lawrence of Brindisi	Ex 14:5-18, Mt 12:38-42 I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph.
Tuesday, 22 JULY St Mary Magdalene	Song 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God
Wednesday, 23 July St Bridget of Sweden	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15, Mt 13:1-9 The Lord gave them bread from heaven.
Thursday, 24 JULY St Charbel Makhluf	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, Mt 13:10-17 To you glory and praise for evermore.
Friday, 25 JULY St James, Apostle	2 Cor 4:7-15, Mt 20:20-28 Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.
Saturday, 26 JULY Ss. Joachim & Anne	Ex 24:3-8, Mt 13:24-30 Pay your sacrifice of thanksgiving to God.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS ON SATURDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 4.00pm, 5.30pm

2.00pm (Mandarin)

MASS ON WEEKDAYS

12:15pm, 6.30pm

9.00am, 6.30pm Public Holiday

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

MASS ON SATURDAY

7.00am, 6.30pm (Sunset)

MASS ON SUNDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 5.30pm

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

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 8.00pm

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

Closed on Public Holiday

GIFTSHOP OPERATING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10.30am to 6.30pm

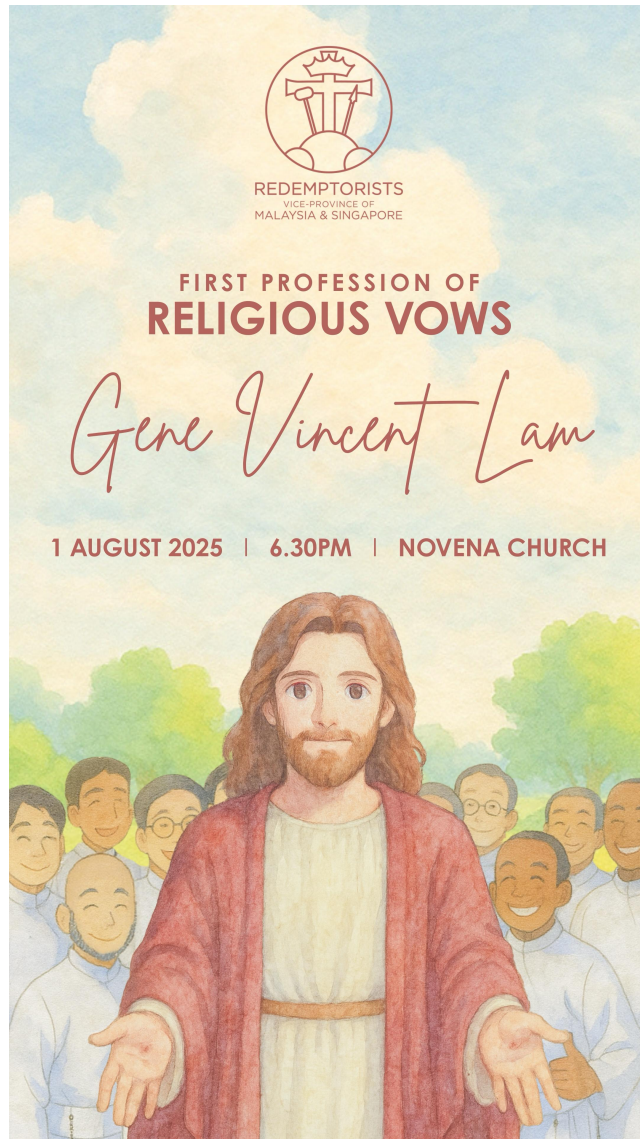
Lunch Hour 12.15pm to 12.45pm

Saturday 8.30am to 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am to 1.30pm

Closed on Thursday and Public Holiday

1ST PROFESSION OF RELIGIOUS VOWS



FOOTSTEPS OF ST ALPHONSUS PILGRIMAGE

In conjunction with our 75th Anniversary celebration, we are organising an 11-Day Full Board pilgrimage following the Footsteps of St. Alphonsus, from 14 – 24 September 2025. The Spiritual Director is Fr. Sikstus. CSsR. For more information, please approach the receptionist.

75 ANNIVERSARY NOVENA LEADING TO ANNUAL PROCESSION ON 7TH SEP 25

12th July	GRATITUDE How we began, Gratitude to the Redemptorists
19th July	GRATITUDE Why Gratitude, ways to show gratitude
26th July	HOPE Novena Church, a place of Hope
2nd Aug	HOPE Novena Church, a Missionary Place
9th Aug	REMEMBER The Blessings, God's Faithfulness
16th Aug	REMEMBER The Pastoral Heritage of the Redemptorists
23rd Aug	REJOICE A Mother's Love
30th Aug	REJOICE For God, For the future
6th Sept	RENEW We Renew our Commitment to share the Love of Mary and God to our neighbours

TRIDUUM FOR SOLEMNITY OF ST ALPHONSUS

TRIDUUM & SOLEMNITY OF ST. ALPHONSUS MARY DE LIGOURI

COPIOSA APUD EUM REDEMPTIO
WITH HIM THERE IS PLENTIFUL REDEMPTION

TRIDUUM
29th, 30th, 31st July
Mass at 7.30pm.

FEAST DAY
1st August
Mass at 6.30pm.

HEALING SERVICE

We will be holding our Healing Service next Friday (25th July) at 8pm. All are invited especially the youths.