

**'Your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon'**

The image of light is consistently presented in all the readings for this Sunday. It reminds us that as Christians, it is our duty to let the light of Christ shine through us. The first reading from Isaiah guides us how to live in the light - by being compassionate and charitable. We are to share our food with the hungry, shelter the homeless poor and to clothe the naked.

St Paul, being humbled by the Lord shares in the second reading in his letter to the Corinthians that the only knowledge that he has was of the crucified Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. He attributes all his knowledge to be from the power of God.

Hence, all of us who have received this light, having been saved by the crucified Christ are to bring it to the rest of the world. Jesus makes it even clearer for us by using the analogy of salt to accompany the light. He explicitly states that we show our light to the rest of the world through our good works.

Is doing good works just about visiting the poor and abandoned and giving them support in kind?

What about those people around us? How often do we ignore those around us when we are absorbed with our devices, shutting out our own light and let darkness overcome us? In the morning, we see some people walking to school/work with their heads lowered, glued to their devices and not noticing the people and vehicles coming their way. They cause danger not only to themselves but to others. On the mrt, some people are plugged into their earpieces and do not notice the other person who may need a seat more than them. At meals, colleagues, family or friends could be scrolling their handphones while eating instead of having an authentic conversation.

The 'hungry' and 'homeless' among us may be someone who needs a genuine listening ear and our presence.

We may not realise it . . . we are unconsciously shutting out the light of Christ in our families and communities, by not being fully present to one another. There are always competing demands for our attention. How can we discern better on what matters more so that we can let the light of Christ rise in the darkness and become noon?

It might be a simple step of being intentional in disengaging with our devices and being totally present to the other people who are in front of us. I will take the first step by not using my handphone when I visit my mum to give her my fullest attention.

### Reflection by Hope



## Readings & responses for the week

### 5 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 8 February	Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16 The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.
Monday, 9 February	I Kgs 8: 1-7, 9-13, Mk 6:53-56 Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest.
Tuesday, 10 February St Scholastica Virgin	I Kgs 8:22-23,27-30, Mk 7:1-13 How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of host.
Wednesday, 11 February Our Lady of Lourdes	I Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23 The just man's mouth utters wisdom.
Thursday, 12 February	I Kgs 11:4-13, Mk 7:24-30 O Lord, remember me out of the love you have for your people.
Friday, 13 February	I Kgs 11:29-31,12:19, Mk 7:31-37 I am the Lord your God; listen to my warning.
Saturday, 14 February Ss. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop	I Kgs 12:26-32,13: 33-34, Mk 8:1-10 O Lord, remember me out of the love you have for your people.

### 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

## CYN SCHEDULES



<https://novenachurch.com>

### **Chinese New Year Schedules**

#### **16 February (Monday)**

Weekday Mass: 12.15pm

(no 6.30pm Mass)

CNY Eve Mass: 10.00pm  
pre-event at 9.30pm

#### **17 February (Tuesday)**

Public Holiday Mass:  
9.00am & 6.30pm

#### **18 February (Wednesday)**

Ash Wednesday &  
Public Holiday Mass: 9.00am,  
12.15pm & 6.30pm



#### **SCALA, CANTEEN**

**14 & 21 FEB CLOSED**

**RESUMES ON 28 FEB, 2026**

#### **PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**13 FEB FRI. 7.30PM**

**VICTOR DURAI ROOM**

## ANTI-SCAM TALK



<https://novenachurch.com>

### **ANTI-SCAM AWARENESS TALK INTERACTIVE TRAINING SESSION**



**STAY ALERT  
STAY SECURE**

**7 March 2026 (Saturday)**

**9.30am to 12pm**

**Auditorium (level 2, behind the Church)**

**Speaker: Mr. Melvin Foo**

- Simple easy-to-follow strategies to spot and avoid scams
- Fun interactive & role-playing activities
- Real Case Studies from Singapore Police Force

**REGISTER  
NOW!**



#### **GIFTSHOP CNY PH**

**16 FEB: 9AM to 1PM**

**17 FEB : CLOSED**

**18 FEB : CLOSED**

**19 FEB : CLOSED**

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



<https://novenachurch.com>

### **The Stations of the Cross**



**Fridays of Lent, 6.00pm**

**February 20, 27**

**March 6, 13, 20, 27**

**Main Church**

#### **RECEPTION CNY PH**

**16 FEB: 9AM to 1PM**

**17 FEB : CLOSED**

**18 FEB : CLOSED**