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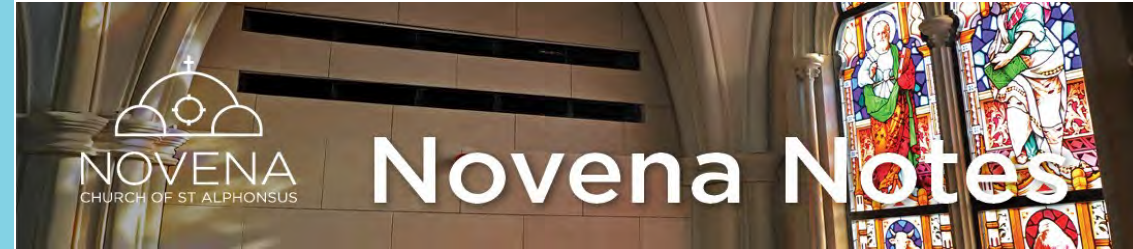
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PETITIONS & THANKSGIVING LETTERS

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Use Spiritual Gifts Wisely

We celebrate birthdays of loved ones and friends by giving gifts. On Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Catholic Church, we receive spiritual gifts instead!

In the Gospel of John, Jesus appeared to His disciples after His Resurrection and gave them the gifts of peace, forgiveness and the Holy Spirit for evangelisation. Jesus said: *“As the Father sent me, so am I sending you”*.

In the 1st Reading from Acts, the Apostles obtained from the Holy Spirit the *‘gift of speech’* to *‘speak foreign languages’* to numerous nations about the *‘marvels of God’*.

In the 2nd Reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians, the Holy Spirit gave a *‘variety of gifts’* at Baptism to guide different people to use their diverse talents purposefully and usefully for the service of God and His Church.

The Sequence, *‘Veni, sancte Spiritus’* (‘Come, Holy Spirit’), mentions *‘sevenfold gifts’* (we know these as wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of offending the Lord).

How have we reciprocated to the Church our Gifts of the Holy Spirit? Some faithful speak in tongues at charismatic renewal retreats. Some Catholics use their knowledge and understanding for RCIA classes. Some lay people are trained for pastoral counselling.

Some Saints are known for wisdom (St Thomas Aquinas), understanding (St Philip Neri), knowledge (St Catherine of Siena), counsel (St Alphonsus Liguori), fortitude (St Stephen), piety (St John Vianney) and fear of the Lord (St Joseph).

Teenage Saint Carlo Acutis had Gifts of piety, wisdom, knowledge, understanding and fortitude. He used his digital skills to evangelise online, such as websites on ‘The Eucharistic Miracles of the World’ and ‘The Appeals of Our Lady: Apparitions and Marian Shrines in the World’.

On using our gifts wisely, let me share a story I had heard in school. When the Principal found out that a student had often spread rumours of classmates, he told the boy to carry a sack of feathers to the top of the school building, throw the feathers out and then retrieve all the feathers. The boy protested, saying that the wind would have blown the feathers to unknown places. The message was clear for us: If we use our gift of speech irresponsibly or unwisely, we would not be able to take back false and hurtful words no matter how much we sincerely apologise.

We are all blessed with Gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is our turn to use them wisely to create One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Reflection by Peter Ling

Readings & Responses for the week

Pentecost

Sun, 24 May Pentecost	Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12: 3-7; 12-13; Jn 20: 19-23 Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.
Monday, 25 May The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Gen 3:9-15,20, Jn 19:25-34. Of you are told glorious things, O city of God!
Tuesday, 26 May St Philip Neri, Priest	1 Pt 1: 10-16, Mk 10: 28-31 The Lord has made known his salvation.
Wednesday, 27 May St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	1 Pt 1: 18-25; Mk 10:32-45 O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Thursday, 28 May	1 Pt 2: 2-5,9-12, Mk 10:46-52 Come before the Lord, singing for joy.
Friday, 29 May Paul VI, Pope	1 Pt 4:7-13, Mk 11:11-26 The Lord comes to rule the earth.
Saturday, 30 May Blessed Virgin Mary	Jude 17: 20-25, Mk 11:27-33 For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my 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

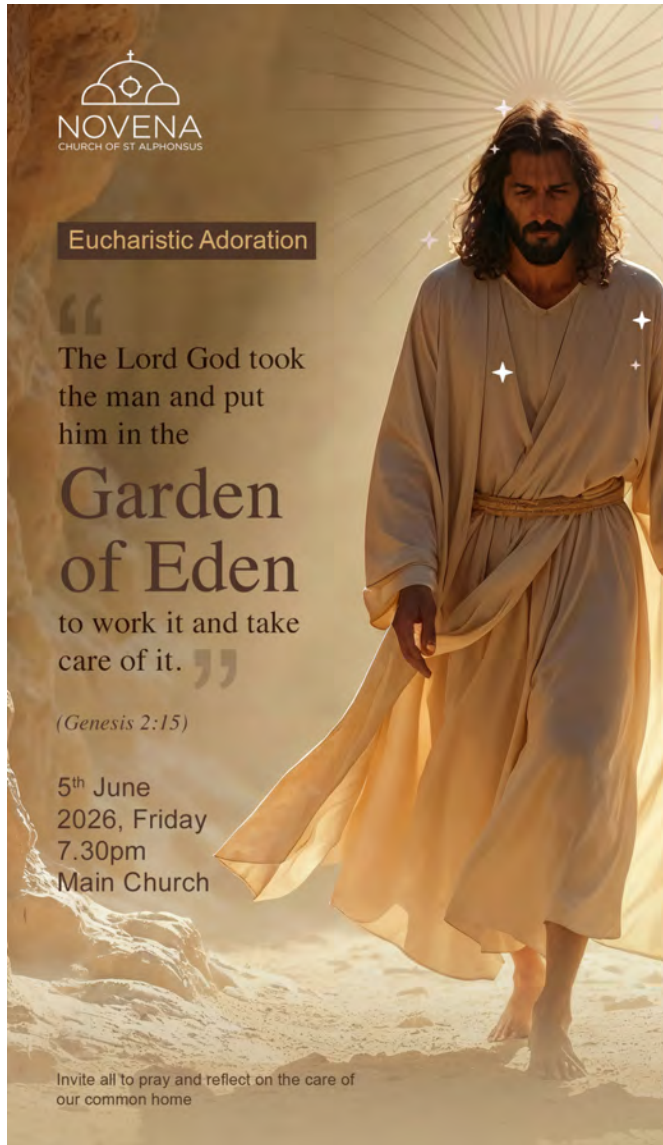
Lunch Hour 12.15pm to 12.45pm

Saturday 8.30am to 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am to 1.30pm

Closed on Thursday and Public Holiday

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



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Eucharistic Adoration

“
The Lord God took
the man and put
him in the
**Garden
of Eden**
to work it and take
care of it.”
”

(Genesis 2:15)

5th June
2026, Friday
7.30pm
Main Church

Invite all to pray and reflect on the care of
our common home

RCIA JOURNEY FOR ADULTS

For those who are interested to know the Catholic faith, we are starting English RCIA class on 6th and 7th July and Chinese RCIA class on 4th July. Please kindly get the application form from the brochure stands or the reception lobby.

The closing date is 31st May 2026.

SCALA NEWS



Discovering the ecological dimension of the Redemptorist charism

Laudato Si ' Week commemorates Pope Francis's Encyclical on the Care of Our Common Home, published in 2015. This commemoration invites us to translate the hope that inspires our following of the Redeemer into concrete actions.

In recent years, a new awareness has grown within the Church, more holistic in its approach to reality, more sensitive to the connections, interactions, and networks that exist in nature and on the planet. For not only is humanity a beneficiary of the work of Redemption and Abundant Life in Jesus Christ, but also all other forms of life and creation in general. For "everything is connected" (LS, 117, 138), and this amounts to saying that we are all beneficiaries and participants in the abundant life that flows from the mystery of Christ the Redeemer.

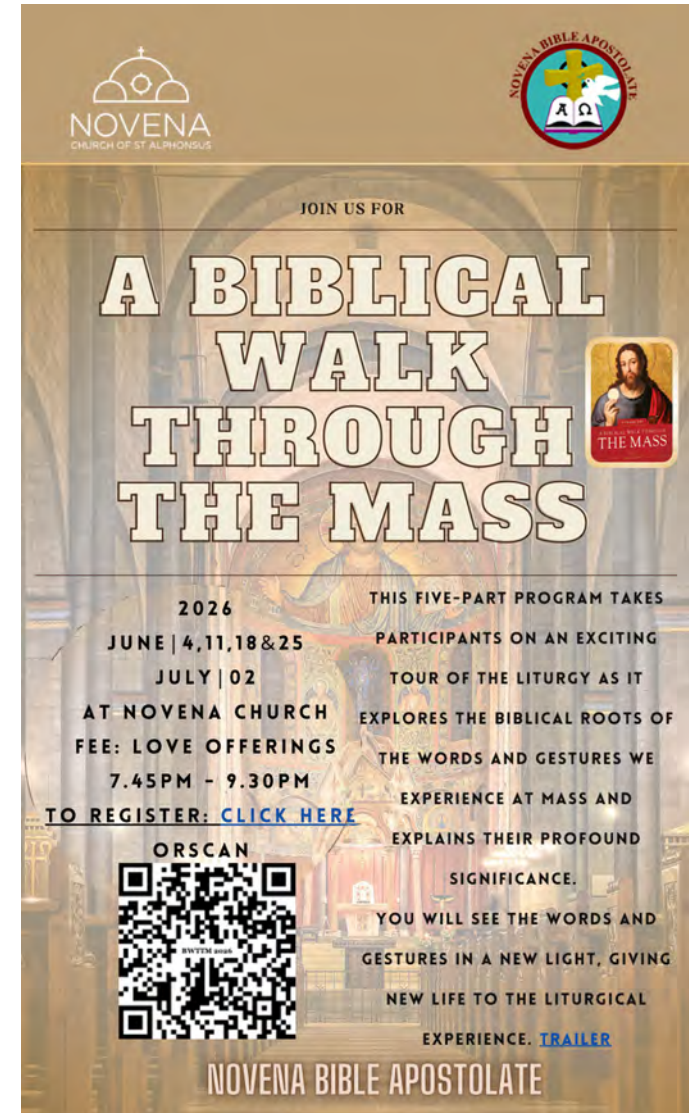
Likewise, a reflection on the Redemptorist charism from an ecological perspective helps us see that the environmental degradation of our planet is a symptom of a deeper problem: a spiritual crisis that divides and disintegrates us. Thus, the deterioration of nature and ecosystems can be seen as a reflection of our inner imbalance and our disconnection from our Creator. "Ecological conversion" also begins with each of us as subjects. In our ongoing formation and personal prayer, we can explore the points of contact between our Redemptorist spiritual tradition of Abundant Redemption and current environmental challenges. Our Redemptorist charism has enormous ecological potential yet to be explored. The current context of ecological crisis offers us the opportunity to renew and enrich our missionary ministry and our way of being missionary in today's world.

Through our ministry and preaching, we can help foster environmental and ecological awareness among our interlocutors and our communities. Our communities have the potential to become centers of this new consciousness.

A small action can trigger a wave of difference in our community and our particular context with the small actions we take to care for Creation.

On a personal or community level, we can support and collaborate with local environmental projects and organizations that are already working towards this cause, many of which are within the church.

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JOIN US FOR

**A BIBLICAL
WALK
THROUGH
THE MASS**

2026
JUNE | 4, 11, 18 & 25
JULY | 02

AT NOVENA CHURCH
FEE: LOVE OFFERINGS
7.45PM - 9.30PM

TO REGISTER: [CLICK HERE](#)

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THIS FIVE-PART PROGRAM TAKES
PARTICIPANTS ON AN EXCITING
TOUR OF THE LITURGY AS IT
EXPLORES THE BIBLICAL ROOTS OF
THE WORDS AND GESTURES WE
EXPERIENCE AT MASS AND
EXPLAINS THEIR PROFOUND
SIGNIFICANCE.
YOU WILL SEE THE WORDS AND
GESTURES IN A NEW LIGHT, GIVING
NEW LIFE TO THE LITURGICAL
EXPERIENCE. [TRAILER](#)

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PRAISE & WORSHIP

COME AS YOU ARE, HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN HERE
29 MAY, FRIDAY, 8PM
MAIN CHURCH