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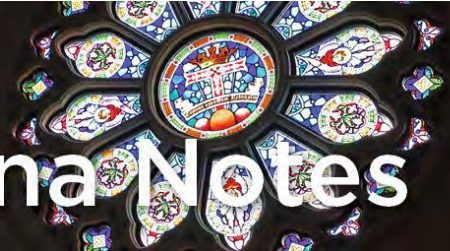
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Novena Notes



Faith in action.

Scripture readings for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time stress that actions must accompany faith – in priorities, hospitality and spirituality.

The Gospel of Matthew is about prioritising God first before family bonds. We need to carry the Cross and lose our life for His sake. Jesus wants us to welcome Him, His Father, disciples, prophets and holy people. Jesus will bless us if we are worthy of His love.

The welcoming nature of Jesus is also manifested in the 1st Reading from the Second Book of Kings. A high-ranked Shunem woman always humbly welcomed the holy prophet Elisha to rest in her home during his evangelising journey. She and her aged husband even built a loft for Elisha, with a bed, table, chair and lamp. For their hospitality, Elisha blessed them with a son. Her reply would have sounded like the Responsorial Psalm: *“For ever, I will sing the goodness of the Lord”*.

Faith in action also means being *‘dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus’* (2nd Reading of St Paul to the Romans). Through Baptism, we bury our old sinful selfish self and rise to a new spiritual life to do the will of God.

The Church has many examples of faith in action. The Apostles spread the Catholic faith to all nations, with St Paul converting many pagans in the world.

St Jude Thaddeus, the Apostle who brought the Good News to Lebanon, Libya, Syria and Turkey, will have his name on Singapore’s Tengah church in 2028. St Patrick brought Catholicism across Ireland. St Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan Order, is honoured in the Franciscan Jubilee Year from 10 January 2026 to 10 January 2027. St Francis Xavier spread the Catholic faith to Asia. St Alphonsus Liguori established the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists).

Saints who cared for the sick, poor, disadvantaged and oppressed were St Teresa of Calcutta, who founded Missionaries of Charity; St Elizabeth of Hungary, a rich princess who established a hospital for the ill; St Martin de Porres, who cared for the poor in Peru; St Damien of Molokai, who devoted his life to leprosy patients in Hawaii; St Katherine Drexel, an heiress who cared for Native and African Americans; St Oscar Romero, who advocated for the oppressed in El Salvador; and St Vincent de Paul, who left a legacy of serving the poor.

Could your faith in action include putting God first, welcoming His disciples and having a spiritual life with active good deeds? Ponder over what St James (2:26) had said: *“For exactly as a body without the spirit is dead, so faith without actions is also dead.”*

Reflection by Peter Ling

Readings & responses for the week

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 28 June	2 Kgs 4: 8-11, 14-16; Rom 6: 3-4,8-11; Mt 10: 37-42 I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.
Monday, 29 June SS Peter & Paul, Apostles	Acts 12: 1-11; 2 Tim 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19 From all my terrors the Lord set me free.
Tuesday, 30 June Blessed Gennaro Sarnelli CSSR	Is:52:7-10; Jn 15: 1-8 Come, let us sing to the Lord;it is he who saves us.
Wednesday 1 July	Am 5: 14-15,21-24 ; Mt 8: 28-34 I will show God’s salvation to the upright.
Thursday, 2 July	Am 7: 10-17; Mt 9: 1-8 The decree of the Lord are truth and all of them just.
Friday, 3 July St Thomas the Apostle	Eph 2: 19-22; Jn 20: 24-29 Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.
Saturday, 4 July St Elizabeth of Portugal	Am 9: 11-15; Mt 9:14-17 The Lord speaks peace to his 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.

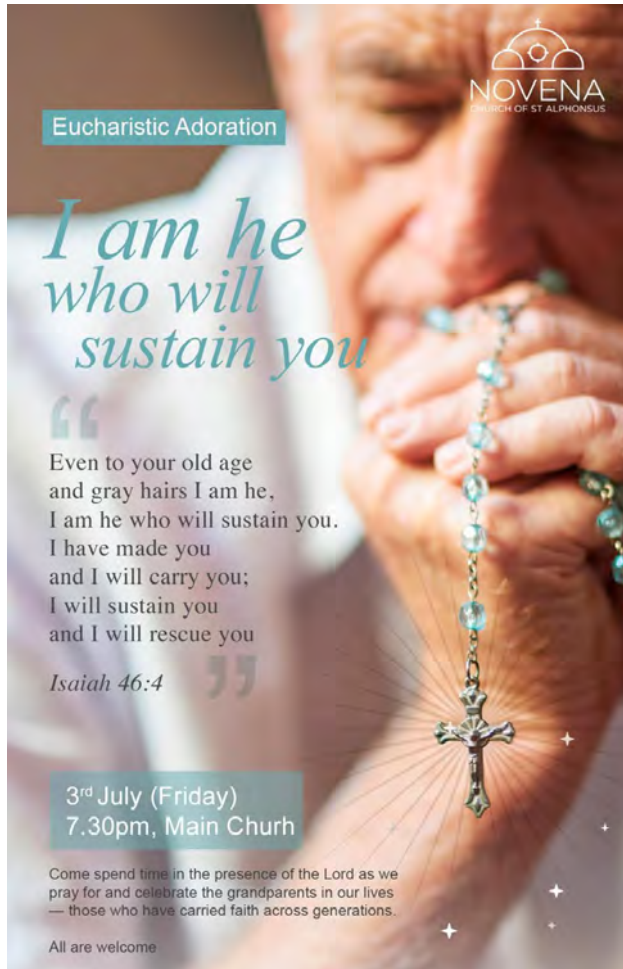
RECEPTION OPERATING HOURS

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



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Eucharistic Adoration

*I am he
who will
sustain you*

“
Even to your old age
and gray hairs I am he,
I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you
and I will carry you;
I will sustain you
and I will rescue you
Isaiah 46:4 ”

3rd July (Friday)
7.30pm, Main Church

Come spend time in the presence of the Lord as we pray for and celebrate the grandparents in our lives — those who have carried faith across generations.

All are welcome

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION
THURS; 10.30AM -12PM
PASTORAL BLOCK
BERNARD HEANEY ROOM

BLESSED NICHOLAS CSSR & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS OF THE UKRAINE



Four Redemptorist Martyrs
Bishop Nicholas Charnetsky (1884-1959)
Bishop Vasyl Velychkovsky (1903-73)
Father Zenon Kovalyk (1903-41)
Father Ivan Ziatyk (1899-1952).
Celebrated as a memorial on 28th June.



Saints Peter and Paul are among the most influential figures in the history of Christianity. They are honored for their unwavering faith, dedication to spreading the teachings of Jesus Christ, and their significant contributions to the growth of the early Church.

CHILDREN MASS



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Come with your children
and let's build the
future generation
of Marian devotees

**CHILDREN'S
FORMATION
AND MASS**

DATE : Sunday, 5th July 2026
TIME : 2pm to 2.15pm - Formation
2.15pm - Children's Mass
VENUE : Novena Church

For more information, please refer to
<https://novenachurch.com/childrens-ministry>

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
**Do you know of someone
who is living or struggling
with cancer?**

