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PETITIONS & THANKSGIVING LETTERS

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Novena Notes

Eyes that were very good

"She had curiously thoughtful and attentive eyes; eyes that were very pretty and very good". (Charles Dickens)

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate the great honour and respect Jesus bestowed on his mother. We celebrate Mary's reward for her goodness.

In the Gospel of St. John, Mary, Jesus and his disciples were invited to a wedding at Cana (John 2: 1-11). During the wedding feast, the wine ran out. Mary realised that *"they have no wine"*. But how did she find out? It was highly unlikely that the wedding hosts would tell one of their guests their embarrassing predicament. It was more likely that Mary had noticed something was wrong. She must have heard the guests calling for the servants to fill their glasses and observed that the wine glasses at the table were not re-filled. Maybe she saw the servants rushing about and whispering to each other - unsure as to what to do next. She observed all that was going around her.

Mary could have shrugged her shoulders and said, *"Why interfere. Not my problem."* But she did not. She knew how the special day would be ruined for the newlyweds and their families when the guests realised there was no more wine. The guests would have ridiculed the parents for throwing a grand feast when they did not have enough money to ensure food aplenty and flowing wine. Mary could not be indifferent. She decided to act. But she could not solve the problem on her own. She could not procure more wine. So she did the only thing she could do under the circumstances. She went quietly to her Son and said: *"They have no wine"*.

Mary then turned to the servants and told them: *"Do as he says"*. Jesus listened to his mother and ultimately performed his first miracle -- changing water to wine. There is great significance in this first sign of his divinity and the wine that was produced by Jesus. But for me, this story is always about Mary's thoughtfulness and her trust in Jesus. Mary was very kind and she knew her Son was also very kind.

I am quite the 'kaypoh'. I look around, sometime too much. But most times, I just observe but do not act. Then I kick myself for not doing something at that time. So my many observations are not really 'Thoughtful' because they did not end with Kindness and therefore, Goodness.

So I now resolve: Don't let the opportunity to be kind pass us. Be attentive. Is there someone who needs help? Is there someone who is struggling, overwhelmed or sad? I must then step forward with a kind word or action when I believe *"they have no wine"*.

But what if we cannot help? What happens when there are people we cannot reach because they do not know us or refuse to talk to us. In such cases, just offer them in prayer to Jesus. Tell Jesus: *"Please help them. They have no wine"*. Let us, like Mary, always trust in Jesus' kindness and mercy. The Lord will surely make our water into wine!

"Kindness is doing what you can, where you are, with what you have. (RAKtivist)"

Reflection by Ros

Readings & responses for the week

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 16 August Assumption of BV Mary	Rev 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56 On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.
Monday, 17 August	Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19: 16-22 You forget the God who fathered you.
Tuesday, 18 August	Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19: 23-30 It is the Lord who deals death and life.
Wednesday, 19 August St John Eudes	Eph 3:14-19; Mt 11:25-30 Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.
Thursday, 20 August St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor	Eccl 15:1-6; Jn 17: 20-26 Lord teach me your statutes.
Friday, 21 August St Pius X, Pope	Thess 2:2-8; Jn 21: 15-17 I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.
Friday, 22 August The Queenship of the BVM	Is 9:1-6; Lk 1:26-38. May the name of the Lord be blessed for evermore!

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

ANP TRIDUUM



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2ND SEPT, WEDNESDAY
CHALLENGES IN THE STORM,
GOD WALKS WITH US

7.30PM FAMILY MASS

3RD SEPT, THURSDAY
COME TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

7.30PM A CANDLELIGHT EVENING OF
WORSHIP AND ADORATION

4TH SEPT, FRIDAY
NOVENA YOUTH RALLY:
WRITTEN IN THE STARS

6PM - 10.30PM FLEA MARKET
7.30PM - 10.30PM MASS



MAKE HER KNOWN.
MAKE HIM KNOWN

6TH SEPT, SUNDAY
NOVENA ANNUAL PROCESSION 2026

4.15PM SONGS OF GRATITUDE
5.00PM ROSARY PROCESSION
5.30PM CONSECRATION OF FAMILIES AND MASS

ANNUAL PROCESSION 2026 NOVENA THEMES



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† 9 WEEK NOVENA DEVOTION SCHEDULE

**11TH JUL MARY – DO WHATEVER
HE TELLS YOU**

**18TH JUL MARY – MY SOUL MAGNIFIES
THE LORD**

**25TH JUL MARY – STANDING BY
THE CROSS**

**1ST AUG JESUS – PARABLE I
PRAY ALWAYS AND
DO NOT LOSE HEART**

**8TH AUG JESUS – PARABLE II
GO AND DO LIKEWISE**

**15TH AUG JESUS – PARABLE III
WHILE HE WAS STILL FAR OFF**

**22ND AUG MISSION – YOU WILL BE
MY WITNESSES**

29TH AUG MISSION – MAKE DISCIPLES

**5TH SEPT MISSION – HERE I AM, SEND ME
(MAKE HER KNOWN,
MAKE HIM KNOWN)**

TAMIL MASS & NOVENA

**Date: 22 August,
Every 4th Saturday
Novena 8pm, Mass 8.30pm**

TAIZE



**Songs . Silence .
Reflection . Prayer .**

Join us for an evening
of meditative prayer



**3RD FRIDAYS –
August 21
& October 23, 2026**



Youtube playlist

**8:00PM TO 9:00PM
MAIN CHURCH**

PIETA

**A support group for bereaved parents.
The next session will be face-to-face on
Tues 25 August 2026. from 7:30 to 9:15pm
at the Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre,
2 Highland Road, unit LG-01, Singapore 549102
(next to the Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary).
Please email PIETA for directions at:
pieta.singapore@gmail.com**

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

**A transformative Weekend experience
for married couples who want to get more
out of their relationship and desire a richer,
fuller life together.**

**2026 Stay-In Weekends: English Aug 28-30
Oct 2-4 | Nov 6-8 | Dec 4-6; Mandarin
18 -20 Sept: Bahasa Indonesia 16 -18 Oct**

**Secure your Weekend at:
https://www.wmesg.org/Weekend_Reg**