

# Trinity Sunday

## Today's Readings

First Reading : Proverbs 8:22-31  
 Second Reading : Romans 5:1-5  
 Gospel : John 16:12-15

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## Special Days This Week

Tue 24/5 Mary Help of Christians; Our Lady of Sheshen, China; World Day of Prayer for the Church in China  
 Thu 26/5 St Philip Neri, priest  
 Fri 27/5 St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop

## Next Sunday's Readings

### Corpus Christi Sunday

First Reading : Genesis 14:18-20  
 Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
 Gospel : Luke 9:11b-17



“A missionary from Africa, on his home-leave, came across a beautiful sundial. He thought to himself, “That sundial would be ideal for my villagers in Africa. I could use it to teach them to tell the time of the day.” The missionary bought the sundial, crated it and took it back to Africa. When the village chief saw it, he insisted that it be set up in the centre of the village. The villagers were thrilled with the sundial. They had never seen something so beautiful in their lives. They were even more thrilled when they learned how it worked. The missionary was delighted by everyone’s response to his sundial. He was totally unprepared for what happened a few days later. The

people of the village got together and built a roof over the sundial to protect it from the rain and the sun!

Well, the sundial is a lot like the Holy Trinity, and we Christians are a lot like the African villagers. The most beautiful revelation of our faith is the teaching about the Holy Trinity, namely, the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. But instead of putting the teaching to work in our daily lives, we have built a roof over it, just as the villagers did over their sundial. For many of us the Trinity seems of little practical value, when it comes to our daily lives. We treat it more like an ornament of our Faith.”

“An English teacher of a 21-sophomore high school class put a small chalk dot on the blackboard. He then asked the class what it was. A few seconds passed and then someone said, “That is a chalk dot on the blackboard.” The rest of the class seemed relieved that the obvious had been stated, and no one else had anything to say. “I’m surprised at you,” the teacher told the class. “I did the same exercise yesterday with a group of kindergartners and they thought of 50 different things the chalk mark could be: an owl’s eye, a cigar butt, the top of a telephone pole, a star, a pebble, a squashed bug, a rotten egg, a bird’s eye, and so on.” The older students had learned how to find a right answer, but had lost the ability to look for more than one right answer.

The Holy Spirit helps us, in His wonderful Wisdom, to see more than we might have seen by ourselves. The Spirit’s vision allows us wonderful options for expansion and new possibilities. It is the Spirit’s Wisdom that reveals the Word to us. It is the Wisdom of the Spirit that shows us our sin, which guides us, which instructs us, which leads us in the way to Life Everlasting.”

(Fr. Anthony Kadavil, [http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/05/27/trinity\\_sunday\\_%E2%80%93\\_may\\_31,\\_2015/1147165](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/05/27/trinity_sunday_%E2%80%93_may_31,_2015/1147165))

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## Parish Mission Statement

Towards SBC being a participatory church in which everyone is co-responsible for the overall care of the parish and shares in the mission of Christ.



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## MASS SCHEDULE

### English

Monday to Friday 6.30am & 6.00pm  
 Saturday 6.30am; Sunset Mass 6.00pm  
 Sunday 9.30am; 11.15am & 5.30pm

### Chinese

Sunday 8.00am

### Indonesian

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 3.30pm

### Filipino

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 1.00pm

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday 5.30pm  
 Sunday 7.45am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 5.00pm

## PARISH CENTRE OPENING HOURS

Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 9.00pm  
 Sunday & Public Holiday 7.30am to 7.30pm

## CHURCH GATES CLOSING TIME

Monday to Saturday 10.30pm sharp  
 Sunday 10.00pm sharp  
 Church groups & visitors are to vacate church premises at least 30 minutes before closing time.

## GIFT SHOP OPENING HOURS

Saturday: 5pm-7pm; Sunday: 9am-12pm & 5pm-7pm

## Week starting 22 May 2016

### AT THE ADORATION ROOM

Opening Hours: Monday to Sunday: 7.00am to 10.00pm  
 Closed for cleaning: Saturday 10.00am to 12.00pm

Sun	7.30pm-8.30pm	Children Eucharistic Adoration
Tue	7.00pm-8.00pm	Divine Mercy
	8.00pm-9.00pm	ALIFE (Young Adults)
Wed	1.30pm-2.30pm	KKIS – Agape
	8.00pm-10.00pm	Chinese Faith Community
Thu	10.00am-12.00pm	Spanish Group
	7.45pm-9.00pm	Christian Meditation
Fri	8.00pm-9.00pm	Fig Tree Community
Sat	2.00pm-3.00pm	Living Stones
	7.00pm-9.00pm	Chinese Taize

### AT THE GROTTA

Rosary Prayer at the Grotto  
 every Wednesday at 7.30pm.  
 All are welcome.

### CANTEEN

Canteen is Open Today. Do drop in for a free cup of coffee or tea after the morning masses.

NOTICE: Parishioners and visitors to this Church and its premises are advised that CCTVs are in operation and you may be individually identified on video, in photographs or any other forms of visual representation, taken by photographers, whether authorized or official, for use in any Church publication, Church archives or any other social media form.



### MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY –

The month of May is dedicate to Mary our Mother. During this Marian month, before the Saturday Sunset and all Sunday English Masses, a family will lead

the congregation to pray a decade of the Rosary. We will start the prayer 10 minutes before Mass, i.e. at 5.50pm on Saturday, and at 9.20am, 11.05am & 5.20pm on Sunday.

In this year of Mercy, we us ask Our Blessed Mother to intercede for us for the following intentions:

1. We pray that The Risen Lord restores harmony in our families.
2. We pray for the outpouring of The Lord's Spirit upon us, so that we can forgive each other in spite of our hurts and grievances.
3. We pray that we allow the Lord to impart to us his peace and his spirit so that we may extend that peace and reconciliation to others.

Pope Francis said: "Praying the rosary together, as a family is very beautiful and it gives strength." We hope you will also pray the Rosary daily at home, individually, or with your family or as a group prayer. We hope you will also pray the Rosary daily at home, individually, with your family or as a group prayer.



Corpus Christi

Next Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> May, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the

Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord. We will have our annual Eucharistic Procession after the 6.00pm Sunset Mass on 28<sup>th</sup> May. This is the one time when our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed not just to faithful Catholics but also to all outside the Church. It is a wonderful opportunity for believers to show their love for Christ in the Real Presence by honouring Him in a very public way. Do come and join in the procession as a public manifestation our faith and love for Christ.

### FR. SAM'S THANKSGIVING MASS & DINNER –

Fr. Samuel Lim, who has been ministering to us for the last 4 years in our Parish, will be going to Rome for further studies. He will be celebrating his Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, 29 May at 5.30pm. The Parish Pastoral Council will be organising a thanksgiving dinner after the mass for him at the Parish Canteen & Field. All parishioners are invited to come for the thanksgiving mass & dinner which will be sponsored by the Parish. However, to avoid wastage, a love offering of \$5 upon registration is required. Thank you.

### BLESSING OF COUPLES CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN MAY

will take place at the 11.15am Mass today. We wish all celebrating couples Happy Anniversary! May your love be ever more pleasing to the Lord and your marriage be enriched with the fullness of divine graces.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 AWARENESS WEEK

– A group of young people from St. Bernadette's will be attending the World Youth Day (WYD) in Poland in July this year. They will be selling items like candles and journals, etc to raise funds for their trip. In addition, they have also prepared a mini exhibition on what the World Youth Day is about at the Patio in front of the Parish Canteen. Your love and support is much appreciated.



### NEW RCIA JOURNEY -

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a one-year programme to prepare inquirers for baptism/admittance into the Catholic faith. At St. Bernadette's, we have programmes in three languages as follow:

- **English** – Every Tuesday, 8.00pm – 9.30pm, started 17 May 2016
- **Indonesian** – Every Sunday, 1.30pm -3.00pm, started 15 May 2016
- **Chinese** – Every Tuesday, 8.00pm – 9.30pm, starting 7 June 2016

If you know of anyone wanting to know more about our Catholic Faith, you may refer them to our RCIA programme. Enquiries: Tel. 67373529.

**VACANCY FOR SACRISTAN –** Wanted, a Sacristan for the daily evening mass. Employment terms. Call Joseph Tan at Tel. 67373529.

### Children's Eucharistic



### Adoration

Real Presence of Jesus.

Coming sessions on Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Jun & Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Jun, 7.30pm-8.30pm in the Adoration Room. Parents, come with your children for an hour of worship before the

**WEDDING –** Congratulations to Damien Soh & Pearlene Lum who celebrated their wedding 21 May 2016. May the Holy Spirit be their guide as they begin their new lives together as one.

### CALLING ALL INCOMING UNIVERSITY

**FRESHMEN!** Come and discover how to navigate this new phase of your life in the company of friends who will spur you on and support you along the way! We also invite you to check out the various university communities' Freshmen Orientation Camps (FOCs) to connect with the Catholic communities on campus! Kickstart Freshmen Gathering: Fri 10 Jun 7pm – 10pm AND Kickstart Freshmen Orientation Camps: See website for information. Kickstart registration, FOC details, and more information at oyp.org.sg/kickstart2016.

### PRAYER EXPERIENCE RETREAT @CSC-

This is a 4D/3N stay-in programme, designed to help individuals build up their prayer life and to deepen their prayer experience. It is especially recommended for ex-Conversion Experience Retreat (CER) retreatants, following their Conversion experience. Facilitated by Rev. Fr. Erbin Fernandez. 2 Jun 9am to Sun 5 Jun 6pm at Catholic Spirituality Centre. Cost: \$160. Registration closes Wed 25 May. [Http://www.csctr.net](http://www.csctr.net)

### RETRouvaille – A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED & HURTING MARRIAGES –

If you are serious about making your marriage work, this program could be for you. Coming weekend dates: 24-26 June. For confidential enquiry, call 67116774 or go to [www.helpourmarriage.sg](http://www.helpourmarriage.sg) for info or to register.

### CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY -

Calling all young people up to 35 years old! Come and be part of Catholic Youth Day on 2-3 July (Sat-Sun) at the Office for Young People (2 Lorong Low Koon). It is a celebration of our faith and of being part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Event begins at 4pm, includes 5pm Mass celebrated by Archbishop William Goh, evening programme and overnight vigil. The event is free. Tickets at \$10 can be purchased in advance to redeem a tee shirt + a meal. Contact Sharon at [sharon.oyp@catholic.org.sg](mailto:sharon.oyp@catholic.org.sg) or 62852571 for tickets/info.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS –

We are looking for Children's Liturgy volunteers. If you are keen to help in creating a worship experience for children to help them grow in faith, we would like to hear from you. Please email [pastoralcoordinator@outlook.com](mailto:pastoralcoordinator@outlook.com) for more information.

### PLEASE KEEP THE CHURCH CLEAN –

Parishioners are kindly reminded to keep the Church clean. Our cleaners continue to find used tissue paper, sweet wrappers, etc. amongst the pews. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### HelpLines

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** – Helps people see, accept, and live out God's will in their lives. Available by appointment. Email: [CitySpDs@gmail.com](mailto:CitySpDs@gmail.com)

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** – Help in overcoming alcoholic addiction available, every Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 9053 1764.

**COUNSELLING SERVICE** – Trained para-counsellors from Family Life Society offer counselling service in 10 parishes including our parish. Call 63820688 (Mon to Fri, 10.00am to 5.00pm) for appointment.