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Wisdom and Love

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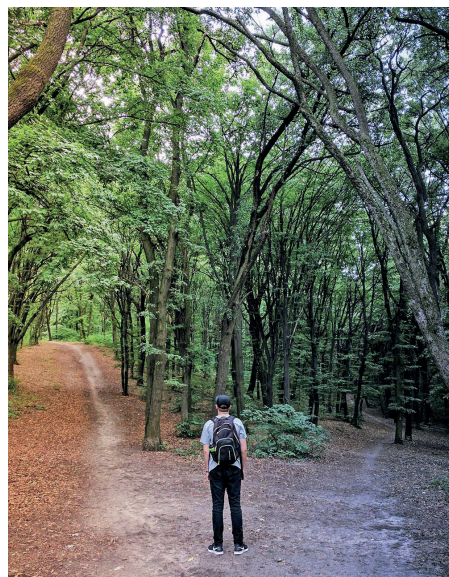
Sir 15:15-20
1 Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:17-37

As we near the season of Lent, attention will be drawn to our Lenten practices – fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. There is also an invitation to grow in sensitivity to sin, which the Catechism describes as “an offence against reason, truth, and right conscience” and “failure in genuine love for God and neighbour caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods” (CCC 1849).

The readings for this week lays the groundwork for our Lenten preparation by inviting us to reflect on our own actions. The first reading from the Wisdom literature emphasises human responsibility in our actions. The author writes that “He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer” (Sir 15:16). Human free will is highlighted here, and we know our free will has led us to choose wrong over right. Some of us may think that our Christian lives would be much easier if we did not need to choose, or perhaps feel like we are in a state where we can only choose the wrong thing and the alternative is too difficult for us. The author reminds us that God “never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin” (Sir 15:20), but God has given us the freedom to choose; if we will and want to, we can choose what is right in God’s eyes (cf. Sir 15:15).

St Paul highlights that the wisdom of God is not kept from us but is “revealed to us through the Spirit” (1 Cor 2:10). The verse from the prophet Isaiah that St Paul quotes references the Old Testament vision of God, whose presence makes the mountains shake and the nations tremble (cf. Is 64:2-3). St Paul returns to this verse to highlight that the wisdom is “predestined to be for our glory before the ages began” (1 Cor 2:7) and so echoes what is mentioned in our first reading that God’s vast wisdom and gift of free will for us is not a mistake, but has been the plan from the very beginning.

Reading our Second Reading alongside the Gospel gives us an answer to what the revelation of wisdom is — the person of Jesus himself. In the announcement:



*“...the gift of being
able to choose is the
greatest gift of love
we can receive.”*

“I have come not to abolish [the law], but to complete them” (Mt 5:17), Jesus’ invitation is for the law to not just be met at the surface level, but to reach the very root of sin. From the Mosaic law against murder, Jesus goes deeper to address one’s hatred for others. At the end of the Gospel reading, Jesus says, “All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one” (Mt 5:37). This is an echo of the free will mentioned in the first reading, and a reminder that we can always choose what is right before God.

This Lent, let us go beyond the mechanics of our Lenten practices and go deeper to the root of our struggles. In our tiredness, we may attribute our failings to be free from sin to the fact of who we are, as if our own humanity is the cause. Instead, let us recognise that the revelation of Wisdom – Jesus Christ – does not desire for us to choose evil, but to choose the good, and the gift of being able to choose is the greatest gift of love we can receive. Especially in this upcoming season of Lent, the Church encourages us to adopt fasting, almsgiving, and prayer to combat the three-fold concupiscence of lust, greed, and pride. With these, we may grow in wisdom and strengthen our resolve to choose the good. We may feel like we have exhausted all the things we could have done to be free, but let us not place a limit on God’s wisdom. Let us instead be open to what God has to offer us in this upcoming season of Lent, and trust that we will be guided by the Spirit, one that “reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God” (1 Cor 2:10).

Announcements

For announcements in the bulletin, send your requests to mmm@sfxchurch.sg by the MONDAY before the weekend, 2359hrs



**SCAN QR CODE
FOR MASS HYMNS**
www.sfxchurch.sg/mass

FAULTY CHURCH PEWS?

Spot any faulty or damaged pews in church? Scan the QR code to share with us at tinyurl.com/SFXFacilityReport.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note the Parish Office operating hours:

- **Mon 16 Feb:** 9.30am – 12pm
- **Tue 17 Feb - Wed 18 Feb:** Closed

GIFT COLLECTION

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the Catholic Foundation's GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) programme. GIFT is a regular giving programme that rallies support for and funds the Archdiocese's organisations and initiatives for youth, evangelisation, catechesis, formation and more. Please drop your contributions or GIFT envelopes into the collection box. Do consider signing up for a regular pledge, as it is the most reliable way of supporting the Church. Visit catholicfoundation.sg to contribute online or find out more.

WELCOME, BROTHER SEAN

Seminarian Sean Yeo will be attached to our Parish until the end of the year. If you see him around, be sure to say hello and make him feel at home!



CHARISMATIC

Please note that there will be no Charismatic Prayer session on **Mon 16 Feb**. The next Charismatic Prayer session is on **Mon 23 Feb, 7.45pm** at the Auditorium. There will be Praise & Worship followed by Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Edward Lim. All are welcome!

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Friends of SFX will be serving coffee, tea and biscuits this Sunday at JPll Hall. Do drop by for some food and fellowship. Love offerings are welcome!

Fr Benedict, Fr Edward, Fr Gabriel and all staff would like to wish all our parishioners a joyous and blessed Lunar New Year!

LUNAR NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Mon 16 Feb (Eve): 4pm only

Tue 17 Feb: 9am, 11am



There will be distribution and blessing of oranges.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

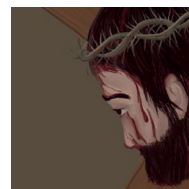
18 Feb: 9am, 11am, 4pm

Dispensation from fasting and abstinence has been granted on Ash Wednesday. You are encouraged to observe the fast and abstinence on another day during Lent, except Good Friday, which is already a day of fast and abstinence.



POV: MEETING JESUS ON CALVARY

You see a man, certain in every step yet struggling uphill. You hold your breath, your heart swells, your mind races, what do you do? What can you possibly even do?



Each week of Lent, we will see a different point-of-view of a person who personally encountered Jesus on His walk to Calvary. Next weekend onwards, you will receive some collateral to follow along this journey. May this little activity help you enter into a deeper reflection on the Passion in your prayer time with your friends and family. Meanwhile, join us this **Fri 20 Feb, 8pm** for Stations of the Cross.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN

We invite children up to age of 12 to walk the path Jesus took by visiting the Stations of the Cross with our Children's Liturgy Ministry at different locations at SFX on **Sat 28 Feb, 9.45am** (Registration starts at 9.30am) at Basement Chapel. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/yt2bym9x>



FORTIFY

If you're looking for a space to grow in your faith together with other youths (aged 16-25), look no further! Fortify is a youth community under 1Cor12, a communion of communities, where young people come together to build a deeper relationship with the Lord while navigating the challenges of school life and young adulthood. Through our sessions, we seek to deepen our knowledge of Christ and his Church, serve the people around us, and support one another as we grow closer to Jesus. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Renee at 8878 3998 on WhatsApp or @iplaytheflout on Telegram.

Date: Every Saturday
(Starts 14 Feb)
Time: 10am – 12pm
(lunch & fellowship after)

LIFE: MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY – THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

What is your prayer life like today? Do you desire to grow in your life of faith and prayer? The call to pray is urgent. Discover the awesome power of just one Hail Mary and be inspired with an explosion of faith that can move mountains. For the season of Lent, the LiFE ministry will continue with the remaining four sessions of the Mysteries of the Rosary – The Sorrowful Mysteries, which outlines the epic battle between good and evil. For enquiries, please contact Raymond (9752 9723) or Ignatius (9664 2127).

Dates: 27 Feb, 6 & 20
Mar, 10 Apr
Time: 8pm – 9.30pm
Venue: JPll Hall



PARISH LENTEN RECOLLECTION

Take a meaningful pause this Lenten season and allow your heart to be renewed through stories, reflection and prayer. Join our two-day Lenten Recollection, a sacred time to reconnect with God, find peace amid life's noise, and rediscover the true essence of faith, forgiveness, and hope. Let this spiritual journey prepare you for the joy and grace of Easter. Register now!



Dates & Time: Sat 7 Mar, 9am – 12pm & Sat 21 Mar, 10am – 3.30pm
Venue: Auditorium (Parish Centre, Level 3)
Register: tinyurl.com/SFXLentenRecollection2026

ONE: LENT TO EASTER REFLECTION BOOKLET 2026

The Office for the New Evangelisation (ONE) is offering a Lent-to-Easter Reflection Booklet to support individuals, families, ministries, and communities as we journey inward to receive God's love more deeply, and outward to share that love with others. Through Scripture commentaries, reflections, and sharing questions, the booklet accompanies us throughout this sacred season. Download at bit.ly/lenteaster26



ANGELICO ART AWARD 2026

Looking for a way to steward your artistic gifts for God? Catholic Foundation invites you to take part in the Angelico Art Award 2026. This year's theme is *"Let us love not in word or speech, but in truth and action"* (1 John 3:18).



Take time to reflect, pray and let your creativity flow to express the theme through your artwork. Online submissions open Sat 28 Feb and close **Mon 13 Jul**. Scan the QR Code or visit www.angelicoart.com to find out more.



What is the meaning of Ash Wednesday?

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to mark the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent (excluding Sundays), a time of penance marked by fasting, prayer, repentance, and reflection.

The act of putting on ashes symbolises fragility and mortality, and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God. Far from being a merely external act, the Church has retained the use of ashes to symbolize that attitude of internal penance to which all the baptized are called during Lent. – *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*

The placing of ashes on the face of every person at the Ash Wednesday liturgy makes clear that all of us are sinners in constant need of God's mercy and forgiveness. Each of us, in big and small ways, is tempted to place self and ego at the centre of our life. The ashes remind us, as a Church and as a People of God, to let ourselves be jolted back to reality.

Beneath all the outward appearances we use to cover our shared inadequacies, we are made of dust, as Scripture reminds us: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Gen 3:19)



Why are the ashes in the shape of a cross?

The ashes are in the shape of a cross because we are not as we should be - that is the ash. Yet even in our brokenness and poor choices, Christ still claims us - that is the cross. It is a sign of what we must turn away from and what we are called to turn toward. As we receive the ashes, in our hearts, hear this one word spoken over you by God himself: "Mine."

How long should I keep the ashes on my forehead, and what should I do if someone asks why I have ashes on my forehead?

Until they naturally fall away. Wearing ashes can also be a quiet witness to our faith and a gentle invitation to conversation. They express that we are sinners in need of mercy, and the cross proclaims that we have a Saviour who is continually shaping us into who we are called to be.

This Lent, let us remember that it is a season of penitence, simplicity, and renewed focus on the saving passion of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. May it strengthen us for our ongoing struggle against sin and help us return to humble beginnings, remembering, as St Paul says, that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Ever wondered why there's no vigil Mass for Ash Wednesday on Tuesday evening?

That's because Ash Wednesday is not a Solemnity! Anticipatory vigil Masses are usually celebrated for Sundays and other Solemnities. The Season of Lent begins at midnight on the morning of Ash Wednesday.

Reference:

1. <https://www.catholic.sg/ash-wednesday-a-reminder-that-we-are-dust/>

2. <https://ascensionpress.com/blogs/articles/what-is-the-meaning-of-ash-wednesday-from-fr-mike-schmitz>



Psalm 119 Word-Find



See if you can
find all the
words in
CAPITALS.
Use the
leftover letters
to fill in the
blanks at the
end.

Y D S C O F G O O D U
W I T O L O R D B I L
B L A M E L E S S L B
L I T M E L A W E B C
E G U A P O F I R M O
S E T N R W L I V E N
S N E D E C R E E S S
E T S E C M A Y L S I
D L E D E O P E N E D
S Y K E P T S E D E E
M I G H T H W A L K R
W O R D S E R V A N T

Blessed are they who FOLLOW the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they whose way is BLAMELESS,
who WALK in the LAW of the Lord.
BLESSED are they who OBSERVE his DECREES,
who SEEK him with all their heart.

You have COMMANDED that your PRECEPTS
be DILIGENTLY KEPT.
Oh, that I MIGHT be FIRM in the ways
of keeping your STATUTES!

Be GOOD to your SERVANT, that I MAY LIVE
and keep your WORDS.
OPEN my EYES, that I may CONSIDER
THE wonders of your law.

If you obey God's law, _____.

Answer to Word-Find: "you will be blessed."

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Mass Times

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon - Thu:
6.30pm

Tue - Sat:
6.30am

Fri:
8pm

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat: 5.30pm

Sun: 7am, 9am,
11am, 5.30pm
(There is currently no
Confession before Mass)

MASS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

9am

CONFESSION

Contact Parish Office to
make an appointment.

Fri:
4pm - 6pm

Sat:
10am - 12pm

Opening Hours

MAIN GATE

Mon - Sun:
5am - 11pm
Closed on Public Holidays
after 9am Mass

BACK GATE

Mon - Sun:
5am - 11pm
Closed on Public Holidays
after 9am Mass

PARISH OFFICE

Mon - Fri:
9.30am - 6.30pm
Sat & Sun:
8.30am - 1pm
Closed on Public Holidays

ADORATION ROOM

Mon - Sun:
7am - 11pm
Closed on Public Holidays

LIBRARY

Sun:
8am - 1pm,
4pm - 5.30pm

COLUMBARIUM

Mon - Fri:
10am - 7.30pm

Sat - Sun:

8.30am - 7.30pm
Closed on Public Holidays

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament can be administered to any Catholic awaiting serious surgery, suffering from serious illness or weakened by old age. Anointing may be given before admission for the anticipated medical procedure. Contact the Parish Office to request for a priest. In emergencies, priests of the church nearest to the hospital can be contacted.



INFANT BAPTISM

Spiritual preparation is held on the last Friday of every odd month. Baptism is held on the first/second Sunday of the following month. For registration, please refer to our website.



FUNERAL

Please check with the Parish Office for priest availability and Mass timing before confirming the timing at the crematorium. For prayers at the wake, please contact the Parish Office.



MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office 12 months before your intended date to book the church premises and ensure that your presiding priest is able to make that date.



MASS OFFERING

Mass offering envelopes are available outside the Parish Office and outside JPPII Hall. Submit your envelopes at least two weeks in advance of your intended date. Please write the names clearly, and in block letters.



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