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將臨及聖誕期是我們教會禮儀年度的新開始，讀經由（宣讀馬爾谷福音為主調的）乙年轉至（恭讀路加福音為主的）丙年讀經。不同的福音誦讀，讓我們能從不同的角度，去認識救主耶穌基督。

四位聖史，瑪竇（曾作稅吏的宗徒），馬爾谷（伯多祿的書記），路加（保祿的合作者，醫生），和若望（耶穌所愛的門徒）；各自從他們對耶穌基督的認識，而編寫了福音。為的是使信徒們，能更全面地認識降生成人的天主子，我們的救主耶穌基督（ΙΧΘΥΣ）。

新的時期，新的開始，就讓我們在這一年度，藉著誦讀路加福音去祈禱，去認識主。

從以上的分享，讓我聯想到，堂區神父的調動，也有相類似的狀況。一方面，不同的神父調往不同的堂區，為團體帶來對信仰傳譯的不同幅度，或新的覺察。例如神父對於福音的講解，會因

不同的歷練，生活成長背景，靈修或牧民取向的取捨而有所差異。多元化，多角度地去認識信仰，有助我們的信仰生活更為活潑；充滿生命力的信仰，有助我們懷著平安，喜樂的心去傳佈福音的喜訊。

另一方面，神父去到新的堂區，為我等也是一份學習的機會，因為在新的信仰團體中，我們能夠見證聖神的化育工程，透過不同的信友生活的信仰的實踐，能強化及堅定我們的牧養之心。因聖神實在臨現在每一個你的身上；你的參與，你的禱聲，你的付出，建立了整個團體。

我相信，並經驗過信友們代禱的力量；有你們眾人的祈禱和對信仰的持守，我懷著感恩的心，與你們一起在這個堂區內，見證上主的慈愛，並為區內的居民打開信德的大門。



「善牧」

- 鄭國全

「我是善牧，我認識我的羊，我的羊也認識我。」(若10:14) 為筆者而言，用這句聖經章節來形容書成神父，真是非常恰當。

時間飛逝，書成神父轉往天水圍聖葉理諾堂服務轉眼已三個多月了，相信藉天主仁慈的眷顧和帶領下，他必獲得平安與喜樂。回想起這四年來與他的相處、共事，確是亦師亦友，在他身上不但學會了不少信理，更令我感受到的，就是看得見耶穌基督——我們的善牧。

回顧在慕道班一起合作時，每逢導師聚會，討論和分享有關教理內容時，他必會非常細心地與我們講解其要旨，需要留意之處，如何透過分享和講授，能帶領慕道者學習信仰，認識基督，因而皈依和轉化，這使我們首先成為再

慕道的一群，重新認清自己的信仰生活，與天主的關係。更重要的是使我清楚了解作為慕道班的導師，只是慕道者的同行者，帶領他們更接近天主而已。

還記得今年五月舉辦的「善會交流日」，當天，無論在活動時間，分享時段，不論與長者、青年或幼童，他整天總是與教友們打成一片，顯示出身為牧者的他，帶領團體走向共融，彼此關顧，使堂區上下，都能真正成為基督奧體的肢體，為天主的大愛作見證。

在此希望大家繼續為書成神父祈禱，祈求天父時刻賜予他身心康泰，藉聖神的恩澤，成為廣傳福音、照顧羊群的「善牧」。

福傳——人人有責



編輯組

本堂培育組於10月7日下午舉辦了一場有關福傳的講座，講者為恩保德神父，當日出席者約120人。講座開始時，恩神父引用一個很切實的比喻，解釋福傳的意義：如教友只每星期在教堂參與彌撒等，尤如人只不斷進食，而不出外工作，是絕不健康的。聖保祿宗徒曾說：「若我不傳福音，我便有禍了。」其實，福傳確是一件簡單易做的事，長者及小童也可擔當福傳工作，小童藉著親情，可主動要求未領洗的父母學習道理，而長者可透過祈禱，為福傳出一分力。

教友們的福傳，不需太關注即時的成效；福傳的使命，只需專注播種，將工作交托上主便可，不用理會誰收割或何時收割，這些與福傳的

工作無關，因此福傳者不用太心急希望看到福傳的成果。實際上，福傳的成果不是依靠人計劃的時間，而是依賴天主的時候，天主的時刻一到，以前所播的福傳種子便自然成事。中國人的家庭觀念很強，亦有助教友們在家中進行福傳。

講座內容總結：

人每天吃東西，亦必須做工作配合，教友不論老幼，在生活中需主動福傳。

福傳是簡單易做的事，任何人均可隨時實踐。

實行福傳，不需著緊福傳的即時成效，教友只需將福傳的成果交托天主便可。



「骨中之骨，肉中之肉」



在一次的彌撒中，恩保德神父曾經解說過這段福音（創2:23）：『這才真是我的骨中之骨，肉中之肉，她應稱為「女人」，因為是由男人取出的。』這是一段天主從男人身上造出女人的描述，其中他特別強調那句「骨中之骨，肉中之肉」之男女本為一體的親密關係！言簡意深，到現在，仍記憶猶新！

轉眼間，我和太太(艷秀)的婚姻已踏入第二十個年頭，我們這段是「千里姻緣」的故事，還記得……二十年前，在西安南門城牆上一起看煙火，偷偷拖著她的手，給發現了，說了聲「對不起！」；十五年前，在日本嵐山一起看櫻花，她在那邊半工讀，說了聲「辛苦了！」；十年前，在香港尖東聖誕夜看煙火，她放棄日本來港定居，說了聲「感謝妳！」；五年前，以非教友身份參加了教會的「終身為伍」聚會，溫馨重拾，但對教內事卻充滿很多問題及疑惑，只因「不明白！」。

今年，已做了一年多教友的我，充滿感恩，雖然不能出席今次的聚會，但願藉此文章，跟太太說聲「辛苦妳，我愛妳！」……婚姻是需要包容和忍耐，身為教友及老公的我，很多時，都做得不足或不好，只因急躁性格有改良但未改好，但我會努力！

主，二十年來的風風雨雨走過了，我們的手牽得更緊，求你繼續賜給我力量，做醒我，好等我做好基督徒及老公這個職份；主，亦求你繼續保守及帶領我們，因我相信，我們的婚姻是按你的旨意行事，而我們夫妻的共融結合，就正如你的聖言提及：「骨中之骨，肉中之肉」一樣！……感謝天主。

- John (崔國昌)

交托和信靠 - 婚姻的支柱

- 洪瑋澤, 黃婉珊

「天主為愛祂的人所預備的，是眼所未見，耳所未聞，人心所未想到的。」(格前2:9)

十年前，我和丈夫的婚禮也是由這一句金句開始，記得由我們相識到步入婚姻的七個年頭，當中有很多爭拗和執著，但因為有愛，上主引領著我們一一走過。

回想當初進入了婚姻生活，彼此要面對轉變，要適應差異，要建立屬於彼此的家。但我倆並沒有放下執著，而是持續爭拗，好幾次，「離婚」二字已宣之於口，幸好彼此都沒有執行的決心。反之，上主在我倆身邊安排了不少天使，讓我倆記起婚姻中的許諾---- 學習凡事交托。於是，我倆多了祈禱，並在一次偶然的活動，參加了堂區的其中一個夫婦組。

在小組內，我倆多了分享，藉著組員間的互動和支持，彼此學習接納和包容，並有能力放下自己的執著及欣賞對方的付出，生活的分歧雖然存在，上主却讓我們在團體中發現更多的出路。

五年前，我們的家庭添了一位新成員，兒子的出現帶給我倆滿分的喜樂，同時也經歷萬分的痛苦。在他兩歲以前，每一天的生活猶如坐過山車一樣，但這既然是上主所預備的，祂也一直陪伴安慰我們。

猶記得婚前培育的課堂上，修女曾把婚姻生活比喻為梅瑟帶領以色列人離開埃及進入福地的經歷，她提醒我們在經歷婚姻的甜蜜後，便要面對四十年如在曠野的日子，當中要鍛煉自己的忍耐，學習交托和信靠，才能有能力攜手迎接猶如進入福地的喜樂時期。所以，交托和信靠也一直是我們生活的支柱，而「格前」這段聖經亦幫助我倆平安地過渡了一些傷痛的經歷。

走過十年，我倆深信：只要心中有愛，時刻仰望上主，一切都能放下。正如聖經所載：「天主所結合的，人不可拆散。」(谷10:9)，這個「人」也包括婚姻中的我倆。願這一次的分享，提醒我倆更懂得珍惜，並期待一起走過曠野，進入福地的日子。





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玫瑰月聖母像出遊



聖堂維修的籌劃

財務委員會—林偉明



「堂區是我家」不只是一句口號，是需要「家」的每一份子一起去建樹，感謝天主，我們堂區真能實踐這個精神。堂區自建堂至今，漏水問題不斷困擾，而每年的步行籌款亦必以此為目標，幸得教友們慷慨捐助，已籌得一定的儲備，終於可以開工大吉了，明年主保瞻禮後便可動工。不過工程頗為龐大，共分兩部份，第一部是外牆及天花的防漏工程，在此更要多謝一批專業的教友，他們為工程提供很實用的意見，以防水

漆取代鋁蓋，使工程費用節省不少；而第二部份是聖堂內的改善工程，如更換被白蟻蛀蝕的窗台、更換玻璃窗的氣鼓等...

今次工程的費用將由聖堂與幼稚園以二比一攤分，而這次工程約需維時半年，到時更需遷往明愛聖若瑟中學舉行主日聖祭，希望大家能明白維修對堂區的重要性，一起接受短暫的不便，並常為此祈禱，盼工程順利進行，維修後，我們的家更能穩固久安。

關愛生命之旅

- K.K.Wong

我們的出生，沒有選擇的自由；當生命要結束時，我們也沒有選擇的權利。我們只能夠選擇怎樣活在這個世上，直到生命結束時。德蘭修女在印度的街道上收留很多垂死的黎民，替他們洗澡更衣，就是希望這些人能夠死得有尊嚴。死亡對我們信眾是何等重要！天主已為了我們安排了天上的盛宴，那我們離開這個世界時，也可為自己安排一下，起碼是我們可作的選擇啊！

本堂的善別小組舉辦了這個深具意義的活動，使我們了解很多在身故之後，遇到的實際問題。當我知道有這活動後，我便立刻參加。在出發之前，先由明愛的三位社工向我們展示死後遇到的問題，和解決的方法。我發覺天主教徒真是有福，死前神父替我們赦罪，死後有堂區善別小組為我們服務，更可借用聖堂作守靈或出殯禮儀(本堂及部份聖堂可作安排)。如要土葬或許有天主教的墓地，火葬也有地方安放骨灰。除此外，每年的十一月，全世界天主教徒會為亡者祈禱。這樣貼心的服務，夫復何求！聽完這些令人興奮的話後，心裡的疑問已解決了一大半。雖然世間之物令人依依不捨，但我們總要離去返回父家。

當日我們出發，先到流浮山午膳食海鮮；享用了豐富的食物後，便驅車前往製造棺材的木廠。這個地方令我們都感到期待和興奮，我們很少這樣近距離接觸這些事物。當我們見到這麼多中西式的棺木放在一起，雖然心裡也有一些寒意，但大家都用手去摸摸碰碰，當有人從旁解釋時，大家都爭著問有關的問題：這些棺木和那些有甚麼不同？有梳化棺木，也有超過價值一百萬的棺材，大家都增廣見聞。

下一站是跑馬地墳場，我們分了三組，由導賞員帶領。我們首先唸信經，以加強我們對死後復活的信念。我們參觀了很多早期的神父修女們的墓地，他們很多都是在年輕時在香港患病而死的，他們用生命去見證天主的聖言是何等珍貴！這裡的墓穴有很多獨特的塑像，比其他的天主教的墳地美觀得多。最後，我們到長沙灣天主教墳場為已亡親友祈禱並結束這個活動。今天真是上了一堂很充實的人生課程！



聖誕節及新年禮儀時間表

聖誕節前夕彌撒
Midnight Mass

24/12 (星期一)
December 24 (Mon)

子夜12時正 (廣東話)
9:00PM (English)

聖誕節主日彌撒
Christmas Day Mass

25/12 (星期二)
December 25 (Tue)

三台彌撒按照主日彌撒時間
As per regular Sunday schedule

嬰兒領洗
Infant Baptism

十一時彌撒中進行
During the 11:00AM Mass

大除夕謝恩彌撒
New Year Eve-Mass

31/12 (星期一)
December 31 (Mon)

晚上九時正 (英語)
9:00PM (English)

天主之母節彌撒
Mother of God's Day Mass

1/1/2013 (星期二)
January 1, 2013 (Tue)

早上8時正 (廣東話)
9:30AM (English)

堂區旅行
Church Picnic

1/1/2013 (星期二)
January 1, 2013 (Tue)

早上9時半出發 (聖堂)
English Community Departure time: 11:00AM





SAINT THOMAS ENGLISH COMMUNITY

What is Christmas ?

shared by Michelle of the English community youth group



Ever wondered how automatically Christmas can make countless people happy? To younger kids ,happiness comes from the beautifully wrapped gifts from Santa Claus under the decorated and most probably PLAS

TIC Christmas tree

On the other hand, teenagers like myself, Christmas isn't anymore all about gifts nor pretty lights and it is fortunate how we, the youth group,were taught well in our earlier years because we know and understand the true miracles of Christmas .

Like our Mother Mary, is to this day a virgin but gave birth to the Son of God, miracle. God became a man, miracle. God did that to save us, miracle. Jesus was born in a barn in a cradle made out of hay, not a miracle

more of a shock. These are the miracles that make my Christmas Day the best day in the whole year!

Christmas is when mothers are preparing the home for guests, kids guessing the toys hidden underneath the wrap, fathers wishing relatives living overseas a very Merry Christmas. Though the family seems separated during the day but by the sun goes down, the whole family joins old friends and family for one big delicious dinner, just enjoying each others company. That's what I think is a merry Christmas.



shared by Catechism Group

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, everywhere you go.." Look around you now: households are starting to put up Christmas trees, malls are starting to decorate with extravagant Christmas decorations and hold Christmas sales. It really is starting to look a whole lot like Christmas! Everyone seems to be getting themselves ready for Christmas. But wait a minute, is this all really necessary? Is this the right way to prepare it?

For us Catholics, the very reason why we celebrate Christmas is not because of the parties, the food or the

gifts - but because of Christ's birth. With this in mind, we need to get ourselves totally ready for our Saviour's birth. How do we do that? We prepare our souls in order to worthy to receive Christ! Just like how we try to make a good impression on visitors at home by cleaning the house ahead of time, we need to do the same for our souls for our Lord's birth. We need to cleanse them - and that is where Advent comes into the picture. Advent is a period of time that is very much just like Lent and should be a time where we pray more, fast and do good deeds.

Therefore, go easy on the decorations and the Christmas shopping! Yes, it may be fun and exciting - but let's face it, God doesn't really want that! He expects us to be spiritually ready for Him. So, let us go and ready ourselves for the coming of God, for without His birth, Christmas would not be here at all and so would we.



A Christmas Message

As we enter into the last few days of our preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, we have the opportunity to provide ourselves the time to sit quietly with God, and put aside all the distractions. We live in the anticipation of Jesus, being born in our hearts and in our world.

We should cleanse our hearts and minds, so that love may easily enter into our hearts. Love one another as

God loves us, that He gave His only son Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

May our hearts, our home, our community be filled with LOVE, JOY, PEACE, UNITY and HARMONY this Christmas. May it remain in us throughout the year as we continue our faith and journey in the glory of God.

Merry Christmas !

shared by Readers Ministry

John 3:16

shared by Elim

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

May the true meaning of Love as Christ gave each one of us be in all our hearts. May this love heal and restore all brokenness and unforgiveness and may this be shared throughout the year.

A Blessed Christmas to one and all !!!!





A Christmas Message

shared by Music Ministry

In this Christmas season,

May we remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the songs of the angels the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

And may the spirit of love and God's presence will be in our hearts not just on this wonderful holiday but throughout the year.

Wishing you all the peace, joy, & love of the season.

Merry Christmas!



WHAT IS CHRISTMAS

Shared by Collector's Ministry

Christmas is not only for giving and receiving valued gifts. Decorating Christmas Trees, Lanterns or Christmas Lights or preparing many food for the Noche Buena. We believed that the spirit of Christmas is in our heart. As we celebrate this season (The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ) May the love of our heart filled with Joy and gratefulness with and without our family in our side.

On behalf of our Ministry (The Collectors), we would like to Greet everyone a Happy Yuletide Season. May we have a Joyful and meaningful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Merry Christmas and God Bless us All !!!



Shared by Eucharistic Ministry

Season of Christmas marks a new Beginning, Love and Joy.

As the birth of Jesus Christ, it gives mankind fresh start.

The LOVE that gave to us is immeasurable no boundaries. It's within us on how to accept and respond his gift to us.

Christmas time is the perfect time to show how thankful we are for all the blessing and grace that we received. We can share it in many ways to our family, friends and anyone who needs our help.

Merry Christmas and God Bless us all.



We the Legionaries, declared our entire dependence to the Mother of our soul, Virgin Mary. Our group promised a faithful service and submitted fully disciplinary actions, which bind and shapes us to an army to the Virgin Mother of God. We rendered our service as part of our task in any particular group or institution in this community. To mention some, is the Home of Love in Sham Shui Po, which we are cooking and serving food to our brothers and sisters being assisted by the missionaries from different countries and the Handicapped which we gave extra smile and happiness to the less fortunate one.

We are two groups with different souls bonded as one. We deeply know in our hearts that it was God who brought us together to become an army of his mother. That is how pure our love and dedication is. Truly we have to overcome difficulties in our path as part of our human life. But the essence, the purity and the sacred is always there.

On this coming Christmas and New Year celebration, we the Legionaries wishing us all to have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

May God Bless Us All!

shared by Legion of Mary



shared by the Acolytes

Advent - a Time of Preparation

The word advent is from the latin "Adventus" for "Coming" and is associated with the 4 weeks of preparation for Christmas. It is a time of preparation, waiting and hope of the coming of Christ. Advent always nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle November 30 and continuing until December 24.

It blends a penitential spirit very similar to lent a liturgical preparation for the second coming and the final coming of the Lord and a joyful theme of getting ready for the Bethlehem event. Among the customs of advent, the wreath is probably the most important. Lighting the advent candles each day with a prayer can prepare your household for Christmas. For children, an advent calendar marking off the days before Christmas can be an aid for the living the season generous giving is worth recalling especially for children.

Let us remember that Christmas is a time of gift giving and also the birth of Jesus our redeemer and saviour.

Merry Christmas to All !