

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN
& MASS SCHEDULE

13 AUGUST 2017
TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

SUN 13 Aug	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class, green</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10:00 – Sung Mass
MON 14 Aug	Vigil of the Assumption <i>2nd Class, violet</i>	18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
TUE 15 Aug	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>1st Class, white</i> <i>Holy Day of Obligation in Singapore</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Low Mass
WED 16 Aug	St. Joachim <i>Father of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <i>2nd Class, white</i>	11.30 – Low Mass 18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
THU 17 Aug	Saint Hyacinth <i>Confessor</i> <i>3rd Class, white</i>	18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Low Mass
 FRI 18 Aug	Ferial day <i>4th Class, green</i> <i>St. Agapitus, Mart. (comm.)</i>	18.20 – Stations of the Cross 19.00 – Low Mass
SAT 19 Aug	Saint John Eudes <i>Confessor</i> <i>3rd Class, white</i>	11.30 – Low Mass
SUN 20 Aug	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class, green</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10:00 – Sung Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read the thank-you letter sent by the Dominican sisters which is on the white board at the chapel entrance.

Today. Sale of books from the Militia Immaculatae after the 10 am Mass.

Thursday 24 August. Confirmation ceremony by Bp Fellay at 18.30.

Give your name to Fr. Loschi asap if you wish to receive the sacrament, with baptism certificate (if from another parish), sponsor's name, and your address and date and place of birth.

Names to-date - Catechism class students: Ethan Lim, Mildred Severino, Justin Phua, Joseph Sumantri. **Adults:** Jane (cond.), Belinda (cond.), Jasmin (cond.), Elizabeth, Geraldine, Cynthia (cond.), Gabriela.

1 to 3 September. Marian recollection preached by Fr. Stehlin.



**Rosary Crusade: don't forget to place your tokens in the box.
The Crusade ends on 22 August.**

Confessions: 30 min before Sunday Masses; on demand every day.

Children's Catechism on Saturday:

Older Group (13-18 years)
14:45-15:30

First Communion 14:45-15:30

Post First Communion 15:30-16:15

First Communion Catechism. Those young or not so young who need to be instructed in preparation for their first Holy Communion are to contact Mrs. Eiko Sumantri for registration.

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“LET THE ONE WHO STANDS BE CAREFUL LEST HE FALL” (1 COR. 10.12)

The other day I was having a look at the new releases at the Kinokuniya bookstore in the Catholic section when my attention was caught by an autobiography that sounded edifying. I bought the book and immediately started reading it.

This is the story of a young lady who was born in a High Church of England aristocratic family from Britain.

Her father was the manager of the Indian coal mines in Calcutta in the 1920s. When the family had to return to England after the father resigned from his position, life became rather tough as he had lost his status and wealth.

A Godsend legacy from the grandfather turned them into millionaires overnight. They bought the Sibton Park estate in Kent and lived a Downtown-Abbey-like lifestyle.

In 1931 Shirley, the last daughter, came into this privileged world. She is the one who wrote the book.

During WWII, all the servants of the family had to leave the domain in order to serve the country, even the cook.

Shirley and her mother were all the members that were left from the household as her three older sisters had married. Both mother and daughter had to meet the daunting challenge of cooking meals, something they had never done before.

After weeks of trials and their tastes buds having got beyond their tolerance level, the mother took the radical step of sending her daughter to a cooking school.

The school was held by Catholic sisters from the Mary Ward congregation. The piety and kindness of the sisters touched Shirley and she became a Catholic when she was 19 years old. Her Mother wasn't over enthusiastic about the news, but did not try to hinder her daughter's choice.

Then Shirley started being courted by a fine young man who proposed to her. The marriage was agreed by both families. At 21, a short time before the wedding, Shirley wrote to her husband-to-be a letter in which she sought his advice regarding some chairs she wanted to buy at an auction for their future dinner table.

While writing about the chairs, from the pen suddenly came out these words: “But there seems no point now as I am to be a nun.”

She was flabbergasted at what she had just written and remained a few minutes in a state of dismay. It was completely unexpected. At no point in her life had she ever considered the possibility of becoming a nun.

After a time of reflection, she realised God was truly calling her. She accepted Jesus' invitation and sent the letter to her fiancé without finishing it. She said about this experience: “It was a terrible shock but I immediately knew it was true. I was wild with fury. It was the end of my life, my dreams, everything. I was going to have 10 children and a lovely life! But I never considered saying no. I couldn't have lived with myself.”

Needless to say the letter had a rather explosive effect; everyone was in a state of disbelief after knowing about Shirley's decision. Surprisingly enough, the one who took it better than the others was the fiancé who understood that he couldn't compete with God. Despite his grief, he even made a point of accompanying Shirley to the convent and bade her farewell at the convent door.

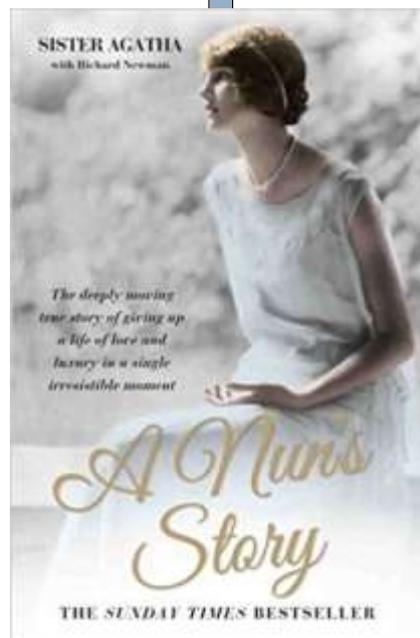
Shirley became sister Agatha in 1954 and led the life of a fervent religious until the storm broke down in 1962. A storm called Vatican II. The old rules, the habit, the Mass,... everything had to go. When all her fellow sisters got rid of their habit, she held on to it for 20 more years but eventually accepted all the changes of the Council among which are ecumenism and a more worldly way of life.

After turning the last page of the book, I thought to myself: this is absolutely empty. There is nothing in it that could feed the soul. What a terrible waste of a life for Shirley after receiving such a dramatic calling when she was young!

How many genuine vocations have been destroyed by Vatican II and its spirit! These nuns do not even realise what they have lost. Doesn't sister Agatha call herself a traditionalist when hardly anything in her lifestyle is nun-like?

How easy it is to slip away from the right path when one is not vigilant! A good start is not enough for a life to be pleasing to God, it must have a good ending.

Father Fabrice Loschi



Sibton Park - Shirley Leach gave up a life of luxury and love in order to become a nun