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## Overcoming Evil

*Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” - Romans 12:21*

“Watchman Nee, a Chinese evangelist, tells of a Christian he once knew in China. He was a rice farmer, and his fields lay high on a mountain. Every day he pumped water into the paddies of new rice. And every morning he returned to find that an unbelieving neighbor who lived down the hill had opened the dikes surrounding the Christian’s field to let the water fill his own. For a while the Christian ignored the injustice, but at last he became desperate. What should he do? His own rice would die if this continued. How long could it go on? The Christians met, prayed, and came up with this solution. The next day the Christian farmer rose early in the morning and first filled his neighbor’s fields; then he attended to his own. Watchman Nee tells how the neighbor became a Christian, his unbelief overcome by a genuine demonstration of a Christian’s love for others.” (Sermon Central)

Both the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and the Gospel talk about the Devil, the Evil One. We do not like to talk or dwell on the topic of the Devil because it disturbs us, it scares us. But there is evil all around us - Wickedness, Cruelty, and Deception. When we read of some horrific event, we ask ourselves - How can such evil exist? How can people be so evil?

There is also evil tempting us - inducing us to make the wrong choices. Small things here and there, and we do not realise that we are in a downward spiral and into darkness. We are then in a place where there is no joy, no peace and no hope.

But to overcome evil, I need “good”. The “Good “is Jesus himself. I need the Light of the World to dispel the darkness. I want to be with the Good Shepherd who will guide me, protect me and save me: *“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me”.* (Psalm 23)

But to overcome evil, I need to be good myself. This is a challenge because I will need to be humble, patient and courageous. I thought as to how I can apply this at work. I do not seem to be able to ‘win’ at work. I have rather selfish colleagues and an unfair boss. So all the hard work that I put in is not recognised, because my good is never good enough. But I am trying to overcome this intolerable situation at work by being good. I still respond positively. I still help and share. It is hard work, but I call on the power of the Holy Spirit to keep me going. Evil will not win. Good will overcome Evil because I believe in Jesus the Christ!

### Reflection by Ros

# Novena notes



10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Year B  
 10 June 2018

## Readings & Responses for the Week

Sun, 10 June	Gen 3:9-15; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mk 3:20-35 With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
Mon, 11 June St. Barnabas, Apostle	Ac 11:21-26;13:1-3; Mt 10:7-13 The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.
Tue, 12 June	1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16 Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.
Wed, 13 June St. Anthony of Padua	1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5: 17-19 Save me, Lord, I take refuge in you.
Thu, 14 June	1 Kgs 18:41-46; Mt 5:20-26 To you our praise is due in Zion, O God.
Fri, 15 June Hari Raya Puasa (Public Holiday)	1 Kgs 19:9,11-16; Mt 5:27-32 It is your face, O Lord, that I seek.
Sat, 16 June	1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37 You are my inheritance, O Lord.

WEEKDAY MASS (MON - FRI)  
 Time: 6.30am, 12.15pm, 6.30pm  
 Confession: Half an hour before Mass

SUNSET MASS (SAT)  
 Time: 6.30pm

SUNDAY MASS  
 Time: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 5.30pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
 Time: 8am, 6.30pm

SATURDAY MORNING MASS  
 Time: 7am

SATURDAY NOVENA DEVOTION  
 English: 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 1pm, 4pm, 5.30pm  
 Mandarin: 2.30pm  
 Confession: After every Novena Service except after the 11am service.

DAYS OF OBLIGATION  
 Time: 7pm (Eve of Day of Obligation)  
 6.30am, 12.15pm, 7pm

# Novena notes

## Hari Raya Puasa, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Please take note there will be **NO** lunch time Mass on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Tuesday. Masses will be at 8am and 6.30pm.

## St Alphonsus Liguori Bookroom

The bookroom will be closed from 19<sup>th</sup> June to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 for stock taking. We will reopen on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018.

## No Eating and Drinking inside the Church, please.



## DAWN Skill Development Programme for foreign domestic workers

Registration is open for courses on Baking, Cooking, Cake Decoration, Sewing and Handicraft from July 2018 till December 2018.

The 2nd Batch 2018 Care-giving Course is scheduled to begin on Sunday 15 July 2018.

Classes will be conducted on 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month.

Dates : 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

Time : 10 am to 2 pm  
Venue: DAWN,  
Good Shepherd Place,  
9, Lorong 8, Toa Payoh,  
Singapore 319253.

Contact: 96702880 (Suzeth) or  
82333728 (Sr. Barbara)

## Confessionals For The Elderly And Wheelchair Bound

Two Confessionals are now available for the elderly and wheelchair bound. These are located on the left side of the Reconciliation Chapel. These are also available for all penitents, but PRIORITY is to be given to the elderly and those in wheelchairs.



## Donations for our new pews

The pews give us the place to sit in silence, pray and worship. Your gift would be etched on a plaque affixed to the side of the pews.

Brochures can be obtained from the Reception Office.

## Safety Checks

For our peace of mind and the safety of all, our Ministers of Hospitality will be carrying out a simple check of bags and bulky items being brought into the Church.

Please give them your full cooperation. Thank you.

## Safety and Security in the Church

When the Church is full, please do not enter. For safety and security no standing along the aisles on Sundays and Days of Obligations. Thank you.

## Maintenance of the new church

Now that our building fund target has been met, all further donations will go towards our Church Maintenance Fund.

You can donate by cheque. You can now also donate via GIRO.

Kindly issue your cheque payable to:

## Redemptorist Fathers Maintenance Fund.

Those who wish to donate via GIRO, please obtain the GIRO Form from the Reception desk.

Our credit card machine can now accept donations to the Maintenance Fund via Pay Wave.

Thank you very much for your generous support.

## RCIA Chinese Programme

We are starting our new Chinese RCIA Programme on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018 every Saturday from 3.15pm to 5.15pm. The application form can be obtained at the Church Office or you can download from [www.novenachurch.com](http://www.novenachurch.com)