



Grapevine

A word from the editorial team,

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In a blink of an eye, December is almost mid-way through and we eagerly await the coming of our Lord on Christmas Day. In the midst of the typical end-of-year bustle, as we buy our Christmas presents and send out cards of well wishes, let us stop to reflect on the true meaning of Advent.

It has been said many times before, how easy it is to lose sight of what's important in this important season. We get so caught up with the lights and noises, that we forget to quieten down, look deep within ourselves and just watch and wait for the Lord to come into our midst.

During our recent CMG Garden Retreat 2010, several members gathered at Aloha Changi Seafront Resort from 10–12 December to seek the Lord's presence as a community in the natural surroundings of a beautiful beach-front.

During the recollections, members reflected and shared on things for which they were grateful to the Lord in the past year. We learned about the prayer of consideration, which taught us how to raise our minds and hearts to the Lord in simple everyday thoughts, worries and joys. We also explored deep within ourselves for the courage to truly accept God's love and acceptance of us, and to show the same love and acceptance of others.

As a fitting end to the retreat, Fr Colin Tan celebrated a mass as the sunset broke over the sea. This was followed by a rowdy BBQ dinner in the twilight with friends and guitar tunes aplenty.

Till next year ... Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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† Upcoming Events:

1. 2010 Christmas Carolling

- Time: 7pm, 23rd December
- Venue: 482-A East Coast Road

Spread the Christmas cheer! Join us for our annual Carolling at Dr John Lee's place! =)

† Regular Events:

1. BYOB (Bring your own Bible)

- Dates: 6, 13, 20th January 2011
- Time: 7.15pm
- Venue: CANA, Level 2
Catholic Welfare Bldg
55 Waterloo St

Join us for our weekly BYOB sharing and fellowship!

2. CMG Monthly Mass

There will be no monthly mass for December in view of our December retreat and Christmas carolling. We hope to see you at the next one in January!

3. Outram Campus Weekly Mass

- Date: Every Wednesday
Resumes 5th Jan 2011
- Time: 12.15pm
- Venue: Hall, Level 1

Medical Alumni Assoc'n
(Junction of College Rd & Outram Rd)
More details [here](#)

† What's New on Doctor's Blog:

- “A Medical Christmas Carol”
Enjoy this medical twist to an original Christmas poem!

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