



Grapevine

A word from the Editor,

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Happy new year to all our readers!

This time of the year always makes me very excited and happy – there's just so many holidays lining this period, it makes me positively bouncing with energy! First up, let's recap on the year 2013 gone by: our regular pillars of BYOB, website and Grapevine have been churning steadily on; in addition, we've had our HO welcome mass, residency forum and AGM; not to mention our annual retreat, and our Heart Issues : Hard Decisions public forum in April. And we ended off the year with Mission Srolanh.

This 2014, we bring you all of these – and more! Keep a lookout in your emails for the confirmed timing and venue locations of our events as these dates arrive in your calender!

Speaking of dates, the lunar new year is just around the corner! Other than a good respite from work (if you're not on call, that is), ever thought about the meaning and symbolism behind the many aspects of our Chinese New Year traditions? Our churches join in the festivities with CNY Mass services, with red vestments, distribution of mandarin oranges, and the sale of new year goodies and red packets.

So here's the Grapevine team wishing all you readers out there a very blessed Chinese New Year, and a fruitful 2014!

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Annual Christmas Carolling - Dec '13

CMS and CMG carollers gather at Dr John Lee's house every December, and true to tradition, some things never change. =) Carollers across all ages descended upon their abode on 26th December 2013, and even though Christmas Day was past, the gathering of happy people showed that the Christmas spirit was definitely still up in the air!



Family and friends were serenaded with the melodious tunes of familiar carols from "Angels we have heard on high", to perennial favourites of "Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer".



And as the songs tuned off into the evening, everyone sat down and caught up with each other over turkey, ham, pasta and more food!

Looking around at the happy faces and lively chatter, its no wonder that seniors and juniors return every year! Missed out on this year's carolling? Hope to see you next year then! =)



Mission Srolanh Dec '13

- A Photo Gallery



† **What's New on Doctor's Blog:**

▪ **“Caroling Reflections of an Expired ‘M’... ”**

Advent and Christmas is just over, but the echos of the carols are still in the air! Join our regular writer as he reflects on the years of Christmas carols gone by...

[Full article](#)

▪ **“God Loves You.”**

We open the new year with a guest article piece from one of our M5 students, Elizabeth.

A reminder that God works in little ways in our lives everyday, if only we stop and watch for him...

[Full article](#)



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† **Upcoming Events:**

1. Personal Moral Compass Course: Navigating Ethical Ambiguity

- Date: Starting 4th Feb – end 2013
 - Venue: CANA, The Catholic Centre
- A one-year long course in moral theology - split into 6 modules, this is for all Catholics interested in formation in foundations in Ethics and Moral Theology!

More details, please refer [here](#) at the Caritas Singapore website.

† **Regular Events:**

1. Regular Two-monthly Mass

- Date: 20th Feb 2014 (Thursday)
- Time: 7pm
- Venue: CANA, The Catholic Centre
55 Waterloo St #02-02,
Singapore 187 954

Our regular 2-monthly Mass resumes in 2014! Join us as we celebrate Mass at end February!

2. BYOB (Bring your own Bible)

- Time: 6th, 13th, 20th Feb 2014
6th, 13th, 20th Mar 2014
7.30pm – 9pm
- Venue: CANA, The Catholic Centre
55 Waterloo St #02-02,
Singapore 187 954

Join us for our weekly BYOB sharing and fellowship, held on every Thursday!

