

Date: Sunday, 23 Aug '15, Time: 2.15pm Meeting place: St Teresa's Church Canteen. Registration is required. Please call 63384080 or email to canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com.

**1) YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT OF DISCUSSION** – Creed on the Street (COTS 4). The purpose of the Creed On The Street (COTS) event is to invite young adults to join in a conversation with each other, to lend perspective of their faith on social issues. 14 Aug '15; 7:30pm - 9:30pm; St Magdalene Room, Level 3, Catholic Centre at 55 Waterloo Street; Topic: "Exploitation of the Earth - a Cause of Human Suffering"

**2) YOUNG ADULTS AWARENESS EVENT 2015** – Theme: 'The Island of Mercy in a sea of indifference' An invitation to young adults to join this journey of awareness and reflection on how they can live out their social mission in our society today. There will be talks, spiritual input, reflections and sharings on what Caritas Singapore and the various charity organisations are doing to help those in need and how young adults can be a part of it. 5 Sep (Sat), 9.00am -

5.00pm, Agape Village. 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh. *For more information and registration for the above events, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: [www.caritas-singapore.org](http://www.caritas-singapore.org) or email to [youngadults@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:youngadults@caritas-singapore.org)*

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC)** For couples intending to get married, the commencement date for the 4th Quarter is on 4 Oct '15. Allocation of places is on a first-come-first-served basis. Application forms can be downloaded from our website @ [www.catholic.org.sg/mpc](http://www.catholic.org.sg/mpc). Please refer to our website for further details. For any enquiries, please contact: Peter & Rita @ 93673411 or email [MPCSingapore@gmail.com](mailto:MPCSingapore@gmail.com)

**STRESSED? ANXIOUS? WORRIED? DEPRESSED? FEARFUL? ANGRY?** CLARITY can help you. CLARITY (a member of CARITAS Singapore) provides professional counselling for distressed Catholics. Call: 9710 3733; Email: [ask@clarity-singapore.org](mailto:ask@clarity-singapore.org); Website: [www.clarity-singapore.org](http://www.clarity-singapore.org)

Sunset Mass 5.30pm  
Rosary 4.40pm (Saturday)  
Sunday Masses  
8.30am (Mandarin)  
11.00am (English)  
2.00pm (Cantonese) Chapel, 3rd Floor  
4.20pm (English)  
Weekday Masses  
7.20am  
5.30pm  
Intercessory Prayer  
7.15pm (Eng, Thu, Adoration Chapel)

Infant Jesus Devotions  
5.30pm (Thu, followed by Mass)  
4.00pm (Sun, followed by Mass)  
Divine Mercy Devotions  
Sun, 12.30pm (Mandarin)  
Sion Adorers - Holy Hour  
7.45pm - 8.45pm (Sat, Adoration Chapel)  
Hour of Mercy (Adoration Chapel)  
3.00pm (Daily)  
Counselling @ SPP  
Every Monday 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Please call SPP Church Secretariat 6337 2585 for appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm-5.20pm on weekdays in Rm 1. On weekends, it will be available in the makeshift confessional/back of the tentage 30 mins before each weekend mass.

Parish Priest: Rev Fr JOHN CHUA OCD (email: [hkchuajohn@yahoo.com](mailto:hkchuajohn@yahoo.com)), Asst Parish Priest: Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, Priests in Residence: Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD, Rev Fr GREGORY HON, OCD, Rev Fr JOSEPH KOH, OCD and Fr Jeffrey Tan, OCD, General-Delegate: Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, Parish Secretary: Ms Martha Loh, Parish Clerk: Ms Jannie Lui, Liturgical Co-ordinator: Alex Wong, [alexdominic@gmail.com](mailto:alexdominic@gmail.com)

Church Donations - Please make your cheque payable to:  
(i) Church Of Sts Peter & Paul - for contributions /donations for on-going maintenance of our Church or parish projects and Mass offerings; (ii) Church Of SPP Building Fund - for contributions/donations to our Church building fund; (iii) Carmelite Fathers for contributions/donations to the Carmelite Friars (SPP), OCD Missions, Frairs Formation. (iv) Soc of St Vincent de Paul (Conf St Peter) - for donations to the Society of St Vincent de Paul for the poor and needy.

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**READINGS:** Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 204 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 207  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Taste and see that the Lord is good.**  
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 10 August - SAT 15 August 2015  
**MON:** 2 Cor 9:6-10, Jn 12:24-26 **TUE:** Dt 31:1-8, Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 **WED:** Dt 34:1-12, Mt 18:15-20 **THU:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17, Mt 18:21-19:1 **FRI:** Jos 24:1-13, Mt 19:3-12  
**SAT:** Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Vigil Mass

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### The Lectionary for Mass

**First Reading:** Mother Theresa is said to have remarked that God would never give her more than she could handle. But she added, "I only wish he didn't trust me so much!" When Elijah felt like that, ready to lie down and die, God sent an angel to wake him up and give him food to strengthen him. This might remind us of the warning "My child, when you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for trials." (Sirach 2:1) The only consolation, known by all who serve until the end, is that God will be with us.

**Responsorial Psalm 34:** What a change of mood, from the ordeal of serving God to "Let my soul glory in the Lord," Saints and holy people across the ages seem to agree: to the extent that we recognize and accept our own incapacity, we recognize and experience God working through us. That is not to deny our abilities, but rather to offer all that we are, and are not so that God can work in and through us.

**Second Reading:** How often have we considered the effects of our Baptism? Paul wants us to understand that Baptism has a profound effect on us. As baptized, we have become Christ's own so profoundly that Christ's Spirit lives in us, luring us towards all that we can become through sharing life

with Christ. We cannot control the Spirit, but we are free to choose how much we wish to be open to God's constant offer of grace.

**Gospel:** Throughout John's Gospel, we encounter superficial understandings of Jesus' teaching. The people hearing Jesus in today's story held such a high opinion of their knowledge of Jesus' background that they blinded themselves to him and his message. They who refused to accept the living bread stand as a warning to us about the devastating effects of lower expectations.

### Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 15 August 2015

#### The Lectionary for Mass

**First Reading:** John wrote this fantastic, symbolic description of the woman giving birth in the face of overwhelming danger to comfort his persecuted people. God had raised Christ up; their future in God was secure, no matter what the appearances.

**Responsorial Psalm 45:** Today's psalm reminds us of Mary's unique position in the history of humanity. Though she never dressed as a queen, she is the one to whom the Angel declared, "You have found favour with God."

**Second Reading:** Paul reminds us that Christ was the "firstfruits" of the Resurrection.

Depictions of the death or “dormition” of Mary show Christ at her bedside, receiving and carrying her into eternal life. The doctrine of the Assumption assures us of the ultimate goodness of the flesh and the promise of our own resurrection in body and soul.

**Gospel:** Mary’s Magnificat glorifies God for all the blessings she has received. She sees God’s grace as the origin and destiny of all of history, even though she had to have an inkling of the hard times that would come in between. The Church has chosen her prayer as our prayer each evening. Let us give thanks with her always.

### Some Saints of the week

#### St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr – 10 August 2015

St. Lawrence (258), one of the seven deacons of the Roman Church, fell victim to the anti-Christian persecutions launched by Emperor Valerian. Although little is known about the events leading up to his death, legend claims that he was martyred by being roasted on a gridiron. However, most historians believe he was beheaded several days after Pope Sixtus II was. According to tradition, his death brought an end to idolatry and led to the conversion of Rome. His life has been the subject of many artistic masterpieces, including the paintings of Fra Angelico.

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### PARISH NEWS

#### MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Mass dedicated to the souls of the faithful departed whose remains are placed in the columbarium in our church, and for their family members is celebrated on Mon 17 August ‘15 at 7.20am and 5.30pm.

**INFANT BAPTISM** The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Sat 22 Aug ‘15 at 2.30pm in the Chapel (3rd Storey, Parish Building). Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session to

#### St. Clare, Virgin – 11 August 2015

Inspired by the Lenten sermons of her close friend St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare of Assisi (1193/4 – 1253) renounced her wealth to found the Poor Clares, or Minorettes, a community of nuns devoted to a simple, austere life of prayer. She is the patron saint of television, due to a vision she had while lying sick in bed on Christmas Eve, in which she saw the crib and heard the singing just as if she were present in the church. In art, she is often depicted holding a monstrance because she protected Assisi from attackers with the Blessed Sacrament. Her sister, St. Agnes, eventually joined the Poor Clares.

#### St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr – 14 August 2015

Polish-born Maximilian was a Franciscan friar whose devotion to Mary continues to affect the Church today. He established the Militia of the Immaculata, a Marian apostolate that uses prayer as its main weapon in spiritual battles. His extensive writing on Mary’s role as mediatrix and advocate influenced the Second Vatican Council. He was eventually arrested and sent to Auschwitz. He volunteered to die in place of another prisoner and was put in the starvation bunker. Still alive two weeks later, Maximilian was injected with a lethal dose of carbolic acid, dying with a radiant, calm look upon his face.

be conducted by the Priest at 2.30pm before the baptism. Application Forms for Infant Baptism can be obtained from the Parish Office. The Forms must be submitted by Saturday 15 Aug ‘15.

**SPP CATECHIST RECRUITMENT** - We are looking for 8 Primary and 4 Secondary Catechists to assist with the faith formation and development of the children and teenagers at SPP. No prior experience is needed. Guidance and training will be provided. Please call/SMS Jeremy at 96843475 or Alycia at 91773461 for more information.

**3-DAYS SANTA CRUZ PILGRIMAGE** - We are organising a three-day pilgrimage to Santa Cruz Chapel in Malacca from Fri/Sun 4 - 6 Sep ‘15 in aid of the Restoration and Conservation project of our Church of Sts. Peter & Paul. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at Sts Peter & Paul Secretariat Office.

**RAFFLE FUNDRAISING FOR CARMELITE FRIARS FORMATION** – Raffle Tickets “In the footsteps of St Teresa of Avila” Draw will be held on Sunday, 16 Aug ‘15 at 5.30pm in our church. Raffle Prizes are 3 Full Expenses Paid 15 Days Carmelite Spain Pilgrimages to be won. The ticket stubs and money for the sold tickets and all unsold tickets should be returned to our church by mid-July, the latest. For enquiries, please contact Alice Chua at 98465646. Thank you for your generous support.

**15 DAYS 12 NIGHTS PILGRIMAGE** to St Teresa’s Carmelite in Spain from 3 - 17 Oct ‘15 to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Birth of St Teresa of Avila. Spiritual Director is Fr Kenneth Gopal, OCD. If you are interested, please pick up a registration form from Parish Office. For more information, please contact Lawrence Seet at Hp: 97992488.

**CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL BUILDING FUND** – An estimate of 30% of items in the church conservation project is deemed strictly as “conservation works” and we have already raised \$2,986,565/- from the account “PMF - Church of Sts Peter and Paul”. The figure above is sufficient to cover 30% of items being conserved; raising more than 30% through this account (PMF- Church of Sts Peter & Paul) means that the balance will have to remain in this account until another conservation project has been initiated. Further, the funds raised through the above account cannot be used for maintenance other than conservation works. As such, we have ceased to accept tax exemption donations for the restoration of our church. However, we hope that you will

continue to donate generously to our Building Fund for many other maintenance works. From now onwards, crossed cheques should be made payable to: Church of SPP Building Fund. Donor may provide his/her name, address and contact phone no. Thank you for your generous donations and support.

**DAILY PRAYER** - Our SPP Church prays the Lauds led by the Carmelite Friars every weekday at 7.00am before the 7.20am Mass.

### NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

**A SPIRITUALITY FOR THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE** - Part 2: Life After Midlife Transition. Dates: Aug 14, Friday (8.00pm) - Aug 16, Sunday (1.00pm) Venue: Montfort Centre, Upper Bukit Timah Description: This is a continuation on Part 1 - Midlife Transition, and will primarily focus on living out the fruits of the midlife transition. [Participants will benefit more if he/she has participated in any midlife program. If not, please call the Cenacle Sisters and they will arrange for supplementary session.) Tel: 6565-2895; 9722-3148; Email: cenaclesing@gmail.com

**CLARITY PUBLICITY FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION TALK: UNDERSTANDING GAMBLING ADDICTIONS** - Date: 15 Aug ‘15, Saturday Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm (registration begins 9.30am,) Venue: Multi Purpose Hall 1, Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh Singapore 319264. Fees payable: \$10 (light refreshments and goodie bags will be given) Speaker: Dr Christopher Cheok, Vice-Chairman National Addictions Management Service, IMH. To register, please call 67577990 / 97103733 or email: registration@clarity-singapore.org.NOTE: Photographs taken at this event may be used for publicity purposes.

**PILGRIMAGE IN MY BACKYARD (PIMBY)** - If you missed previous runs of PIMBY KAMPONG BAHRU, here’s your chance to explore St Teresa’s Church and her surroundings. Find out about our church’s history, Carmelite Convent and nearby Catholic schools.