

A WEEKEND RETREAT for Catholic working adults (facilitated by Kingsmead Centre for Ignatian Spirituality and Counselling) Praise@Work will be organizing a weekend retreat for Catholic working adults from Sat, 21 November 8.45am to Sun, 22 November 4.30pm at the FMM House of Prayer and Formation at Holland Road. With the theme 'Whose Am I?', the retreat reflects on this question to examine this longing in us and how it affects our lives. Individual spiritual direction (one-to-one) will be available during the retreat to explore where God is in our lives and how He may be speaking to us. Participants need only pay \$70, inclusive of overnight accommodation and meals. Please register at praiseatwork.wordpress.com. For queries, please contact Ms Abigail Arabit at praiseatworksg@yahoo.com or 9018 7914.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC) For couples intending to get married. 1st Quarter Course Starts: 14 Feb '16 Allocation of places is on a first-come-first-served basis

Application forms obtainable in church office or our website @ www.catholic.org.sg/mpc. Enquiries: Peter+Rita @ 93673411 or email: mpcsingapore@gmail.com

CHARIS MISSION TRIP - Join us in building houses for Typhoon Haiyan survivors in the Philippines. From 29 Nov – 5 Dec, \$550 per pax. T&C apply. Limited spaces on a first come first served basis. For more information, contact Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives Singapore (CHARIS), Lilynne at lilynne@charis-singapore.org or Tel: 6337-4119. Website www.charis-singapore.org

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; Website: 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), 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

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 246 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 249
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 26 October - SAT 31 October 2015
MON: ROM 8:12-17, LK 13:10-17 **TUE:** ROM 8:18-25, LK 13:18-21 **WED:** EPH 2:19-22, LK 6:12-16 **THU:** ROM 8:31B-39, LK 13:31-35 **FRI:** ROM 9:1-5, LK 14:1-6 **SAT:** ROM 11:1-2A, 11-12, 25-29, LK 14:1, 7-11

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25 October 2015

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Addressed to a people in exile, refugees scattered “to the ends of the world”, Jeremiah underlines the great contrast between the weakness of the people and God’s strength and faithfulness. Their restoration has nothing to do with their merit and everything to do with God’s great love. Jeremiah offers us an image of God as a consoler, a shepherd who leads the people to refreshing streams, a road-building Father who is careful to see that no one stumbles along the way.

Responsorial Psalm 126: This psalm reflects both the remembrance of God’s saving actions and the hope that the same will happen in the future.

Second Reading: Hebrews indicates that Melchizedek ranked over Abraham, and because no one knew his ancestry, his priesthood was forever (7:3). The point the author makes over and again

is that Christ’s priesthood is superior to any other; it is eternal and it is God the Father who has given him his glory.

Gospel: Bartimaeus hears that Jesus is nearby and begins to call to him for help. By using the title “Son of David”, he acknowledges Jesus as the successor to Israel’s most important king. Although the crowds attempted to silence him, Bartimaeus’ hope in Jesus proved more powerful than their objections. The very people who tried to suppress his shouts were sent to tell him to take courage because Jesus was calling him. Bartimaeus modeled the faith that the disciples had been failing to attain. Asking for healing rather than money, he responded to Jesus with the insight and courage to become a disciple and join him on the fateful road to Jerusalem.

Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles – 28 October

About the Feast/Saints

Today we honour two Apostles about whom we know very little. Tradition

maintains that St. Simon the Zealot preached missions through Persia and Egypt. St. Jude, not to be confused with Judas Iscariot, is the patron of hopeless causes and is called Thaddeus in the Gospel according to Matthew and the Gospel according to Mark. It is believed that he engaged in missionary work in Mesopotamia and Persia. Both Apostles are thought to have been martyred in Persia and their relics were transferred to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome sometime during the seventh or eighth century.

Today's Saints

Two of the Twelve we remember today: Simon, who was called a Zealot and Judas,

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PARISH NEWS

ALL SOULS DAY – 2 NOV '15 This year, All Souls Day falls on Monday. There will be two masses celebrated in Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed at 5.30 pm (English) and 7.30 pm (Mandarin) in the temporary church (the Tentage). The rite for the Solemn Commemoration of the Faithful Departed will be carried out after 5.30 pm (English) mass and after 7.30 pm (Mandarin) mass in the Tentage. The Presider (the Priest) will proceed down to the columbarium during the Litany of the Saints to bless the niches i.e. to incense and sprinkle holy water on the niches and return to the Tentage to continue with the rest of the rite. The congregation stays in the Tentage while the Presider (the Priest) is at the columbarium. We invite you to participate in this special Mass at 5.30 pm (English) or 7.30 pm (Mandarin) dedicated to the souls of all the faithful departed and especially those whose remains are placed in the columbarium of our church. Our carpark will be closed on that day. Please park in the vicinity.

also called Thaddeus. That is the end of the historical record. But the memory of the Church, which might not meet all the requirements of modern historians, does have a deeper record of these two saints. Sometime after Pentecost the two of them went off to spread the Gospel in Persia. There they freed people from the oppression that comes with worshipping idols and confronting magicians and pagan priests. The magicians of the false gods demanded a showdown with the holy Apostles, challenging them like the Egyptian priests challenged Moses and Aaron in the courts of Pharaoh. Many were amazed and came to know the truth of Christ, but the magicians and pagan priests rushed upon the Apostles and killed them.

THANK YOU - Church Collection for our SPP Society of St Vincent de Paul for the month of September 2015 amounted to \$2,607.30 and Donations mounted to \$2,082.00. Expenditure for the month was \$7,813.50. We support 79 Friends-In-Need (FINs). Majority of them are elderly poor living in Chinatown and Beach Road/North Bridge Road areas. The number of FINs is steadily increasing and our Conference is reaching out to more poor families and singles. We need your generous and willing hearts to share your blessing and caring for the poor and needy through our SSVF, St Peter's Conference.

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 Friday 30 Oct '15 at 7.20am and 5.30pm

2-DAYS MALACCA PILGRIMAGE - We are organising a two-days pilgrimage to Malacca from Sat/Sun 12 - 13 Dec '15 for

the Feast Day Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is the final project in aid of Church of Sts Peter & Paul Restoration and Conservation Fund. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at our Secretariat Office.

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

CTIS Info Nite on Friday 6 Nov 2015 at 55 Waterloo Street Level 3. Want to know more about Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore's Certificate and Diploma courses in 2016? We invite you to attend our Info Nite. Registration not required for the Info Nite. Please bring your friends too. For further info, please visit www.ctis.sg or call 64348000.

Living With Autism Spectrum Disorder

(ASD) Symposium 2015 Organised by Church of the Holy Spirit, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Singapore Date: 14 Nov 2015 (Sat). Time: 8.30am – 1.00pm. Venue: Agape Village, 7A Toa Payoh Lorong 8. Registration: <http://bit.ly/livingwithautism2015> (deadline: 10 Nov) Contact: Teresa 93200640 / autism.symposium.2015@gmail.com. All are welcome! Free admission. Registration required.

Caritas Singapore wishes to thank all Priests, Church Staffs and Parishioners for your untiring effort in helping our Catholic Organisations and Community to grow in one heart. It is your selflessness and generosity that has enabled us to do our work with ease, to provide love, care, support and assistance to our fellow marginalised and needy brothers and sisters. Though we did not managed to raise the targeted one year operation cost for Agape Village, we are truly grateful for all that is done. Most importantly, we believe that God will provide and cater to all our needs as long as we have faith and live our Christian lives. With the continuous support of our Catholic Community day by day, we will be able to radiate God's glory throughout Singapore and more. Thank you and God Bless Us All.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (Joy of the Gospel) Workshop. By Fr David Garcia, OP. How can we evangelise and spread the joy of the Gospel to others in our lives? Why are we called to reach out to those in need? This workshop focus on the content of our Pope's Apostolic Exhortation - Evangelii Gaudium. Special attention is given to Chapter 4 which focuses on the poor. Besides content input, participants are challenged to reflect on the messages from this document and to find ways that they can put these into action in their daily lives. Dates: 6 Nov (Fri) 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m. AND 7 Nov (Sat) 9a.m. to 12:30p.m. Venue: Level 2, Catholic Centre at 55 Waterloo Street. Free. Love Offering welcomed. For more information and registration: www.caritas-singapore.org OR formation@caritas-singapore.org