

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

CANA invites you to a talk/discussion on the Care for Creation coming forth from Pope Francis' Encyclical. Professor Michael Cheng-Guan Quah of NUS will share his perspective as a Catholic Scientist/Engineer/Environmentalist with Friar Francisco Basnayake OFM from his perspective as a Franciscan. Date: Thur 22 October, 7.15 pm, CANA The Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, 2nd Floor. Registration: email: canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com or call 63384080 to reserve your seat.

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

JUNIOR COLLEGE MASS - The office for Young People invites students from Junior College/IB schools to a Eucharistic celebration, to pray for exams as well as a time of fellowship. There will be refreshments after Mass. Come and be fed! This will be held on 23 Oct '15, 8.00pm - 10.00pm @ OYP (2 Lor Low Koon S536449). Register @ www.tinyurl/JCmass.

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 239 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 242

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 12 October- SAT 17 October 2015

MON: Rom 1:1-7, Lk 11:29-32 **TUE:** Rom 1:16-25, Lk 11:37-41 **WED:** Rom 2:1-11, Lk 11:42-46 **THU:** Rom 3:21-30, Lk 11:47-54 **FRI:** Rom 4:1-8, Lk 12:1-7 **SAT:** Rom 4:13, 16-18, Lk 12:8-12

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11 October 2015

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The selection we read today recalls Solomon's prayer for wisdom (1 Kings 3:6-9). Wisdom is more important than power, wealth, health or beauty. The speaker would choose wisdom even over sight, knowing that with wisdom, one can assign everything else its true and lasting value.

Responsorial Psalm 90: The verses we pray are an apt response to the First Reading's proclamation about wisdom. We ask not only to know how to value the days of our lives, but also to learn to appreciate the lessons of times and trial. Our refrain recapitulates the message as we implore God to give us the only thing necessary: the love that gives meaning to life.

Second Reading: Just as the First Reading encourages us to seek true wisdom, this selection from Hebrews calls us to meditate on our appreciation of the word

of God. Do we believe in its power? Do we consciously seek an encounter with the living God in Scripture? Do we allow that word to judge and guide our daily activities and attitudes? Do we seek the wisdom of the word beyond other values?

Gospel: Jesus reminds the man in the passage of the Commandments that refer to human relationship, and the man claims to have lived without transgressing them. Then, Jesus looks at him with the discerning gaze that tenderly lays bare the heart. Having searched the man's soul, Jesus invites him to follow him in truly fulfilling the Commandments by giving his very self for others. With that, the wealthy man's enthusiasm disappears and he who had to run to kneel before Jesus turns away, utterly disenchanted. As the man left, Jesus addressed his followers to underscore the fact that the invitation he had issued applied to them as well as the retreating rich man.

Some Saints of the Week

St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr – 14 October

Following a life of slavery and hard labour, St. Callistus I († 222) was appointed deacon in charge of the Christian cemetery on the Appian Way, now called the catacomb of San Callisto. Recognised for his abounding wisdom and natural bent for leadership, he was eventually elected pope. He had many critics, due to his liberal stance regarding the forgiveness of those who had apostatised during times of persecution. St. Callistus, heeding the commands of Christ, believed the repentant should be forgiven and welcomed back into the Church. Tradition maintains that he began Ember Days, periods of fasting and abstinence, which are no longer observed among Catholics. He is commemorated as a martyr; he was probably killed during a public disturbance.

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church – 15 October

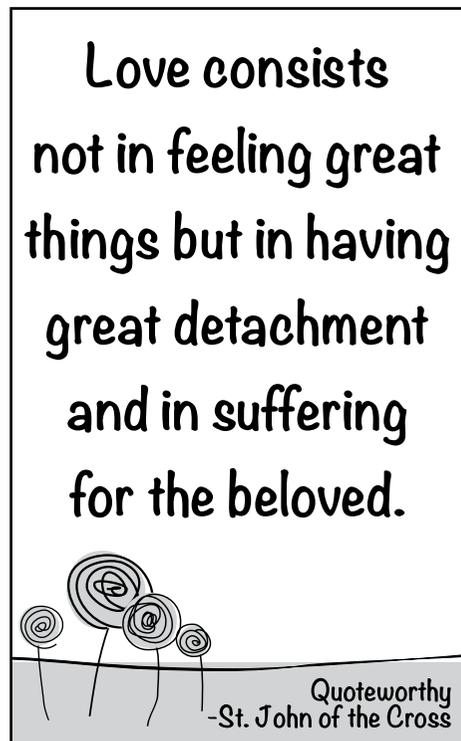
St. Teresa of Jesus (1515 – 1582), more commonly known as St. Teresa of Avila, joined the Carmelite Convent of the Incarnation at the age of 21. Disheartened by convent life, in particular, its spiritual laxity, opulent nature and overly social atmosphere, she began a reform movement that provided the framework for the Discalced Carmelites. Members of this new branch of Carmelites modeled themselves on the poor and crucified Christ, adopting a life of poverty and abstinence. In collaboration with St. John of the Cross, Teresa helped bring this new way of life to the male Carmelite communities. Their reforms met with great resistance, but they moved forward with faith and persistence.

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and

Martyr – 17 October

St. Ignatius was born in the year 50 and died somewhere between 98 and 117 in Rome. An Apostolic Father and possible disciple of John the Evangelist, he served the community of Antioch as bishop. Living during the anti-Christian reign of the Roman emperor Trajan, he was sentenced to be fed to animals in the Roman Colosseum because he refused to engage in idol worship. His journey to Rome was marked by his extensive writing in which he composed seven letters. These letters, directed to various churches, emphasised the humanity and divinity of Christ, the centrality of Eucharist, and the importance of Church unity.

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PARISH NEWS

A TERESIAN TRIDUUM - on the life of St Teresa of Avila “ In The Hands of God” on her her writings, her conversations with Christ and her response to God’s mercies. 12 - 14 Oct ‘15, 7.30pm followed by Mass at Carmelite Monastery. Speaker Fr Gregory Hon, OCD. Solemnity of St Teresa, 15 Oct ‘15, Mass at 6.00pm. Celebrant Archbishop William Goh, DD.

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

INFANT BAPTISM The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Saturday 24 October 2015 at 2.30 pm in the Chapel (3rd Storey, Parish Building). Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session to be conducted by the Priest at 2.30 pm before the baptism. Application Forms for Infant Baptism can be obtained from the Parish Office. The Forms must be submitted by Saturday 17 Oct ‘15.

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 Parish Secretary at 63372585 or register at the 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

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