

The majestic Church of St Teresa was shelter to many in more ways than one. Trace the building of the church and listen to the stories of the many who made this possible including generous lay people. And of course visit the sisters at Carmel for a moment of silence and prayer. Date: Sun 6 Jun '16, Time: 2.15pm at canteen of Church of St Teresa. Registration: canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com or tel 63384080

GENDER THEORY AND A QUESTIONABLE VIEW OF THE HUMAN PERSON - Do "love", "non discrimination" and "tolerance" justify approval of same sex unions? Or are they rooted in a questionable view of the human person that is influenced by "Gender Theory"? This talk will explore these issues and sketch a Catholic vision of non discrimination and love rooted in official Catholic teaching. Date: 15 Jun '16, Time: 7.30pm-9.00pm, Venue: St Joseph's Church Victoria Street- Conference Room (inside canteen) To register, contact Nick @ 97843682 or email theology.sg@gmail.com Speaker: Nick Chui (Masters in Theological Studies, John Paul II Institute of Marriage and Family) Nick is a teacher in a Secondary school and has been involved in Youth and Adult Catechesis for about 10 years. He is a moderator of "Catholics in Singapore", a 9000 strong facebook group which hosts numerous

faith related discussions. He has also written and published articles on evangelisation that have appeared in the Catholic News, Trinity Theological Journal and Church and Society in Asia today.

MSGR AMBROSE VAZ: THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN Studying the Gospel of John allows us to experience and deepen our faith: that Jesus is our saviour and through that faith, we can have eternal life. Join us as we follow Jesus's footsteps in his ministry here on earth. Invite your friends, even if they are non-believers, or if a fellow Catholic is in need of renewing their faith. Together, we can learn how we can be authentic disciples! 13 July to 12 Oct, Wed 8.00pm-10.00pm at Church of St Bernadette, 12 Zion Road, Parish Hall. Organised by the Church of St Bernadette, facilitated by the Bible Apostolate Team. Register @ BatSB@outlook.com

RETRouvaille - A Lifeline for Troubled & Hurting Marriages 1. Has your marriage become unloving and uncaring? 2. Has your marriage grown cold and distant? 3. Has there been little or no meaningful communication between the two of you? 4. Do you feel disappointed or even despair thinking about your marriage? A Retrouvaille weekend can help you. Weekend date: 24 - 26 Jun '16. For confidential enquiry, Tel: 6711 6774. Online registration: www.helpourmarriage.sg



READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 940
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Forgive, Lord, the guilt of my sin.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 13 Jun - SAT 18 June 2016
MON: 1 KGS 21:1-16, MT 5:38-42 **TUE:** 1 KGS 21:17-29, MT 5:43-48 **WED:** 2 KGS 2:1, 6-14, MT 6:1-6, 16-18 **THU:** SIR 48:1-14, MT 6:7-15 **FRI:** 2 KGS 11:1-4, 9-18, 20, MT 6:19-23 **SAT:** 2 CHR 24:17-25, MT 6:24-34

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: King David, after his affair with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband, is approached by Nathan, the prophet, with words of judgment from the Lord, whose punishment according to Jewish law was death. After Nathan recounts all that the Lord had done for David, he legitimately questions David as to why he spurned the Lord and committed such evil. David admits his sinfulness and is granted forgiveness, rescuing him from death. Forgiveness freed David from death, enabling him to strive once again to lead God's people with righteousness and justice. David was honest and brave enough to admit his guilt and ask for forgiveness. Are we?

Responsorial Psalm 32: This psalm expresses the joy and thanksgiving of one whose sin is forgiven and whose relationship to God is restored. The refrain invites us to petition the Lord to forgive the wrong we have done. The verses speak of the psalmist's confidence and trust in the Lord, anticipating both forgiveness and restoration in covenant love. Confession of wrong moves God to remove our guilt and assures us once again of the Lord's shelter and protection from all distress and harm. Turning back to the Lord for forgiveness reinstates us once again to God's age-old, faithful covenant love.

Second Reading: Paul understood Christ to be total fulfillment and completion of all that the law intended. Therefore, no longer the law but faith in Christ brought justification. God's Torah no longer holds its previous significance, for Christ now models the fullness of God's faithful covenant love by his willingness to live and die for us. Therefore, faith in and living like Christ now becomes the path to justification, clearly affirmed by God's raising Christ from death. The law can no longer function as the path to union with God. Faith in Christ brings the law to fulfillment, and we, like Paul, no longer live on their own, but Christ lives in us, bringing us ever closer to God.

Gospel: Luke recounts a meal scene in the home of Simon the Pharisee in which Jesus teaches an important lesson in forgiveness, right relationship and covenant love. An unnamed sinful woman approaches Jesus at table and proceeds to shower him with care and tenderness, expressive of her sorrow for sin. Simon self-righteously condemns the sinful woman and Jesus for allowing her to touch him. Jesus' parable of the two debtors, intended for Simon and us, teaches that all are in need of God's love and forgiveness, especially those who feel most distant from God. The one who is forgiven much, loves even more. Jesus calls all of us to acknowledge our sinfulness and, restored to God's love, to begin once again to live attuned always to that love. The disciples and

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.40pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese, Chapel 3rd floor), 4.30pm (English)
Weekday Masses	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
Intercessory Prayer	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday, Adoration Chapel)
Infant Jesus Devotion	: 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)
Divine Mercy Devotion	: 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)
Sion Adorers - Holy Hour	: 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday, Adoration Chapel)
Hour of Mercy	: 3.00pm daily, (Adoration Chapel)
Counselling @ SPP	: 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Monday, call 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 at the makeshift confessional at the baptistery (back of Church) 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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the women who followed and provided for them and Jesus, learned valuable lesson in the need we all have for forgiveness and reconciliation. Have we learned that lesson as well?

Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church – 13 June

Today's Saint

St. Anthony of Padua (1195 – 1231), a member of a noble Portuguese family, wrote extensively, especially in the area of sermons; therefore, he was named a Doctor of the Church. People invoke his name when trying to find lost items. This is due to an event when a novice took his Psalter, eventually returning it because of a distressing apparition.

Ordinary Time – The Meaning

After the joy of Pentecost, the Apostles and disciples stand commissioned by Jesus with a task that will ultimately transform the world. The one who they first thought was Messiah exclusively for the Jews has proven to be God for all! He sends them beyond the boundaries of their own community, asking nothing less than that they make disciples of all nations. If we today flinch with hesitation about being called out of our comfort zone by Pope Francis to share the Good News, we need only think of this astonishing history and all those who have gone before us in faith.

When we think of evangelising, we may be gripped by feeling of inadequacy, an impulse to avoidance, a sense of paralysis or downright pessimism. All of these feelings are recognised by Pope Francis in his words to us. He pleads with us to stay vigilant, and to avoid at all costs a “tomb psychology” which “transforms Christians into mummies in a museum” (EG, 83). Only in him, in fact, can we truly be alive. Pope Francis reminds us that it is the act of moving beyond ourselves, our limitations and our considerations that allows us to truly experience the joy of Christ:

If we are to share our lives with others and generously give of ourselves, we also have to realise that every person is worthy of our giving. Not for their physical appearance, their abilities, their language, their way of thinking, or for any satisfaction that we might receive, but rather because they are God's handiwork, his creation. God created that person in his image, and he or she reflects something of God's glory. Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives. Jesus offered his precious blood on the cross for that person. Appearances notwithstanding, every person is immensely holy and deserves our love. Consequently, if I can help at least one person to have a better life, that already justifies the offering of my life. It is a wonderful thing to be God's faithful people. We achieve fulfillment when we break down walls and our heart is filled with faces and names! (EG, 274)

The ministries of our parish communities are ideal settings for us to shift from the notion of helping others out of our abundance to serving others out of a true sense of self-offering and sacrifice. In addition to our parish commitments, the other settings in which we spend our time are ripe with opportunity to live the Gospel. Our workplaces are critical locations in which we can become the “leaven” (EG, 75) of God's kingdom, as we contribute through our labour to enterprises that either support the wellbeing of others and our planet or not. Our family lives, our schools, our community groups – all are places in which our lives can demonstrate the difference that knowing Christ makes for us as individuals and for the world as we embody compassion, justice, tenderness and concern for others.

Clearly, sharing the joy of the Gospel is an everyday, “everywhere we are found” undertaking. In opening our horizons, and seeing those who come across our path as our beloved brothers and sisters, mirrors of the glory of God, our own lives become lit with light, life and love.

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 Thur 30 June '16 at 7.20am and 5.30pm

BOOK SALE - The Daughters of St. Paul will be at our church on Sat/Sun, 18/19 Jun '16 with a variety of spiritual books and audio visual materials as their apostolate to help you increase and nourish your faith and spiritual life. As part of their fund-raising efforts for their new convent, they will be promoting their cook book priced at \$25 each. Please give your generous support. Thank you.

CESSATION OF CATHECHISM CLASSES FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - There will be no Catechism classes from 29 May '16 to 26 June '16 for the school holidays. Catechism class will resume on 3 July '16.

RCIA 2016/2017 – Starting on 5 Jul '16, every Tue at 7.30pm. This is a year's journey for those seeking to know more about the Catholic faith. It prepares newcomers to encounter Jesus and his Church, and discern towards receiving the sacraments of Christian initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist). Sessions are led by priest or religious and will be held in the Chapel (3rd level, Parish Building). Please invite your non-Catholic friends, colleagues and spouse to attend and learn more about the faith. Baptised Catholics are also invited to journey as sponsors. Registration forms are available from the Parish office; or contact our coordinator, Jonathan Chan at 9685 7290 or email 2kumleong@gmail.com for more information.

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

3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS JOHOR/MALACCA PILGRIMAGE - We are organising a three days pilgrimage to Johor and Malacca from Sat/Mon 10 - 12 Sep '16. This is a project in aid of Church of Sts Peter & Paul Maintenance Fund. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 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.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

ST IGNATIUS CHURCH FEAST DAY CARNIVAL - It will be held on Sun 31 Jul '16 from 7.30am - 3.00pm, in collaboration with the Conference of Religious Major Superiors in aid of the Daughters of St Paul and Religious of the Cenacle Building Funds. Our Carmelite Friars will be at our weekend masses on Sat & Sun 4 & 5 Jun '16 and 11 & 12 Jun '16 to sell the carnival tickets. Please give your generous support. Thank you.

TALK ON THE GIFT OF PROPHECY Strengthen your charism. Be blessed as Jessica Francisco shares more about this spiritual gift. Praise@Work Charismatic Prayer Meeting 16 June 2016, Thursday, 8.00pm, Church of Sts Peter and Paul, 2/F Room 8 All are welcome! For enquiries, email us at praiseatworksg@yahoo.com Official website: <https://praiseatwork.wordpress.com/>

YEAR OF MERCY TALK ON COMPASSION The first of three talks for the Year of Mercy will be held in the Church of the Sacred Heart on 17 June. The speaker is Fr Valerian Cheong and he will be speaking on Compassion. Come walk through the Holy Door and attend the talk. The details are as follow: Date: Fri 17 Jun '16 Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm Venue: Church of the Sacred Heart, 111 Tank Road, Singapore 238069 Format: Mass with talk.

CANA invites you PIMBY Kampong Bahru. Take a reflective walk through the vicinity of the Church of St Teresa. Hear how the MEP fathers ministered to the migrant port workers from India, and how they became a beacon of light literally on top of the hill to the seafarers who docked at our port.