

MERCY - an event by the Catholic Students' Overseas Community (CSOC) 1st and 2nd August, 8.00am-6.00pm, St Joseph's Church (Victoria Street). Are you heading to the UK, US or any other country outside of Singapore to further your studies? Are you going on exchange in the upcoming semester? Are you already an overseas student back home for the holidays? Come meet other Singaporean Catholics studying Overseas, along with Rev. Fr Kenneth Gopal, OCD, STL, over 2 days of fellowship and fun. Join us for thought-provoking talks, as we journey together in learning how to live out our faith while away from our homes and families! Book your place now at <http://goo.gl/forms/Yz2kky8nKe> or email csocsingapore@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David (91479388) or Augustine (98790271).

"QUENCH" is a 3D2N Youth Retreat organised by Jesus Youth Singapore (affiliated to SACCRE). Come and reconnect with the source of all Life and bask in His Love! Date & Venue: 6 Aug, 8.00pm to 8 Aug, 9.00pm at Choice Retreat House. Theme: *'Let anyone*

who is thirsty come to me' John 7:37. Age: 18-35 years old. You can register online @ www.singapore.jesuyouth.org. For more details email singapore@jesuyouth.org or contact Fionne Grace Lai (9006 1884) or Natalie Chan (9688 0412)

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. Please refer to our website for further details. For any enquiries, please contact: Peter & Rita @ 93673411 or email 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; 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) Pg196 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 199
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 27 July - SAT 1 August 2015
MON: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34, Mt 13:31-35 **TUE:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28, Mt 13:36-43
WED: Ex 34:29-35, Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 **THU:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38, Mt 13:47-53
FRI: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37, Mt 13:54-58 **SAT:** Lv 25:1, 8-17, Mt 14:1-12

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Some Saints of the Week

The Lectionary for Mass

St. Martha – 29 July

First Reading: This incident takes place during a time of famine. When Elisha receives a gift of bread, he immediately gives it to a large crowd. Given the option of hoarding or solidarity, he shows us how to choose that which promises greater life.

Martha was the sister of Lazarus and Mary, friends of Jesus. She appears to have been a practical-minded woman, for she seems to have organised the dinner in Luke 10:38-42, and she protests when Jesus commands that the stone be rolled from the entrance to her brother's tomb after he had been dead for three days. At the same time, however, she is one of the few in the Gospel to profess her faith in Jesus as the Messiah: "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world" (John 11:27). The Golden Legend records the tradition that Martha, with her sister, Mary, and brother, Lazarus, fled Judea after the death of Jesus and landed at Marseilles. Martha is supposed to have travelled to Avignon, where she converted many to Christianity. St. Martha is shown in art bearing the tools of a housekeeper – keys or a broom – and is a patron saint of domestic servants, homemakers, cooks and single laywomen.

Responsorial Psalm 145: As we pray "The hand of the Lord feeds us", we need to be aware of how our own hands are often the ones God would use to help others.

Second Reading: "Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received". That might be the one command necessary for a Christian life. It reminds us that we are called by God and that, day by day, we must choose whether or not to accept the grace we are offered for the good of the whole.

Gospel: The "sign" of the bread includes great generosity and trust. The self-sacrificing generosity of the child who offered all his food prepared the way for everyone to share, not keeping or taking more than needed, and offering the rest to others. Today's readings remind us that God's generosity is often expressed through human hands.

St. Ignatius of Loyola – 31 July

St. Ignatius was the founder and first Father General of the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits, and author of the Spiritual Exercises. Born

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in the Basque region of Spain, he joined the army and was severely wounded in battle. While recovering, he read about the life of Christ and the lives of the saints, and decided to emulate them. He laid his military equipment before a statue of Mary at the Benedictine abbey of Montserrat and spent several months in a cave near Manresa. After making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, he enrolled at the University of Paris, and he gathered six companions who would become the first Jesuits.

St. Alphonsus Liguori – 1 August

Following a successful career as a lawyer, St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787) lost a legal case that he believed to be a sign from God

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PARISH NEWS

PPC MEETING - 25 Jul '15 (Sat, 2:30pm). All PPC members are reminded to attend this meeting. If the member cannot attend, please send another representative from the ministry.

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.

FUND RAISING FOR ASSISI HOSPICE - Calling on you to be part of the community support for patients with life-limiting illnesses at Assisi Hospice. Students from ITE College West are selling ceramic mugs and sport towels, priced at \$10 each at our weekend masses of Sat/Sun, 1/2 Aug '15. All the proceeds and donations will support patients in need of palliative and hospice care. Please give the students your generous support. To find out more about their fund raising events, visit them at <https://www.facebook.com/EdutomhawkAssisiHospiceymca>

that he should change his ways and study for the priesthood. At the suggestion of a bishop friend, he founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, also known as the Redemptorists, a community of priests dedicated to preaching, hearing confessions and administering the sacraments. One of his most important contributions to the Church is his prolific writing in the area of moral theology. Also included among his writings are many devotional works on Mary and the saints. He influenced the Church not only through his writings, but also through his leadership as a bishop. Due to his many accomplishments, he was declared a Doctor of the Church and is recognised as one of the greatest moral theologians in Church history.

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 Fri 24 Jul '15 at 7.20am and 5.30pm.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

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 or email to youngadults@caritas-singapore.org**

ACMI IS HIRING! ACMI is keen to hire two Executive Officers to plan and prepare programmes - one for Volunteer/Event Management, and another for Migrant Community engagement. If you have a people oriented out-look, good initiative, organised, and a passion in working with migrants, send your CV to timothy@acmi.org.sg

Consider the gift of a **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (ME)** Weekend for yourselves or loved ones during the National Day weekend! ME facilitates very special weekends for married couples. It is a beautiful and enriching experience which builds couple intimacy and closer relationship. ME benefits both the young married couples who want to build a strong marriage foundation and also couples who have been married for many years who want to make their marriages even better. Sign up now for the August weekend on 7 (Fri)- 9 (Sun) Aug. To register or if you have questions, please contact Vincent & Ju-Lyn at 9670-5390 or visit our ME Website on <http://www.mesg.org/> for more information.

KKIHS (Indonesian Charismatic Prayer Group) mengundang Sdr/i mengikuti Retret "The Awakening" bersama Sdr. Kunardi Phakist, tgl 31 Juli - 2 Agustus 2015. Info lebih lanjut, hubungi Yasin (97547521) / kunjungi www.kkihs.org.