

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)**

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.

**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 200 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 203  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**  
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 3 August - SAT 8 August 2015  
**MON:** Nm 11:4b-15, Mt 14:13-21 **TUE:** Nm 12:1-13, Mt 14:22-36 **WED:** Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35, Mt 15: 21-28 **THU:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, Mk 9:2-10 **FRI:** Dt 4:32-40, Mt 16:24-28 **SAT:** Dt 6:4-13, Mt 17:14-20

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Lectionary for Mass**

**First Reading:** God provided bread for the complaining people, but they did not know what it was. Happily, Moses could tell them. How often does God answer our prayers or meet our needs and we fail to recognize the gift being offered? Who has helped us see a gift in what at first appeared to us to be strange?

**Responsorial Psalm 78:** The psalms sings of what the elders experienced and retold to their descendants over and again. While we may personally thank God for many things, do we tell our stories of blessings? Many times we tell of the hard things in our lives, but how often do we give witness to God's providence? Celebrating God's blessings is a form of evangelisation and a path to better recognising God's action in our lives.

**Second Reading:** Note that Paul says: "You learned Christ" not "You learned about Christ". The knowledge Paul is talking about here is comparable to the difference between knowing what a bicycle is and knowing how to ride one. To learn Christ means to let Christ so influence our heart and mind that others will know Christ by watching us. That demands a lot of practice!

**Gospel:** The message from John's account of the Gospel complements what Paul said. Jesus,

who said, "My food is to do the will of the One who sent me," (John 4:34) says that he himself can be our sustenance. Christ, in his message and in his living Body, is the heavenly bread God continues to send to us.

**Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord – 6 August 2015**

**About this Feast**  
The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord reminds about the depth of mystery that surrounded Jesus Christ – mystery in the sense that we can never exhaust who he really is or categorise him in any way. Fully human, he may indeed have needed a tent or a place to camp on the mountain, like Peter asked. But just when the Apostles may have been getting really comfortable with their understanding of Jesus as a friend and teacher, they catch a glimpse of his heavenly glory, challenging them to remain open to Christ communicating to them who he is as Son of God. We have moments like the Apostles each time we encounter and grapple with new and challenging image of God in the Scriptures. Remaining humble and open to the revelatory action of God's Word and Spirit is a way to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of who God is for us in Jesus Christ.

**The Lectionary for Mass**

**First Reading:** Daniel gives us the vision of the "Son of man" who came from God and

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received all power from God in an ever-lasting Kingdom. Jesus referred to himself as the “Son of Man” and this description would have fed his disciples’ imagination.

**Responsorial Psalm 97:** This psalm sings that the dominion of the Lord will be, not only glorious beyond imagination, but good news for all people. We proclaim it as true today, knowing that the seeds of God’s justice are growing and will one day come to fruition and that Christ will be all in all.

**Second Reading:** What’s the difference between a myth and a vision? Peter talks of the vision he had in the Transfiguration. A vision reveals the truth of what is and is to come. It is unexpected. It contains insight that lures us forward.

**Gospel:** Peter and his companions knew their brother Jesus pretty well. They had been dazzled at his power and wondered what it might portend. In this incident, filled with the symbolism of their religious tradition, they received a revelation, and insight into Jesus as the Son of God. They would grapple with that insight until it became clarified through Jesus’ passion and resurrection. May we continue to grapple with revelation, allowing it to expand our consciousness of God in, but not of, our world.

#### **Some Saints of the Week**

##### **St. John Vianney, Priest - 4 August 2015**

St. John Vianney (1786 – 1859) is the patron of

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#### **PARISH NEWS**

**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP) OUTREACH** - Thank you for the support from SPP parishioners who have signed up to volunteer with us recently. We still need more volunteers. You can reach us at [ssvp.spp@gmail.com](mailto:ssvp.spp@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU** Collection for our SPP Society of St Vincent de Paul for the month of Jun ‘15 amounted to \$3,216.65 and Donations mounted to \$800.00. Expenditure for the month was \$6402.00. We support 74 Friends-In-Need

parish priests. Although he was not academically astute and had to receive his training privately, he was ordained a priest due to his virtue. He was stationed in a small village, Ars-en-Dombes, in France, where he became a noted catechist, confessor and spiritual director. Soon, he gained a reputation for working miracles, such as multiplying loaves and physical healings. Consequently, the small village became a place of pilgrimage, attracting over 300 visitors a day, from 1830 to 1845, to see the “Cure d’ Ars”. Special train schedules as well as a special booking office had to be established in the nearby city of Lyons to accommodate the steady stream of visitors.

##### **St. Dominic, Priest - 8 August 2015**

St. Dominic (1170 – 1221), a contemporary of St. Francis of Assisi, founded a mendicant order (those who rely on the charity of others) of men, called the Order of Preachers, or Dominicans, to preach against theological error. One of the pressing issues facing the newly established order was the Albigensian heresy, claiming that matter, specifically the body, is evil. Contrary to this heretical thinking, the Black Friars, as they were commonly known, went from town to town preaching the goodness of the body. In order to preach sound doctrine with charity, St. Dominic exhorted his sons to engage in rigorous academic study. He eventually started a contemplative female branch of the Dominicans to support the apostolate of the men through prayer.

(FINs). Majority of them are elderly poor living in Chinatown and Beach Road/North Bridge Road areas. Thank you for your continuous support and generosity in caring for the poor and needy through our SSVP, St Peter’s Conference.

**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>

#### **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.

#### **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.

**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**

##### **JOYFUL PARENTING & WORLD’ BREASTFEEDING WEEK 2015-**

Nurturing Your Child from Birth and Beyond. Sat, 1 Aug ‘15 at KKH Auditorium, Level 1, Women’s Tower, from 1.00pm - 5.30pm. Fee: \$25.00 per couple / \$15.00 per person (includes light refreshments) Registration: Call Doris 64880278 or register online <http://register.familylife.sg>

##### **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