

are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through Mary, the first disciple! Programme includes Praise & worship by Jesus Youth, Eucharistic Adoration, and preaching by Fr Luke Fong. Come and discover how God can carry out His mighty works through you as He did with Mary, our Mother.

CARITAS SINGAPORE – SOCIAL MISSION CONFERENCE 2018 This will be held on 21 Jul '18 (Sat) at the Catholic Junior College (Performing Arts Centre). The theme of the conference is "Whole of Me, All of Us, One in Christ". This conference aims to look at the social teaching of integral human development - where the whole person is developed (i.e. physical, emotional, cognitive and spiritual) and all persons are included in the development of our society. The keynote speaker is His Eminence, Peter Kodwo Appiah Cardinal Turkson, Prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development.

LABOURERS IN THE VINEYARD RETREAT - 25 - 29 May '18, at Majodi Retreat Centre, Johor, Malaysia. Cost:

S\$200.00 (Includes Accommodation, Meals, Transport). Organised by Office for the New Evangelisation. This is a 5 days 4 nights stay-in retreat open to Catholics above the age of 21. Come away and allow yourselves to be encountered by the Lord! Programme includes daily Eucharistic celebration, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, talks, praise & worship, and spiritual counselling.

CLARITY'S Introductory Guide to Understanding Anxiety Workshop. 23 Jun, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Agape Village. Fees \$15. Anxiety is a normal emotional response many experiences as part of everyday life. However, some of us experience anxiety in ways that affect our daily lives. Many suffer from anxiety but don't know what it really means. Do you consistently worry about the same thing? Have persistent fear or feel like you are losing control? We will explore the reasons behind our anxieties, debunk myths and misconceptions and learn different ways to manage our anxieties. Register early as seats are limited. To Register, W: <https://tinyurl.com/TC23Jun> or T: 6757 7990.

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.30pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
Weekday Masses	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
Intercessory Prayer	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
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)
Hour of Mercy	: 3.00pm daily
Adoration Chapel	: 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm(Sun)
Secretariat's Operating Hours	: Mon - Fri: 9.30am - 9.30pm, Sat: 9.30am - 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am - 5.00pm; Lunch hours: 1.00pm - 2.00pm. Closed on Public Holidays.
Columbarium Opening Hours	: Mon - Sun: 7.00am - 7.00pm. Closed on Public Holidays.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at the confessionals at the baptistery (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass.

Parish Priest: Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, **Asst Parish Priest:** Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, **Priests in Residence:** Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD, Rev Fr GREGORY HON, OCD and Rev Fr JOSEPH KOH, OCD, **General-Delegate:** Rev Fr JOHN CHUA 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) **Carmelite Fathers** - for contributions/donations to SPP Friars Community, Friars Formation; (iii) **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 686

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord has set his way in heaven.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 14 May - SAT 19 May 2018

MON: ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26, JN 15:9-17 **TUE:** ACTS 20:17-27, JN 17:1-11A **WED:** ACTS 20:28-38, JN 17:11B-19 **THU:** ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11, JN 17:20-26 **FRI:** ACTS 25:13B-21, JN 21:15-19 **SAT:** ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31, JN 21:20-25

The Seventh Sunday of Easter shows the Spirit at work in the Acts of the Apostles as a large group of disciples prays for guidance as they choose an apostle to replace Judas. In John's Gospel Jesus offers a moving prayer for those he loves asking the Father to "keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." In a few US dioceses, Sunday celebrates the Ascension of the Lord.

Monday is the Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle.

This is our last week of the Easter Season and of the readings from the Acts of the Apostles. The Apostles carry on the work of Jesus and the future community takes shape with the gift of the Holy Spirit being given to the gentiles.

The "Priestly Prayer" of Jesus which we read in the gospels this week lets us listen in on the prayer of Jesus for his disciples, and for us. He doesn't ask the Father to take us from the world, but we can tell that he is concerned for us. It is tender and feels quite personal. We are the Father's gift to Jesus, entrusted to his care and now he prays that we might all be one, that the world might know it was the Father who sent Jesus.

Friday of this week takes us to the end of the Fourth Gospel and image of Jesus shaping Peter's ministry (and ours). If we love him, then he asks us to feed his sheep. Saturday's gospel brings us back to the Last Supper and the closing verses of John's Gospel, as well as a closing out

of the Easter season's weekday readings.

Sunday is the great feast of Pentecost - the birthday of the Church. The frightened Apostles are on fire. Now they can speak clearly, so everyone can understand them. Jesus gives his peace to his disciples and breathes his Spirit upon them, giving them the mission to forgive and sending them to carry out his desire that we all be one.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Daily Prayer This Week

This week, let's be a Church between Ascension and Pentecost - sensing Jesus has gone before us and longing for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The invitation for us is to pray to the Father this week, as Jesus did. We pray through the desires churning around in our hearts. Getting in touch with those desires will bring us closer to preparation for celebrating Pentecost. Naming what we long for, will place us with Jesus, praying to the Father for help.

Of course, it can be tender and quite personal, speaking to our Father with a Jesus-given intimacy. And, what makes it concrete, real, and a prayer from the heart of each of us, is that we are letting all of this interact with the real things in our everyday life.

It may come easily, spontaneously, as I'm getting

dressed or in any of the “background times” of my day. But, it may be difficult for me to know how to address the Father. Perhaps my father-memories aren’t warm and tender. All we have to do is relax and try it. We will meet a Father who loves us and longs for us to be relaxed and speak heart-to-heart. It can start with a dialogue with myself, e.g., where I ask myself questions and then answer myself.

What am I feeling? What fears can I name? What anxieties, worries come to me as I try to get in touch with what’s going on right now? Who comes to my mind? Who is struggling? With whom am I in conflict? Am I frustrated? Tired? Feeling taken for granted? Where am I ‘cutting corners,’ or cheating or lying to myself or others? What’s missing? What am I hungry for? What am I dreaming about? What is giving me joy?

The desires that flow from my answers to these questions shape our daily prayer this week. We find that we have plenty to talk with the Father about and ask for. Perhaps we can pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle within them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be re-created and join you in renewing the face of the earth.

Taken from the “Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer” on the Creighton University’s Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>. Used with permission.

Prayers by Mothers and for Mothers

A Mothers’ Day Prayer

I [we] thank you, Creator of us all, for my [our] mother[s].

I thank you that she gave me life and nurtured me all those years. She gave me my faith, helping me to know you and to know Jesus and his ways. She taught me how to love and how to sacrifice for others. She taught me that it was okay to cry and that I should always tell the truth.

Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today. Help her to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that

I love her. Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace.

Bless her this day with your love.

The Cathedral of Home

Dearest Lord, I sit here quietly in my room, opening my heart to you. It is so silent! But if I listen intently, I become aware of the breathing of my children in beds down the hall. They sigh softly or move in their beds quietly, nestled warmly into their dreams. These most intimate sounds, coming from the people I love most in the world, transform this room. It becomes a place of honoring you, a cathedral of joy and gratitude toward you for giving me these children.

May I always treasure these gifts you have given me. In each moment of loving them, from kisses to laundry to kitchen, may I be aware of your presence in my life in this way. Thank you!

Gratitude for my Mother

Dear Lord, today I turn to you to give you thanks for my mother. With your own gift of life, she bore me in her womb and gave me life. She tenderly, patiently cared for me and taught me to walk and talk. She read to me and made me laugh. No one delighted in my successes more; no one could comfort me better in my failures. I am so grateful for how she mothered me and mentored me, and even disciplined me.

Please bless her, Lord, and comfort her. Help her loving heart to continue to love and give of herself to others. Strengthen her when she is down and give her hope when she is discouraged.

Most of all, Lord, on this Mother’s Day, give my mother the graces she most needs and desires today. I ask you this, in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior forever and ever.

From A Working Mothers

My Loving Creator, You know how really tired I am. On days when things are really frantic, I consider how you made the world in seven days -- and then I try to remember that you aren’t asking me to re-create that feat.

Please help me to remain a loving mother to my children and to keep some balance in my life. Help me to remember that you are with me in every packed hour of every day. As I am finishing a work project or planning dinner or buying the kids shoes, (sometimes all at the same time) help me to remember your loving care for me and let me sometimes stop for a moment and just wallow in that.

Most of all, my caring Father, let me remember to ask for help and to rely on you for strength when I have none left; for patience when mine is so often gone; and for the wisdom and endless well of compassion and love I need in my job as mother.

For a Mother who has died

Dear Lord, relying on your promises to us, I turn to you in trust that my mother is with you and that she is enjoying your loving embrace. You alone know how she loved the

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PARISH NEWS

PENTECOST - Choral Reflection on the Holy Spirit with Solemn Vespers, 19 May ‘18, 7.30pm. Venue: Church of Sts Peter & Paul. Please come and join us for an evening of prayer with Sacred Music. Vespers will be presided by Fr. Edward Lim, OCD and music by Ad Orientem Solisti (formerly known as the Risen Christ Youth Symphony) together with the following choirs: St. Cecilia’s Choir, Sts. Peter & Paul Choir, Capella Martialis.

INFANT BAPTISM will be held on 10 Jun ‘18 (Sun) at 11.00am within Mass. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session on 9 Jun ‘18 (Sat) at 3.30pm. Application Forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and must be submitted by Fri, 11 May ‘18.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS - Registration is now open! Important dates. Date: 18 Aug ‘18 (Sat) at 5.30pm. Classes: 27/7 (Fri), 10/8 (Fri), 17/8 (Fri) at 7.30pm. Rehearsal: 12 Aug ‘18 (Sun) at 12.30pm **Attendance for all sessions is compulsory.** Registration forms may be obtained from the Parish Office. Please note that the following supporting documents are required

best she could and how she faithfully endured the struggles that she faced. You know the graces you gave her and you know the grace she was for me and for so many. For all the ways she truly loved the way you loved her, please reward her, Lord. May she enjoy the communion of all her family and friends who are with you.

Lord, I know my mother still loves us who are still here on earth. I ask you that you might listen to her fervent prayers for us. Help me to grow into a new and deeper relationship with my mother now, as I long for the day when we will both meet in your embrace - freed from all that might have hindered our relationship on earth, knowing and understanding everything we did not know or understand on this earth.

I ask you this with faith in the resurrection, trusting my mother’s love, and desiring that she knows my love for her. Amen.

upon registration: Baptism Certificate, First Holy Communion Certificate and Godparent’s Confirmation Certificate

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

GIFT 2018 - Next weekend, 19/20 May, being the 3rd weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges and contributions for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign. Contributions to GIFT will help others encounter the love of Christ through numerous archdiocesan organisations and building projects of the archdiocese. More info is available at gift.catholicfoundation.sg

WITNESSING AS ONE - 20 May ‘18, 1.30pm - 7.00pm at St Joseph’s Institution Junior Hall, 3 Essex Road, Singapore 309331 (Lift access). Programme: Praise & Worship. Talk: Msgr. Ambrose Vaz. Prayer for Baptism in the Holy Spirit: Fr Thomas Lim. Eucharistic Celebration: Archbishop William Goh. Free Admission. All are welcome!

JESUS MARY RALLY 2018 - 26 May ‘18, from 1.00pm - 4.00pm at Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. Organised by: Legion of Mary and Office for the New Evangelisation. All