

See' Open House on Saturday, 19 Nov 2016, 11.30am to 4pm, at Agape Village (7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh S 319264). The Celebrations will not be complete without your presence! For event updates, please LIKE our Facebook Page & refer to the event poster in your Parish.

APPEAL FOR THE HUMANITARIAN AID FUND - CHARIS is making its annual appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund to support overseas humanitarian work. Grab the latest copy of the CHARIS Connect to find out more about the work of CHARIS. Appeal flyers and envelopes are available in the parish. Please contact Sylvester Singh at 6337 4119 or info@charis-singapore.org for further information.

YOUNG ADULTS WORKSHOPS ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING Inviting young adults (aged 18 to 35years) to join us in this 2-part Catholic Social Teaching Workshop. The first workshop - 'Catholic Social Teaching: Historical Origins and Relevance in today's world' will be on 12 November 2016 (Sat); The second workshop - 'My good, greater good, common good: Which to pursue?' is on 26 November. Both workshops will be from 5:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Venue: level 3, Catholic Centre at 55 Waterloo Street. For more

information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore.org or email to youngadults@caritas-singapore.org

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (ME) facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples. By transforming the way husband and wife communicate, the enriching experience forges greater intimacy and a closer relationship. ME benefits both young couples who want to build a strong marital foundation as well as those who have clocked many years together and strive to keep the flame burning strong. There are still slots for the next ME Weekend from Nov 4 to Nov 6 (English). For registration or enquiries, call Joseph & Reenie on 9670-5390, e-mail mewkend@gmail.com or visit www.MESingapore.org

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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
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 and Saturday at the makeshift confessional at the baptistery (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each 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 C) Pg 1011

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 31 October - **SAT** 5 November 2016

MON: PHIL 2:1-4, LK 14:12-14 **TUE:** Solemnity of All Saints **WED:** The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) **THU:** PHIL 3:3-8A, LK 15:1-10 **FRI:** PHIL 3:17-4:1, LK 16:1-8 **SAT:** PHIL 4:10-19, LK 16:9-15

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The author of this text addresses the Lord as Creator of the whole universe. There is an immensity about the Creator that is described through a contrast with creation as a grain or a drop of dew. This contrast serves to instill awe at the greatness of God's love of all that is created and to offer praise of God who has placed "your imperishable spirit" in all things.

Responsorial Psalm 145 is a hymn of praise for the greatness of God who is known to be gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The psalmist prays that all the works of God give thanks; among these works would be the work of creation. The works of God are personified as "your faithful ones" and they in turn bless the Lord whose holiness is found in them.

Second Reading: Paul assures the brothers and sisters in Thessalonica that he constantly prays for them; he encourages them to be steadfast in their calling as disciples. Though Paul brought the word of Jesus Christ to them, he reminds them that their calling has come from God. It is the grace of God that will give them strength; they have no need to be "shaken" in their gathering in the Lord's name.

Gospel: Luke recounts for us the delightful story of Jesus inviting himself to the home of Zacchaeus. It is one of the many teaching stories of Jesus that takes place in connection with a meal. The presence of Jesus in his house moves Zacchaeus to repent of his wrongdoing and promise to change his life. The grumbling of the crowd leads Jesus to state his mission "to seek and to save what was lost".

Solemnity of All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation – 1 November

About this Solemnity

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, remembering all the saints known and unknown to us who enjoy the glory of heaven. In today's Gospel account, we hear the Beatitudes, which are guidelines for true joy and the attainment of sanctity in our Christian lives. We hear how we live lives of holiness so that we may attain happiness in this life, but even more happiness in the next life as we strive to likewise be numbered among all the saints in heaven.

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: This is John's vision of "heaven". There is great celebration and

exaltation before the throne of God with a great multitude praising God. This multitude presents those who have been redeemed by the Lamb (of God); all the holy ones washed clean by the saving blood of the Lamb. It is a joyous scene that emphasises the universal salvation from God for “every nation, race, people and tongue”.

Responsorial Psalm 24 is a hymn of praise for the universal and creative goodness of the Lord. The earth and its fullness belong to the Lord.

Second Reading: John’s epistle to the early Church offers assurance that they are indeed the beloved of God. John believes that one day they will be with the Lord; this is their hope and the reason for them to live in purity of heart.

Gospel: The Beatitudes in Matthew’s account may be one of the most familiar texts in all the Gospels. Although often referred to as the eight beatitudes, nine are listed in this passage. They represent the foundation for the life of the disciples; the followers of Jesus are to take them to heart and live by them. Those who engage in each of the actions will be blessed.

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day) – 2 November

All Souls’ Day is unique on the liturgical calendar. Neither a solemnity nor a feast, this commemoration outranks other feasts and even takes the place of a Sunday in Ordinary Time (should this commemoration fall on a Sunday). Prayer for the dead reaches deep into our human history, and it has been our custom from the earliest days of the Church. The belief that our prayers can be of assistance to the dead is a treasured tenet of our Catholic faith. We profess it every time we recite the Nicene Creed: “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come”.

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Some Saints of the Week

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop – 4 November

St. Charles Borromeo (1538 – 1584), a doctor of civil and canon law, was a great champion of the Church redefining itself in the light of the Protestant Reformation. As Archbishop of Milan, he promulgated the reforms of the Council of Trent, giving special attention to liturgical and clerical renewal. Other significant contributions he made to the Church include the establishment of new seminaries for the education of the clergy, defining a code of moral conduct for clergy, and founding the Oblates of St. Ambrose, a society of diocesan priests, to enforce the reforms of Trent. St. Charles adopted a simple life in which he responded to the needs of the poor and sick by providing monetary and spiritual support.

November – Month of All Souls

“It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins,” observes the write of Maccabees in the Old Testament (2 Maccabees 12:45 – 46; quoted in Catechism of the Catholic Church, 938)

Intercession on behalf of those who have died is a cherished tenet of our Catholic faith, springing from our belief in the resurrection of the body and the communion of saints. “Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayer and intercession”. (Order of Christian Funerals, 6) Trusting in God’s mercy, we continue to pray for them, knowing that this spiritual bond with our brothers and sisters who have died can never be broken. In the month of November, when we celebrate All Souls, we pray in a special way for those who have died --- those who are known to us, and those who are unknown.

PARISH NEWS

ALL SAINTS’ DAY (Day of Obligation) Mon, 31 Oct 16: 5.30pm, English Anticipated Mass. Tuesday, 1 Nov ‘16: Mass at 7.20am, 5.30pm (English), 7.30pm (Mandarin)

ALL SOULS’ DAY - Wed , 2 Nov ‘16: Mass at 7.20am, 5.30pm (English) followed by blessing of niches, 7.30pm (Mandarin) followed by blessing of niches

CANONIZATION OF BL. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY - Pope Francis will be canonizing French Carmelite Nun on 16 Oct ‘16 in the Vatican. In celebration of the canonization, the Carmelite Friars will be holding a Seminar on the Life and Spiritual doctrines of Bl. Elizabeth of the Trinity. This will be held on 29 Oct ‘16 at the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul. Registration fee of \$20/per head. Lunch and Tea provided. Limited seats available. Please register with the Parish Secretary. A mini exhibition on the life of St. Elizabeth is displayed at the canteen area. Do take some time to get to know her better.

MASS FOR THE DEAF & THE HEARING IMPAIRED - Fr Rowland Yeo celebrates mass in sign language in our chapel (3rd Storey, Parish Building) at 11.00am every Sunday.

2-DAYS MALACCA PILGRIMAGE - We are organising a two-days pilgrimage to Malacca from Sat/Sun 10 - 11 Dec ‘16 for the Feast Day Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at our Secretariat Office.

[SPP YEAR OF MERCY SERIES] MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK - The Parish is organising a Mass with Anointing of the Sick on 12 November 2016 at 10.00am. We welcome all our infirmed and home bound parishioners to attend the mass and to receive the Sacrament of Anointing. Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 1 hours before Mass and there will be a short fellowship meal after the mass. Interested parties should register with the Parish Secretariat. **Applications will close on the 5 Nov ‘16.** Please note the following requirements (From the Code of Canon Law) before registering your interest: *Can. 1004 §1. The anointing of the sick can be administered to a member of the faithful who, having reached*

the use of reason, begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age. §2. This sacrament can be repeated if the sick person, having recovered, again becomes gravely ill or if the condition becomes more grave during the same illness.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

CHOICE WEEKEND - It takes that 1 weekend to inspire you for the rest of your life. Come away for a Choice Weekend - it is by the choices we make that we define what our life is all about. Date: 25 - 27 Nov 2016 (Friday evening to Sunday evening) Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368 Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537 or Francesca 9710 9680 Register & Info: <http://www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm>

A SPIRITUALITY OF ORDINARY WORK - Come and learn how our ordinary work can be a means of our sanctification in daily life, and also a means of doing apostolate. A faith sharing by David Teo in this exciting journey of living as a child of God through having an interior life through norms of piety while developing our human virtues. Date / Time: Friday, 28 October 2016. 7.45pm to 9.30pm Venue: St Joseph’s Church Conference Room, Victoria Street FOC, All are Welcome Register at <http://tinyurl.com/ACT-Talk-Signup>. More details: www.catholic.sg/act

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY - GOD’S LOVE & MERCY FOR MARRIAGES Pope Francis once said, “The ideal of marriage, marked by a commitment to exclusivity and stability, is swept aside whenever it proves inconvenient or tiresome. Living together is an art, a patient journey.” In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, allow God to heal your marriages and rediscover yourself. All are welcome! Free admission. Date : Friday, 11 Nov 2016 Time: 8.00pm-10.00pm (Registration starts at 7:30pm) Venue: Church of the Holy Spirit, Room #03-11 248 Upper Thomson Road, Singapore 574371. Please register at <http://tinyurl.com/marriageworks> by 7 Nov 2016 <https://www.facebook.com/retrouvaillesingapore>

AGAPE VILLAGE FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - Caritas Singapore sends our deepest gratitude to our Catholic community in making Agape Village (AV) a reality! Join us for AV’s first year anniversary with a ‘Come &