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PRAISE@WORK TALK ON DEALING WITH OUR EMOTIONS. Do we get in touch with our emotions? Do we repress them? Do we express them? How do we handle these emotions? 20 Aug '15 (Thu) Praise@Work Prayer Meeting: Talk on Chapter 4 (Dealing With Our Emotions) of Why Am I Afraid To Tell Who I Am? by John Powell. Church of Sts Peter and Paul, 2/F Room 3. 8:00pm - 9:30pm For enquiries, email us at praiseatworksg@yahoo.com Official website: <https://praiseatwork.wordpress.com/> All are welcome!

PILGRIMAGE IN MY BACKYARD (PIMBY) - If you missed previous runs of PIMBY KAMPONG BAHRU, here's your chance to explore St Teresa's Church and her surroundings. Find out about our church's history, Carmelite Convent and

nearby Catholic schools. Date: Sunday, 23 Aug '15, Time: 2.15pm Meeting place: St Teresa's Church Canteen. Registration is required. Please call 63384080 or email to canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com.

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) Pg 293 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 296
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: On your right stands the queen, in gold of Ophir.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 17 August - SAT 22 August 2015
MON: Jgs 2:11-19, Mt 19:16-22 **TUE:** Jgs 6:11-24a, Mt 19:23-30 **WED:** Jgs 9:6-15, Mt 20:1-16 **THU:** Jgs 11:29-39a, Mt 22:1-14 **FRI:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22, Mt 22:34-40 **SAT:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17, Mt 23:1-12

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 15 August 2015

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia-Singapore-Brunei has determined that this Solemnity is to be celebrated on Saturday Sunset Mass (15 August 2015) and all Masses on Sunday (16 August 2015) following the liturgy of the Solemnity and not the liturgy of the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The liturgy on Saturday morning will be that of the 19th week in Ordinary Time.

(refer to Chancery Notice dated 27 July 2015)

About this Solemnity

This day we celebrate the promise of God expressed fully in the life of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. God invites us to eternal life, to enjoy the glorious new creation of his Son in body, soul and spirit. Our final hope is the resurrection of our own bodies at the end of time to exist forever in this new order of creation. The Solemnity of the Assumption is our great celebration of this final hope. Mary is a pioneer for us in faith. She was the first among us to accept Jesus Christ into her life. In her bodily Assumption, she is also the first to fully enjoy eternal life at the side of her risen Son in the glory of heaven. Where she has gone, we hope to follow. We rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise in her, as we turn to her to guide us to the side of her risen Son who reigns in heaven.

The Lectionary at Mass – Vigil

First Reading: Today's First Reading recounts David's enthronement of the Ark of the Covenant (the chest containing the tablets of the law) in the tent he had prepared for it. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, has traditionally been invoked as the Ark of the New Covenant; thus, the reading from 1 Chronicles is particularly appropriate as we celebrate the heavenly enthronement of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was the Ark of the Living Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 132 was sung by Jewish pilgrims as they made their way to the temple. It recounts David's concern to establish a home for the Ark of the Covenant. Today we celebrate Mary being taken up into the heavenly temple, enjoying her heavenly rest there with her risen and glorified Son.

Second Reading: All of 1 Corinthians 15 deals with the subject of resurrection of the body. These concluding verses celebrate the victory Jesus has won over death. Assumed into heaven, Mary is clothed with immortality.

Gospel: Today's Gospel seems to put Mary in the background. The opposite is true, though. It brings all believers into the foreground with her. The heavenly glory she enjoys will likewise be ours if we hear God's Word and keep it.

The Lectionary for Mass – Mass during the Day

First Reading: John wrote this fantastic,

symbolic description of the woman giving birth in the face of overwhelming danger to comfort his persecuted people. God had raised Christ up; their future in God was secure, no matter what the appearances.

Responsorial Psalm 45: Today's psalm reminds us of Mary's unique position in the history of humanity. Though she never dressed as a queen, she is the one to whom the Angel declared, "You have found favour with God."

Second Reading: Paul reminds us that Christ was the "firstfruits" of the Resurrection. Depictions of the death or "dormition" of Mary show Christ at her bedside, receiving and carrying her into eternal life. The doctrine of the Assumption assures us of the ultimate goodness of the flesh and the promise of our own resurrection in body and soul.

Gospel: Mary's Magnificat glorifies God for all the blessings she has received. She sees God's grace as the origin and destiny of all of history, even though she had to have an inkling of the hard times that would come in between. The Church has chosen her prayer as our prayer each evening. Let us give thanks with her always.

Some Saints of the Week

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church – 20 August

St. Bernard (1090 – 1153) joined the Cistercian

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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 Mon 17 August '15 at 7.20am and 5.30pm.

INFANT BAPTISM The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Sat 22 Aug '15 at 2.30pm in the Chapel (3rd Storey, Parish Building). Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session to be conducted by the

abbey at Cîteaux, known for its strict and austere way of life. Within a short time, he was noticed for his leadership; hence, he was appointed abbot of a new monastic vision at Clairvaux. His monastic vision at Clairvaux led to the foundation of several monasteries throughout France, Britain and Ireland. In solitude he wrote numerous theological and spiritual classics, including his treatise *On Loving God*, eighty-six sermons on the *Song of Songs*, and a major work *On Consideration*, a reflection on papal spirituality. St. Bernard had a special devotion to Mary, earning him the titles "Our Lady's faithful chaplain" and "Mary's harper". Bernard was a prolific writer and had a great influence on the Church.

St. Pius X, Pope – 21 August

Known as the pope of the Eucharist, Pius X is remembered for promoting frequent reception of the Eucharist. He did this when Jansenism, a heresy that believed Holy Communion should be reserved for only a select few, was prevalent. Start that "Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to heaven", Pius X issued a decree to combat Jansenism, allowing children to receive Holy Communion when they reached the age of reason (age seven), rather than waiting until they were older. Pius X's other accomplishments include reforming the liturgy, encouraging priests to give simple Homilies, reintroducing Gregorian chant into services, revising the Roman Breviary and developing a new catechism.

Priest at 2.30pm before the baptism. Application Forms for Infant Baptism can be obtained from the Parish Office. The Forms must be submitted by Saturday 15 Aug '15.

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.

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.

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.

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

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY - This is weekend live-in retreat based on the spirituality of St. Louis Marie de Montfort. To him, Mary is "the surest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect means by which to go to Jesus Christ." Discover for yourself the means given by God himself to bring us salvation, the way of Mary. What better way than the way taught by

Jesus Christ to attain holiness. This retreat at the Montfort Centre is based on the Treatise of the True Devotion to Mary by St. Louis Marie de Montfort. Come and experience the way to Jesus through Mary at this retreat. Event date: Fri, 16 Oct '15, 7.00pm to Sun, 18 Oct '15, 1.00pm. Venue: Montfort Centre, (c/o Boys' Town) 624 Upper Bukit Timah Road, S(678212) Retreat Director: Bro. Dominic Yeo Koh, SG and Bro. John Albert, SG. Facility Information: Twin/sharing or Single room (ensuite and air-con) with meals Contribution: \$120 per pax (Twin Sharing), \$200 per pax (Single Room). For Registration: Register with (Henry Tan): Email: enquiries@montfortcentre.org or Call: 67695711

WORKSHOP ON THE 'REVIEW OF LIFE' (ROL) METHODOLOGY - How can we better understand the situations and problems that the people around us face in today's society, and respond in a way that our Catholic Faith challenges us to? How do we respond to the changing needs of our ministry members? The workshop will provide an introduction to the method, followed by an exercise using the three steps in the ROL - "See, Judge, Act" to analyse and reflect on an actual situation. Besides content input, there will be discussion and practice sessions. The knowledge acquired and the reflection through the practice of ROL does not remain merely abstract, but must be translated into action. 29 Aug '15; 9.00am to 1.00pm; Level 3, Catholic Centre at 55 Waterloo Street. For more information and registration for the above workshop, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore-org or email to formation@caritas-singapore.org

QUANTUM PHYSICS, POLITICS AND THE BLESSED TRINITY - Insights from Joseph Ratzinger's "Introduction to Christianity" Is the Trinity a mystery to be accepted on faith or does knowledge of the Trinity shed light on what it means to be human? Join us as we explore this and more. Date: 19 Aug '15, Time: 730pm to 9pm (starting with Vespers), Venue: