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CLARITY'S OUTREACH BOOTH AT RISEN CHRIST CHURCH : Join us on Saturday 23 April after the 6.00pm mass and Sunday 24 April after the 9.45am and 11.30am masses to know more about how Clarity Singapore Limited can help those struggling from mental health conditions. See you at the Church lobby!

TITLE: MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING - All are invited to come and join us in this Mass to pray for healing. After Mass, prayer teams will be available to pray with you for healing. Please spread the word to your family and friends! Date: 28 April 2016. Time: 7.45pm. Venue: 3/F Chapel at

Church of Sts. Peter and Paul Celebrant: Fr. Tom Curran. Registration: Registration is not necessary. For enquiries, please email marilyn8sep@yahoo.com

LOVE MATTERS is jointly organised by ACF and its Family Partners, in conjunction with Marriage Encounter's anniversary celebrations, to celebrate marriage and the priesthood and milestone anniversaries of these vocations. ACF and ME invite couples and priests to celebrate their milestone anniversaries with us at this special event. Be inspired by Fr Terence Pereira's talk, "Lovin' Notion, Love in Motion", and celebrate marriage and the priesthood in the Eucharistic celebration with main celebrant Vicar General Msgr Ambrose Vaz, along with attending priests celebrating their sacerdotal anniversaries. Date: Saturday, 21 May '16. Venue: Blessed Sacrament Church, 1 Commonwealth Drive, S(149603). If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary of your wedding, please register by 7 May. Visit catholicfamily.org.sg/lovematters. Enquiries: 62803043 or email communications@acf.com.sg



the apostles

Fifth Sunday of Easter

24 April 2016 Year C

READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 875

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 25 April - SAT 30 April 2016

MON: 1 Pt 5:5b-14, Mk 16:15-20 **TUE:** Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14:27-31a **WED:** Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8 **THU:** Acts 15:7-21, Jn 15:9-11 **FRI:** Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17 **SAT:** Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Paul and Barnabas are undeterred by the hostility that they have faced, and continue to preach the message of Christ throughout the region. Note that they appoint leaders for the regional churches, and also that they are humble enough to remain accountable to the Church of Antioch from which they have sent.

Responsorial Psalm 145 is a hymn of praise, and it underscored that God's saving love is universal. All humankind – the children of Adam – must know about his Kingdom, which is to last forever.

Second Reading: John's vision of culminates with a vision of the "new Jerusalem". This is the city that overcomes all the falsehoods that the chapter has litanised earlier. The bride image is an antitype of the whore of Babylon, and the two cities juxtaposed against each other.

Gospel: The betrayal by Judas has unleashed the forces that will lead to the seizure and the death of the Lord. Jesus reminds his followers that they need not

fear or despair. This is his path to glory. He offers them a commandment that is old and yet he describes it as new: love one another. This commandment is transformed in Jesus, who demonstrates a new, expansive, unreasonable and unending love that must be modeled.

Some Saints of the Week

Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist
– 25 April

Today Saints

St Mark (first century) is the traditional author of the Gospel account that bears his name. Although he has been identified with John Mark and Mark, the cousin of Barnabas, the earliest tradition sees him as distinct individual, one of the seventy disciples sent by Jesus to preach before the Crucifixion. According to Hippolytus, a writer of the second to third century, he had such difficulty with Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist that he left but was later brought back by St. Peter. Subsequently, he traveled with St. Peter and worked as his interpreter, wrote the Gospel based on Peter's preaching, and became bishop of Alexandria in Egypt. The Coptic Church claims him as

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.40pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese, Chapel 3rd floor), 4.30pm (English)
Weekday Masses	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
Intercessory Prayer	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday, Adoration Chapel)
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, Adoration Chapel)
Hour of Mercy	: 3.00pm daily, (Adoration Chapel)
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 in Rm 1. On weekends, it will be available at the makeshift confessional at the baptistery (back of Church) 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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their first bishop and parts of their liturgy are attributed to him. Their tradition says that he was martyred at Alexandria in 68AD.

Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church – 29 April

Today's Saint

St. Catherine of Siena (1347 – 1380) lived at a time when the divisions and corruption in the Church went so deep that many wondered if the papacy would survive. The popes no longer lived in Rome; instead they dwelt amid kingly pomp and splendor at their palace in Avignon in southern France. When

Catherine was born, the Popes had not been in Rome for more than forty years. Catherine grew up, one of a numerous and prosperous family, and from earliest childhood she was on fire with love for God. This great mystic was also a very practical woman, who possessed not only heavenly wisdom, but great charm and sensible advice. She became an ambassador for the Church, travelling far and wide, speaking and writing on behalf of Church unity. She so impressed Gregory IX that at her urging he returned to Rome. Catherine offered her life for the unity of the Church. She died in Rome at the age of thirty-three. This young woman without any formal education has since become a Doctor of the Church.

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PARISH NEWS

SPP DEDICATION EVENT: TALKS

Talk 1: Church Architecture

Understand and appreciate the architectural features of the Church. Date: 21 May '16 (Sat) Time: 2:00pm to 4:30pm Venue: Main Church Speaker: Fr. Edward Lim

Talk 2: Rite of Dedication (English & Mandarin)

What is going to happen at the Dedication Mass? Depositing of the Relics, Anointing of the Altar and the Walls of the Church, etc. What are the meaning of these Rites? Date: 28 May '16 (Sat) Time: 2:00pm to 4:30pm Venue: Main Church. Speaker: Fr. Ignatius Yeo & Fr. Edward Lim

Separate registration required for each talk. Attendance by registration only, subject to limited capacity. Please register with the Church Office or email SPPHappenings@gmail.com

3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS JOHOR/MALACCA PILGRIMAGE - We are organising a three days pilgrimage to Johor and Malacca from Sat/ Mon 10 - 12 Sep '16. This is a project in aid of Church of Sts Peter & Paul Maintenance Fund. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at

97992488 or register at the 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.

RCIA (MANDARIN) 2016 - The 11th Mandarin Faith Journey will commence on 13 May, 2016 at 7.30 pm every Friday evening. We welcome brothers and sisters to invite friends to join us. Also, if you speak Mandarin, we encourage you to journey with us as facilitators and sponsors. Please get a registration form from Parish Secretary. For more information, please call Corina Cheong at 9177-5689

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

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APOSTOLATE FOR CATHOLIC TRUTH TALKS FOR MAY & JUNE 2016

1. Building a Culture of Life by Andy Wee,

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on 6 May 2016, 7.45 pm to 9.30 pm, .
2. Mystery, Miracles and Marvels of the BVM by Kelvin Chia, on 13 May 2016, 7.45 pm to 9.30 pm.
3. Theology of the Body Course (10 hours) by Andrew Kong, on 3, 10, 17, 24 June 2016. 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm.
Venue for above talks: St Joseph's Church Victoria Street, Conference Room. Web site for more details: www.catholic.sg/act Enquiries: Andrew (HP 96493893), Cost: FOC (Love Offering) Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/ACT-Talk-Signup>

ART & SOUL: A WAY TO GOD THROUGH ART

Date: 29 Apr - 1 May, 2016. **Time:** Fri, 8:00pm - Sun, 1:00pm. **Venue:** Montfort Centre, 622 Upper Bukit Timah. **Description:** This weekend invites the retreatants to see that art is not separate from life and in experiencing their own and others' creativity, they will learn to “find God in all things”. This is not an art workshop, but a time for prayer and reflection. Non-artists are most welcome. Contribution: \$300.00 [Art materials provided]. Organized by: The Cenacle Sisters and Ms. Joanna Tan Contact: Tel. Nos. 65652895; 97223148. Email: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com

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