

Statutes, etc to Non Catholics, 30 June '17 (by Kelvin Chia) Date / Time: 16, 23, 30 June 2017, Fridays. 7.45 pm to 9.30 pm. Venue: St Joseph's Church Conference Room, Victoria Street. FOC, All are Welcome. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/ACT-Talk-Signup> or SMS: 96493893 for enquiries (Andrew). More details: [www.catholic.sg/act](http://www.catholic.sg/act)

**GRIEVING: A WAY TO HEALING**, by Sr, Mel Benedictos and Team, Date: 11-13 Aug '17, Venue: Montfort Spirituality Centre. Time: Friday, 8:00pm to Sunday, 1:00pm. Contribution: \$250/person. This retreat will offer ways of dealing with unfinished business of the past to discover the grace coming from past hurts. Participants learn how healing comes through grieving and saying goodbye to these experiences of the past. Suitable for all ages. Register at [www.cenaclemission.com/register](http://www.cenaclemission.com/register) T:65652895; E: [cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com](mailto:cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com)

**WITNESS IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES** With reference to the magisterium, this talk explores the various scenarios of witnessing to

Catholic Faith in the public sphere. Challenges and opportunities will be discussed using case studies in America and Singapore. Speaker: Mr Nick Chui. Nick has a Masters in Theology from the John Paul II Institute and has been involved in youth and adult catechesis for over a decade. He is the Acting President of the Catholic Theological Network and member of the Centre for the Studies of Faith and Culture (affiliated with the Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore). Date: 21 Jun '17 Time: 1930-2100. Venue: St Joseph's Church, Victoria Street, Parish Hall. Enquires: call 97843682 or email [theology.sg@gmail.com](mailto:theology.sg@gmail.com)

**ART & SOUL: AWAY TO GOD THROUGH ART** by Cenacle Sisters & team. Date: 21 July (8.00pm) to 23 July (1.00pm) Venue: Montfort Spirituality Centre Contribution: \$350/person (includes materials). See how art, life & creativity can lead to "finding God in all things". This is not an art workshop, but a time for prayer & reflection, non-artists are most welcome. Register at [www.cenaclemission.com/register](http://www.cenaclemission.com/register); T: 65652895; E: [cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com](mailto:cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com)



**READINGS:** Sunday Missal (Year A) Pg 474

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: To you glory and praise for evermore.**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON** 12 June - **SAT** 17 June 2016

**MON:** 2 COR 1:1-7, MT 5:1-12 **TUE:** 2 COR 1:18-22, MT 5:13-16 **WED:** 2 COR 3:4-11, MT 5:17-19 **THU:** 2 COR 3:15—4:1, 3-6, MT 5:20-26 **FRI:** 2 COR 4:7-15, MT 5:27-32 **SAT:** 2 COR 5:14-21, MT 5:33-37

Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This is not a theological feast, but rather a celebration that our God reveals to us the three persons: a Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The Gospel is from John 3:16: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

During the week we begin a two-week look at Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. In this spirited letter, Paul writes to the early Christian community at Corinth, both to encourage them and to defend himself from his detractors. He urges us to allow our hearts to be transformed by the Spirit of God. "We hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us."

The Gospel of Matthew this week begins with the beloved teaching of the Beatitudes, found at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. The Kingdom of God belongs to the lowly, the peacemakers, those persecuted. These words are some of the most familiar of all the gospels as Jesus urges us to not hide our gifts under a bushel basket but to recognise that "you are the light of the world." Jesus transforms what the people had been taught. We are to go beyond not killing; we are to love our enemies. He tells us that he has "not come to abolish laws but to fulfill them."

Jesus tells us that if we haven't forgiven

someone, we should leave our offerings on the altar and go forgive those with whom we need reconciliation. By the end of the week, we hear Jesus encouraging us to live honestly, making elaborate promises and oaths unnecessary. "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes', and your 'No' mean 'No'" he says. The words we use are less important than the life we lead.

Sunday celebrates the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. In John's Gospel, Jesus reveals himself to us: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

**Daily Prayer This Week**

This week of prayer can be very blessed. Just as Jesus looked out on that crowd of followers and saw the spiritually poor, who were mourning and stripped of all success, looking for justice, yet themselves merciful and seeking to make peace with others, Jesus looks upon us this week. His words to us remain the same, "Rejoice and be glad." All week, we can ask for the grace to understand and embrace the blessedness of poverty, of our grief, of our seeking for justice, of how difficult it is to be merciful and be a peacemaker. We are blessed in this place, because Jesus promises we will be comforted, we will be shown mercy, we will be God's children, because the Kingdom of Heaven is ours.

<b>Sunset Mass</b>	: 5.30pm
<b>Rosary</b>	: 4.30pm (Saturday)
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
<b>Infant Jesus Devotion</b>	: 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)
<b>Divine Mercy Devotion</b>	: 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)
<b>Sion Adorers - Holy Hour</b>	: 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday)
<b>Hour of Mercy</b>	: 3.00pm daily
<b>Counselling @ SPP</b>	: 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Monday, call church secretariat 6337 2585 for appointment)
<b>Adoration Chapel</b>	: 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm (Sun)
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b> - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at the makeshift confessional at the baptistry (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass.	
<b>Parish Priest:</b> Rev Fr JOHN CHUA OCD (email: <a href="mailto:hkchuajohn@yahoo.com">hkchuajohn@yahoo.com</a> ), <b>Asst Parish Priest:</b> Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, <b>Priests in Residence:</b> Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD, Rev Fr GREGORY HON, OCD, Rev Fr JOSEPH KOH, OCD and Fr JEFFREY TAN, OCD, <b>General-Delegate:</b> Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, <b>Parish Secretary:</b> Ms Martha Loh, <b>Parish Clerk:</b> Ms Jannie Lui, <b>Liturgical Co-ordinator:</b> Alex Wong, <a href="mailto:alexdominic@gmail.com">alexdominic@gmail.com</a>	
<b>Church Donations - Please make your cheque payable to:</b>	
(i) Church of Sts Peter & Paul - for contributions/donations for General Operations & Maintenance of the Church; (ii) Carmelite Fathers - for contributions/donations to the 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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So, the first movement for the week is to let Jesus change our perspective on things. We can practice all week seeing things from Jesus' point of view. When we get so angry with someone, we might be tempted to scream at them or worse, instead we can let Jesus speak to our hearts and help us with the grace to forgive that person and actually love, as Jesus loves. If our eye causes us to sin, we can hear Jesus reminding us that we'd be better without that precious gift of our sight, that suffering the deadly effects of what is happening to us, through our fantasies.

This type of daily prayer, that finds intimacy with God throughout our very busy days can only work if we keep focusing on what we are desiring each day. And that can only work if we begin each day, naming our desires. Keep the desires simple: for example, "Lord, today, please help me see the grace you are offering me in the poverty I feel in this situation." It can take only seconds to say that in the morning

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### **Reflection - The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

Growing up as a tall, bespectacled youth I was happy with my library books, my bike and my craft projects. My mother, as a school principal, was tuned into the importance of a healthy peer group who had shared interests so each week she would quiz me about the top music hits listed in the newspaper. I learned that dialing in the pop stations on my clock radio was quite enjoyable. And I still to this day appreciate a greatest hits countdown on the radio.

Today as I pray on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity the image of greatest hits comes to my mind. The foundation of our faith that God as three persons in God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, is a great comfort while being simultaneously accessible and hard to truly understand. The readings today are scriptural greatest hits and give us insight.

In Exodus, God stands with Moses and proclaims: The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in

when I get up, or while I'm showering or getting dressed. But, by saying out "out loud" in our head, we give shape to a background place of conversation with the Lord all day. With some focused moments throughout the day, our desires will interact with the events our day.

"It is here, Lord, that you are asking me to surrender my anger. Mercy is so hard, but it is the way to life you are offering me. I know you desire mercy more than sacrifice. I so much want to know the blessedness of being a loving person. I feel more peaceful just knowing you are with me as I try to respond to this person with more compassion and forgiveness."

Each evening, our daily prayer comes to closure. We briefly look back through our day and remember those moments of "connection" and thank the Lord for the graces given. It takes practice, but the rewards are what we truly desire.

kindness and fidelity. The Lord's proclamation informs my image of a loving God. The dialogue between Moses and the Lord is quite powerful. I admire the courage of Moses and his leadership. I look for opportunities in my life to trust in my faith so I can embody courage and leadership in service to others.

We are reminded in the second reading from 2 Corinthians that we can bring out the best in one another by living peacefully in community. While these instructions sound easy, we know how very complex living these words can be: Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you. When I am spending time with people who I can easily love and with whom I agree I can easily embrace this guidance. It is much more difficult when I am not my best self and fail to ask God for the grace to have a happy, peaceful heart.

How can I do what God is simply asking me to do to mend my ways and encourage others

when I disagree with them? God is not asking me to abandon my values and my beliefs but to show every person the compassion and love I experience.

Today's Gospel from John brings us the number one scriptural greatest hit: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. This is the foundation of our faith and the touchstone we need especially when times are challenging. Our Baptism is a gift to allow us to be born

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### **PARISH NEWS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION** on Sat 17 June '17 at 5.30pm mass. All are welcome to join in this solemn procession. The Adoration Room will also be reopened for use. Our car-park will be closed on 17 June for the whole day.

**SPP PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS** - 25 Jun '17 (Sun) Mass: 11:00am (Main Celebrant: Archbishop William Goh). Lunch: 12:30pm. Venue: SPP compound All are welcomed to celebrate our Parish Feast Day together! Join in the fun with activities and performances from various ministries!

**SILVER SACERDOTAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** of Fr. Joseph Koh, OCD. 5 Aug '17 (Sat). Mass at 5:30pm. Dinner: 7:00pm at Carlton Hotel. Tickets are available at \$1,000 per table in the Church Office from 27 May '17 onwards. Do join in the celebrations of Fr. Joseph's vocation, marking 25 years as a priest.

**SPP FATIMA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS** - First Saturdays Devotions. There will be Five First Saturday Devotion Sessions starting from 3 Jun '17 to 7 Oct '17 led by various SPP Ministries: 1 July - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 5 August - Sion Adorers, 2 September - Legion of Mary and 7 October - English Prayer Group, at 4:30pm at the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (Parish Building). Do come and join in the prayers. For

again for eternal life.

The love that God shows us in the amazing gift of Jesus is overwhelming. Love is what the Most Holy Trinity is all about for me. Out of love God sends his son. Jesus shows his love through his ministry on earth and by his death and resurrection. And the death and resurrection brings us the love of the Holy Spirit. How could I ever feel condemned when I know I am embraced with this love? What do I do in my daily life to appreciate this gift of love? This is a greatest hit indeed!

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more information on the Five First Saturday Devotions, please refer to the article in Bulletin or obtain a copy of the booklet "FATIMA AND ITS MESSAGE" from the Church Office.

**RCIA 2017/2018** - Starting on 4 Jul (Every Tue), 7.30pm. This is a year's journey for those seeking to know more about the Catholic faith. It prepares newcomers to encounter Jesus and his Church, and discern towards receiving the sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist). Sessions are led by priest or religious and will be held in the Chapel (3rd lvl, Parish Building). Please invite your non-Catholic friends, colleagues and spouse to attend and learn more about the faith. Baptised Catholics are also invited to journey as sponsors. Registration forms are available from the Parish office or register your interest via <http://sppchurch.org.sg/contact-us/>

**3-DAYS SANTA CRUZ PILGRIMAGE** - We are organising a three-day pilgrimage to Malacca Santa Cruz from Fri/Sun 1 - 3 Sep '17. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at Sts Peter & Paul Secretariat Office.

### **NEWS AROUND THE PARISH**

**ACT** talks on the Holy Face, The Bible Alone Theory, and Explaining Purgatory, Statutes, etc to Non Catholics. 1. The Miraculous Image of the Holy Face, 16 Jun '17 (by Andrew Kong) 2. The Bible Alone Theory, 23 June '17 (by Kelvin Chia) 3. Explaining Purgatory,