

by: Archdiocesan Commission for the Family and Office for the New Evangelisation. Spend some time away with your family to encounter God in each other. Sessions for children, teenagers, and adults. Camp Master: Rev Fr Terence Pereira, Episcopal Vicar for the New Evangelisation. To register visit: www.one.org.sg/events

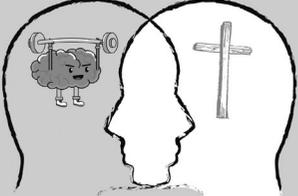
RETROUVAILLE – A Lifeline for Troubled & Hurting Marriages. If you are serious about making your marriage work, this program could be worthwhile for you. Weekend date: 27 - 29 Apr '18. For confidential enquiry, Tel: 6522 8750. Online registration: www.helpourmarriage.sg

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents. We come together as bereaved parents - in prayer, in WORD and in faith. The session, run by bereaved parents, meets monthly to pray, reflect and break open the WORD OF GOD. We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to unite with us in faith. Our monthly session is on every 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm - 9:00pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8, and the next one would be held on Tue 27 Mar '18. Our contact details are

email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com and we can also be found on facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

Church of Saints Peter and Paul presents

Your Mental Health Matters: A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE



A 1½ Day Workshop covering:
 Depression | Anxiety | Suicide | Grief | Addiction
 Speakers: Samuel Lee, M.A. in Applied Psychology (2001)
 Fr. Edward Lim, OCD

Session 1: 14 April 2018 (Sat) 9:30am to 4:30pm
 Session 2: 28 April 2018 (Sat) 12:00pm to 4:30pm
 Venue: SPP Parish Building, Level 3 Chapel
 Contribution: \$50 (includes tea-break. Lunch at own expense)

Please register at SPP Church Office.
 (Attendance by registration ONLY)
 For enquiries, please email spphappenings@gmail.com

- 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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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

25 March 2018 Year B

READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 290

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 26 March - SAT 31 March 2018

MON: IS 42:1-7, JN 12:1-11 **TUE:** IS 49:1-6, JN 13:21-33, 36-38 **WED:** IS 50:4-9A, MT 26:14-25 **THU:** Holy Thursday **FRI:** Good Friday of the Lord's Passion **SAT:** Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

Beginning Holy Week

On Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord we make our way into Holy Week. We read the gospel about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, Paul's invitation to us to imitate Jesus who emptied himself, and the whole Passion, this year from Mark's Gospel.

The next three days - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week - are the final days of Lent. The first readings are from the Suffering Servant Songs of Isaiah. Though originally sung about Israel, God's servant, and perhaps a specific servant, they clearly spoke to the early Christian community about Jesus and his mission.

Monday and Tuesday's gospels are from John's Gospel. The anointing at Bethany - at the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus - has taken place at a wonderful celebration of Lazarus' return to life and a fine thanksgiving to Jesus. Mary anoints Jesus' feet with the precious oil that reminds us of his burial. Then, at the Last Supper (skipping over the reading we will use on Holy Thursday about the washing of feet) Jesus identifies his betrayer. Finally, Jesus talks with Peter who professes his loyalty to Jesus who predicts Peter would deny him three times later that night.

Wednesday's Gospel is the story of Judas' betrayal of Jesus, from Matthew's perspective. We can feel the tension and pressure Jesus is under. There is sadness at hearing the arrangement Judas makes - 30 pieces of silver - to deliver Jesus into the hands of his enemies.

The Triduum

On Holy Thursday we hear a reading from the church of saints peter & paul

Book of Exodus which describes the Passover celebration. Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, gives us the earliest account we have of the Last Supper - probably written relatively soon after the event. Then, we have the unique view of the Last Supper from John's Gospel. Instead of the traditional narrative, we see Jesus washing his disciples' feet. On this Thursday night, in the only liturgy allowed in a church on this day - so that as many people as possible might participate - we act out the foot washing that Jesus gave us as an example, in fact, as a mandate.

Out of profound respect for this day on which our salvation was won, there is no Eucharist on Good Friday. The liturgy begins with a Liturgy of the Word. Isaiah 52-53 contains the last of the Suffering Servant songs. With the eyes of faith, it describes what Jesus became. The Letter to the Hebrews proclaims the good news of this day. The gospel is the Passion from John's Gospel. You might want to see this link for a description of the whole Good Friday liturgy, as well as a reflection on the Passion.

There is no liturgy at all on Holy Saturday. We spend this day in "the in-between place" - between the remembering the death of our Lord and celebrating his Resurrection. The Easter Vigil Liturgy, which is celebrated after sunset, is a full celebration of our Lord's resurrection. The Liturgy of the Word has a series of eleven readings to choose from. The idea is that we remain in vigil this night, reviewing the story of our salvation - from the story of Creation, to the great story of the Exodus from slavery in Egypt, through a number of the prophets, culminating in Paul's Letter to the Romans - "Are you not aware

that we who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptised into his death?" The readings begin in the dark, and are then read by the light of the Easter Candle. Then the lights come on, bells are rung as we sing the Gloria. The gospel story of the Resurrection is then proclaimed in the full light, with Easter joy. Go to this link for a detailed look at the Easter Vigil.

During the day on Easter Sunday, we read from the Acts of the Apostles to hear Peter's preaching about the Resurrection. The Letter to the Colossians reminds us "You have died and your lives are hidden with Christ in God." The gospel is from John's Gospel and give us the first story of that Easter morning - Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to tell Peter and the "disciple Jesus loved" to tell them. They run to the tomb and discover for themselves that it is empty.

Daily Prayer

The First Four Days

This is the week we call "Holy" because it is a memorial of God's saving deeds for us in Jesus. There is a solemn nature to this week. We might be tempted to be sad or conflicted this week. It is not easy to get close to the reality that we are sinners and our Lord and Savior went through this betrayal, suffering and death for us. So, sometimes, we avoid looking at this week closely, and praying with it, because we fear getting into our guilt.

The invitation this week is to come closer to the reality of God's profound love for us. Yes, we are all sinners. But, we are loved sinners. We are being invited to be grateful, not to beat our breasts. We are invited, in this spirit to feel all that we can feel this week. Yes, we will feel some discomfort - after all, we feel discomfort when anyone puts themselves through some sacrifice for us. And, the sacrifice here is the gift of his very self - so that we might always know how completely Jesus entered into the reality of our human existence - "even death, death on a cross." [Phil. 2:6-9]

This week we follow our ongoing pattern of connecting with our Lord, as early as we can each morning. For even a few moments we name our desire: "Lord, let me be with you this week and open my heart to feel what you want me to feel about your love for me, personally." Then, throughout the day, in many background, in-between moments, we can continue our brief conversations with our Lord as we relate this desire

with the people and events of our day. Finally, each night, we can pause, perhaps before a crucifix, or placing ourselves in our imagination before the cross, and speaking to our Lord, friend to friend, the gratitude we feel for the gift of mercy and eternal life his love has gained for us.

The Triduum

Even if our work or circumstances require us to be quite busy and involved in many secular things on these three days, we can stay focused in the background of our inner consciousness. We do this by remembering that the drama we recall in the great Liturgies we celebrate these days is all about helping us remember that this overwhelming love is for us. The central mystery of our salvation is that, in Jesus, God entered our world completely, experiencing all that we experience, and suffering temptation, loss, grief, humiliation and even an unjust death on a cross.

Holy Thursday is a day to wake up and ask for the grace to grow in some sense of the gift of the Eucharist for us. Even if we can't join in a celebration of the wonderful "Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper," we can take moments throughout this day to remember how he loved us by giving himself to us in the Bread that gives life and the Cup that is poured out for us. To show how the Eucharist is the memorial of how he was taken, blessed, broken and given for us, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. And he tells us that this is a mandate, a mission for us - to follow his example and to wash each other's feet, i.e., to allow ourselves to be taken, blessed, broken and given in love for others. We could reflect today on how I resist his washing my feet - how I resist his intimate love for me. And, we can reflect upon our mission gratefully. For those of us who will celebrate tonight, let this be a day of reflective preparation to enter into this Eucharist and come away with a renewed sense of the meaning of love. "Where there is love, God is present."

On Good Friday we can spend the day with an inner quiet. We can practice this as a day of fast to heighten our awareness of the sacrifice of Jesus. If we are unable to attend a celebration of "Our Lord's Passion," we can surely enter into it in many ways. We can place a crucifix in a central place in our home. We can download an image of the crucifixion from the web. We can read the Passion in John's Gospel or pray with the Stations

of the Cross. We can pause - sometime between 12 noon and 3 pm and simply say "thank you." If we are able to celebrate with others, we can let our veneration of the cross be full of intimacy and personal gratitude - beyond where words can take us - for God's mercy and love.

Holy Saturday is a solemn day to ask for the grace to imagine Jesus lying in the tomb, in death. It is from this death - the same death we will all experience - that Jesus is raised. We cannot feel the deepest joy of Easter without spending some time reflecting

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- **Saturday, 24 Mar** (Anticipated Mass for Palm Sunday): 5.30pm (Solemn Entrance. No procession)
- **Palm Sunday, 25 Mar**
Masses: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
Procession during 11.00am Mass
Solemn Entrance at the rest of the masses
- **Holy Mon, Tues, Wed (26, 27, 28 Mar)**
Masses: 7.20am, 5.30pm
Vespers at 7.30pm
- **Holy Thursday, 29 Mar**
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7.00pm (English, Main Church)
7.00pm (Mandarin, 3rd Flr Chapel)
8.30pm (Cantonese, 3rd Flr Chapel)
Tenebrae Service (Divine Office): 10.30pm
Church will be closed at midnight
- **Good Friday, 30 Mar**
Lauds: 9.30am
Way of the Cross (Mandarin): 11.15am
Celebration of the Passion (Mandarin): 12.00pm
Way of the Cross (English): 2.15pm
Celebration of the Passion (English): 3.00pm
Celebration of the Passion (Cantonese, 3rd Floor Chapel): 3.00pm
- **Holy Saturday, 31 Mar**
Lauds: 9.30am
Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection (with baptism): 8.00pm
- **Easter Sunday, 1 Apr**
Masses: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)

PARISH NEWS

SPP FAMILY EASTER GAMES DAY 2018

Date : 15 April, Sunday. Time : 12.30pm-3.00pm.
Sign up as a family in groups of 3-5 people. There'll be games, food and attractive prizes to be won. Lunch is provided. Only \$5 per group. Registration starts on 25 March and ends on 8 April. COME to the booth outside the church to register with us!

on this good news. We can pause in background moments to give thanks for the gift of mercy and life we have been given. The Easter Vigil liturgy is the fullest celebration of the Resurrection and a renewal of our sense of Baptism. If we are unable to celebrate the Vigil, we might go to bed this night, thanking God for what the dawn brings: our opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, who draws us to the fullness of life with him.

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.

INFANT JESUS DEVOTION - NO Holy Infant Jesus devotion on Thursday Thursday 29 March.

PARISH LEADERS RETREAT 2018 - The leaders of various ministries and groups in the Parish will be having a retreat in April '18. In addition to the intentions prayed during the Prayers of the Faithful at masses, we ask for your prayers for these leaders. We also pray that there be more men and women who are willing to step up and assume leadership roles in their ministries and more people who will join and serve in the ministries in our Parish.

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

(All are welcome and no registration is needed). 7 Apr '18 (Sat). Church of Sts. Peter and Paul (main church). 2.00pm - Praise and Worship. 2.20pm to 4.00pm - Mass celebrated by Fr. Tom Curran, followed by prayers for healing. For enquiries, please email praiseatworksg@yahoo.com or call 9747 2467. Organised by Praise@Work and supported by SACCRE.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

LABOURERS IN THE VINEYARD

RETREAT - 25 to 29 May '18, at Majodi Retreat Centre, Johor, Malaysia. Cost: S\$200 (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.

FAMILY CAMP - Theme: Love or Lost? 31 Mar-3 Jun '18. Venue: Batam View Beach Resort. Cost: S\$350 per Adult/Teen, S\$200/Child (Costs includes accommodation, meals, and transport). Organised