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Spend the first 2 Saturdays in May with our Blessed Mother!

(A) 6 May '17: Jesus Mary Rally (1pm – 3.30pm) (organized by The Office for the New Evangelisation in collaboration with The Legion of Mary) Come for an afternoon of prayer, adoration and a talk to learn more about Jesus, Mary and the New Evangelisation. Speaker: Fr Terence Pereira, Episcopal Vicar for the New Evangelisation

(B) 13 May '17: **'OUR LADY OF FATIMA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS'.**

Celebrant of Eucharistic Celebration: Archbishop William Goh. More details will be made available. Venue: Both events are held at St Joseph's Church (Victoria Street)

ARCHDIOCESAN BIBLICAL APOSTOLATE CELEBRATES BIBLE SUNDAY 2017. THEME: LISTENERS OF THE WORD, PROPHETS OF TODAY

Speaker: Sr. Sandra Seow, FMVD – Director of Archdiocesan Biblical Apostolate. Author of the Prayer for Living Book. Mass celebrant: Archbishop William Goh. Where: Catholic Junior College Performing Arts Centre, 129 Whitley Road, Singapore 297822. When: 8 Jul '17, Sat. Time: 9.00am - 1.30pm (Registration starts at 8.15am) Cost: \$50 (includes tea, lunch and goody bag) Register Now! For registration or enquiries: Website: <http://biblicalapostolate.catholic.sg> Email: aba_secretariat@catholic.org.sg Tel: 62800354 (Office hours - weekdays 9.00am to 1.00pm)

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)
Adoration Chapel	: 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm (Sun)
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 baptistry (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 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.	

Information is correct at time of publication.



READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year A) Pg 432
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Show us, Lord, the path of life.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 1 May - SAT 6 May 2016
MON: ACTS 6:8-15, JN 6:22-29 **TUE:** ACTS 7:51—8:1A, JN 6:30-35 **WED:** 1 COR 15:1-8, JN 14:6-14 **THU:** ACTS 8:26-40, JN 6:44-51 **FRI:** ACTS 9:1-20, JN 6:52-59 **SAT:** ACTS 9:31-42, JN 6:60-69

Letting Myself be Reborn

Easter is a wonderful time to reflect upon the new life we receive through our relationship with Jesus. However, celebrating Easter is not just thinking about new life, but it is about experiencing new life. There are two questions:
 1) where am I not feeling “alive” or not fully alive? and 2) what would it mean for me to let myself become fully alive, in Jesus?

When Jesus talked with Nicodemus about being born again, Nicodemus misunderstood him. Jesus clarified the phrase, explaining what he meant. We must be born “from above.” [John 3:3]

What is this distinction Jesus is making between being born “again” and being born “from above.” Jesus is talking about where life comes from. It’s from him. The “new life” is a gift and it is from God.

When we are feeling tired, discouraged, and full of deadly, or self-defeating, desires and actions, we know we aren’t happy, even if it is difficult to admit it. But, the desire for healing, relief, refreshment - new life - is the first step to being open to receive the gift. And, this is not a “once and for all” realisation. Various deadly things go

on in our lives all the time. We need to stay attentive to what’s happening in us all the time. It’s like when a blood clot blocks blood flow to our heart or our brain, something dies. When something blocks the flow of life to any part of our spiritual reality, something dies in us. Jesus is telling us that there is relief and new life - from above. We just need to be attentive to what is happening in us.

When we let his life course through us, we come to life again. It is all about the connection, the communion, the way we make our home in him and allow him to make his home in us. When we become branches connected to the Vine of life, then we can live again and can bear much fruit.

When he restores life to parts of us that were not very vital, the new life often means change. We feel different, and when we begin to act differently, it can feel not only “new” but “strange” or “awkward.” It means that old habits and patterns need to be let go of and new ones need to be practised. This is how we are opened up to grace - open to his giving his life to us. Then we can be opened to a new way of acting and loving. This new way is characterised by greater freedom, greater mercy and greater generosity.

As it appears in us, it is a beautiful thing to behold. All of a sudden, we really like what it feels like. We like who we are becoming. It starts to feel like we are reborn, renewed, coming to life in a new way.

When we experience new life, two things are very clear.

1) It is rarely, if ever, a solitary experience. We need the support of others to grow and we grow best in a community of others who are also growing. Celebrating Easter is always best done in community. 2) An Easter community is on fire with growth. The Holy Spirit comes to us and gives growth with renewed vitality and splendour.

So, let's let our longing for new life fill this Easter Season. Let's look for what needs a new vitality in us. Let's talk with the Lord about how we can stay better connected, better rooted in him. Let's let him heal what is painful or sore or deeply wounded. Let's let him show us his love and his grace. Let's ask for the graces of a new beginning, a fresh start which will bring us to life in a new way - for our own happiness - and for our vitality for others.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/e-Born-Again.html>

PARISH NEWS

CHURCH OF STS. PETER & PAUL

FATIMA CENTENNIAL

CELEBRATION

6 MAY 2017




4:00 PM DEVOTION
BLESSING OF THE
STATUE OF
OUR LADY OF FATIMA

5:30 PM MASS

6:30 PM CROWNING &
PROCESSION OF
OUR LADY OF FATIMA

ALL ARE WELCOMED!

SPP FORMATION SERIES - Who Is My Neighbour Session 2. Learn about Taoism and understand our Taoist friends better with a visit to San Qing Gong Taoist Temple. Date: 21 May '17, Sun. Time: 1:30pm - 4:30pm Gathering Venue: Level 3 Chapel, SPP Parish Building. Cost: \$5/person (for bus transport - no self-drive). Limited capacity available. Please register with the Church Office.

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING (All are welcome) 6 May '17 (Sat) Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Main Church 2.00pm - Praise and Worship. 2.25pm - 4.00 PM - Mass followed by prayers for healing. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Tom Curran. For enquiries, please email praiseatworksg@yahoo.com or call 9747 2467 Organised by SACCRE and Praise@Work

ST PIO'S 130TH ANNIVERSARY BIRTHDAY MASS - Date: Tue 23 May '17. Venue: Church of Sts Peter & Paul. 6.30pm - Devotion & Intercessory Prayers to St Pio of Pietrelcina, 7.00pm - Mass, 8.00pm - Veneration of St Pio Relic (Holy Mitten) Come and pray with them. All are welcome!

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

BOYS' TOWN FLAG DAY 2017: Volunteers, staff & beneficiaries from Boys' Town will be in the parish during the weekend of 13/14 May to raise funds for their programmes, services and the maintenance of Boys' Town's facilities. Help us make a difference in the lives of the children and youth under our care. For more information, please call 66905420 or email

info@boystown.org.sg. Thank you for your generosity and support.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY COURSE (10 hrs) by Andrew Kong ((5, 12, 19, 26 May, 7.00pm-9.30pm). Venue: St Joseph's Church Conference Room, Victoria Street. Time: 7.45pm to 9.30pm. FOC, All are Welcome Register at <http://tinyurl.com/ACT-Talk-Signup>, or: SMS: 96493893 for enquiries (Andrew). More details: www.catholic.sg/act

BUILDING THE KINGDOM WORKSHOP - The Spirituality of Work (for working young adults) This workshop allows working young adults to come together to reflect on being a Christian in the workplace. The content draws on the principles of the Catholic Social Teaching The speaker is Rev Fr David Garcia, OP. This workshop will be held on 27 May 2017; 5p.m. to 9:00p.m., level 3 in Catholic Centre, 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

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF SINGAPORE (CTIS) welcomes applications for the Certificate in Theology program for Semester 2, 2017. You may download a copy of our Prospectus 2017 from our website. Application forms are available at CTIS Office or you may download it from our website. Please join our Information Night on 3 May '17 (Wed), from 7:30pm to 8:30pm to know more about CTIS and the programmes we offer. Closing date for all applications is 27 May '17 (Fri). Contact us for more information. CTIS, 55 Waterloo St, #05-04 Catholic Centre, Singapore 187954. Telephone: 6434-8000, Email: admin@ctis.sg, Website: www.ctis.sg.

KICKSTART - Entering university this year but unsure of where to meet fellow

Catholic students? Well, come on down to this year's Kickstart on 10 and 11 June, where you'll definitely get the chance to do so! The Office for Young People invites students who are entering NUS, NTU, SMU, SIM, JCU, SUTD, SIT, Yale-NUS, or other local and overseas universities for a time of worship, fellowship, encounter and more! Details: Date: 10 Jun '17 (Sat), 10.00am - 11 Jun '17 (Sun), 6.00pm. Venue: Office for Young People, 2 Lorong Low Koon, SG 536449. Cost: FREE. So what are you waiting for? Take a leap of faith and kickstart your university life by signing up at: <http://oypp.org.sg/kickstart17rego>. Kindly sign up by 31st May.

WANTED: Cook for the Church of St. Bernadette. We are looking for a cook to prepare lunch and dinner for our priests from Monday to Saturday (half day). Salary is negotiable and benefits include CPF, leave, insurance, etc. If interested, call Joseph Tan at 67373529 during office hours on weekdays.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS - Date: 13 May '17. Time: 5.00pm - 8.00pm (to be seated by 4.45pm) Venue: St Joseph's Church, 143 Victoria Street. The St Joseph's Church, Victoria Street is celebrating the Centennial of Our Lady of Fatima, who appeared to 3 children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917, teaching them to pray and recite the rosary, to save sinners, promote peace and end world war. Come join a special Feast Day Mass and Candlelight Procession with rosary recitation at the St Joseph's Church on 13 May, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Blessed Mother, and honour the Fatima message of penance and prayer.

CHARITIES WEEK 2017 - The season of Lent is the time when the Church conducts its annual Archdiocesan fundraising campaign - Charities Week 2017. Your donation will