

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 to 9:00pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8, and the next one would be held on Tue 24 April 2018.. Our contact details are email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com and we can also be found on facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

CHARIS Mission Trip – Join us in building Water filtration Systems for the people of Philippines. From 12 May – 18 May 2018, \$870 per pax. T&C apply. Limited spaces on a first come first served basis. For more information, contact Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives Singapore (CHARIS), Gabriel Lee at gabriel@charis-

singapore.org or Tel: 6337-4119. Website www.charis-singapore.org

LABOURERS IN THE VINEYARD RETREAT - 25 - 29 May '18, at Majodi Retreat Centre, Johor, Malaysia. Cost: S\$200.00 (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.

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



READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 667
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Light up the light of your face on us, O Lord..
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 16 April - SAT 21 April 2018
MON: ACTS 6:8-15, JN 6:22-29 **TUE:** ACTS 7:51—8:1A, JN 6:30-35 **WED:** ACTS 8:1B-8, JN 6:35-40 **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

In this third week of the Easter Season, we are reflecting upon how the graces of Easter are received in our hearts and what it means for our daily journey.

We grow in a sense that Easter is not simply a one day celebration. We celebrate Easter every Sunday. But, this is a season which lets us enter more deeply into the joy and the acceptance of the great gift of life everlasting.

These daily prayers help us ask for the graces we desire and to speak with our Lord, friend to friend. We get a window into the early faith community's announcement of and witness to the good news of the gift of eternal life. We listen to Jesus talking about himself, and the way he gives himself to us, as the bread that gives and nourishes that life.

Our daily prayer and reflection in this season helps us deepen our joy and gratitude and helps us integrate it into our lives.

On the Third Sunday of Easter, Luke's Gospel has the very human story of Jesus' appearing to the disciples after the Resurrection, inviting them to touch his hands and feet to see that he is real. He ate with them and "he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."

In our first readings from Acts of the Apostles this week, we read of one of the

earliest martyrs, Stephen and of Philip converting an Ethiopian slave along the road. Also this week is the story of Saul, persecutor of Christians being blinded and then healed by Ananias in the name of Jesus. The week ends with Peter traveling the region and healing.

The gospel for this week is from Chapter 6 of John's Gospel on Jesus as the "Bread of Life." Like so many stories in this gospel, Jesus teaches from one layer of understanding to another, taking us deeper into understanding his gift of himself to us in the Eucharist. Jesus says, "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life." "The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." "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." "Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in me and I in him." This marvelous dialogue ends with this exchange with his disciples: "Jesus then said to the Twelve, 'Do you also want to leave?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to

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	
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(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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believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

For the Fourth Sunday of Easter we reflect on the Paschal Mystery more deeply. Psalm 118 says, “The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” Peter quotes this psalm in preaching that the crippled man was healed, “in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.” In John’s Gospel, Jesus tells us, “A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

Daily Prayer This Week

This can be a very good week to grow in a sense of and practice with the notion of being a “contemplative in the midst of action.” We have practically a whole week of gospels about Jesus’ gift of himself to us as the “Bread of Life.” This gives us the opportunity to let that mystery be in the background of our consciousness every day this week, as we go about our everyday tasks. What makes it “contemplative” is that we will be asking for graces each morning, and we will let our desires and our activities interact.

We can begin reflecting upon how often we “work for food that perishes.” The payoff, the success, the accomplishment, the reward we receive for what we do is often quite passing and unsatisfying. It would be important to be able to sense anything that appears to be food that doesn’t last and name it as such this week. The real food, the life-giving nourishment that our Lord offers us is himself.

If we can’t celebrate the Eucharist daily this week, we can make what we used to call a “spiritual communion” simply by opening our hearts and desiring to receive our Lord, so that he remains in us and we remain in him. We can practice consciously choosing union with Jesus, our Risen Lord and only Saviour, and experiencing how

that would affect the choices we need to make throughout our day. If we begin each day, asking for the grace of this union, and renew the desire at brief moments we have at various times in the day, our focus and attention begins to change. We will experience a peace and a gifted lack of hunger and thirst for so many of the things that draw us away from him, from loving, from mercy, from consciousness on those in need.

If the background focus of each day this week is to desire to be fed by a closeness with my Lord, it doesn’t matter how busy I am, or how many conflicts I have to face or what suffering I or my loved ones must endure. His flesh and blood are real food and drink because they are the real sacrifice that takes away the power of sin and death itself. United with his surrender to the Father, we are set free from whatever can take away the life he gained for us. For this gift, for this faith, we can give thanks for every night, as we review our union with our Lord each night.

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.

Don’t work for food that perishes

When Jesus was revealing to his disciples that he is the Bread that gives us life, he said this profound thing:

Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. [John 6:27]

It is a great Easter reflection to ask ourselves, in what ways do I work for food that perishes? We can ask about this phrase in many ways. We can simply ask, What am I working for? Does it result in any kind of lasting food for me? Do I find myself working hard for elusive and unattainable goals? Am I trying buy or attain happiness with consumption which

can never really satisfy me? Am I addicted to patterns and a way of life that is taking away my happiness? Is what I have really very satisfying? Do I want even more in hopes that more will make me happy?

Jesus wants us to know that he is the Bread that gives life. When some of his listeners walked away, saying that this bread he was offering them was “hard to swallow”, they returned to their former way of life and no longer followed him. Jesus asked his disciples if they were going to walk away, too. Peter answered, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” [John 6:68-69]

Jesus tells us that if we come to him, we’ll never hunger or thirst again. He urges us to “feed” on him. The image is that of sheep who graze on a pasture. He is inviting us to allow him to be what nourishes and sustains us.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/e-Food-that-Perishes.html>

PARISH NEWS

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS - Registration is now open for Adults. Please obtain a form from Parish Office. Confirmation Date: 18 Aug ‘18

THE ST CECILIA’S CHOIR (Sun, 11.00am mass) is recruiting! Are you interested in music & singing? Looking for a community in church to join? Well, look no further & come join us! We are recruiting talents (especially tenors, altos & basses), and want you onboard. For more details, contact Elizabeth Teo at elizabeth.teo.sh@gmail.com or come say hi after mass to enquire.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

PIMBY KAMPONG BAHRU is back! CANA invites you to spend the afternoon of Sunday April 22nd listening to stories of the faith and fortitude of our forefathers and foremothers in the vicinity of Kampong

Too often we can try to have it both ways. We want to be connected with Jesus and we also want a steady diet of the things of this world. Jesus is the only food which will really satisfy us. He knows that we can live in this world, have a job in this world, support our families in this world, and do all the many non-sinful things we do in this world, as long as those things don’t become what we really work for and look to sustain our hearts and souls. Jesus alone can be a life giving and sustaining source of our identity and our nourishment. He offers us the “food that endures for eternal life.”

Let’s ask for this renewed hunger to be nourish by Jesus, to be in communion with him. From that grace will come the deep and lasting desire to gratefully share what we have received. The one who is bread broken and given for us will help us be bread which is broken and given for others who need us.

Bahru. We will take you on a walk through St Teresa’s Church with stories that will haunt and inspire and deepen appreciation of our faith - stories of this beacon on top the hill that was Light for all who sought solace. We will also visit the Carmelite Monastery and tell you more stories. Date: Sunday 22 April 2018 Time: 2.00 -5.30 pm Meet at canteen of St Teresa’s Church. Registration: email canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com or call 63384080

GIFT 2018 - This weekend, there will be a second collection for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign. GIRO forms, cheques or cash can be sealed into GIFT envelopes and dropped into the collection bags that will go around. Spare GIFT envelopes are available at the parish office. Please give generously for the vision of the archdiocese. More info is available at gift.catholicfoundation.sg.

PIETA is a support group for bereaved