

Appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund - **CHARIS** is making its annual appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund to support the Archdiocese's overseas humanitarian work and disaster response. You can also send a crossed cheque payable to "Humanitarian Aid Fund" with your name and contact information to: CHARIS, #07-02 Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954. Please contact Victoria Lim 6337-4119 or [info@charis-singapore.org](mailto:info@charis-singapore.org) for further information.

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT OF DISCUSSION – CREED ON THE STREET (COTS 8)** The purpose of the Creed On The Street (COTS) session is to invite young adults to join in a conversation with each other, to lend perspective of their faith on social issues. This session will be on 20 Nov '17 (Mon); 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m.; level 2, Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954. Topic: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matthew 25:35)" - Do

we have a responsibility towards migrants? For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: [www.caritas-singapore.org](http://www.caritas-singapore.org) or email to [youngadults@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:youngadults@caritas-singapore.org)

**THE GOD OF MANY CHANCES** - A prayer weekend by Sr. Linda Lizada and Team (Cenacle Sisters). Date: 10-12 Nov '17, Fri 8.00pm to Sun 1.00pm, at Monfort Spirituality Centre. Contribution: \$250 per person. For information, contact 65652895 or email [cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com](mailto:cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com)

It takes that 1 weekend to inspire you for the rest of your life. **COME AWAY FOR A CHOICE WEEKEND** - it is by the choices we make that we define what our life is all about. Date: 24 - 26 Nov 2017 (Fri evening to Sun evening) Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368 Enquiries: Hillary (9790 0537) or Francesca (9710 9680) Register & Info: [http://www.choice.org.sg/?page\\_id=8](http://www.choice.org.sg/?page_id=8)

<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>Adoration Chapel</b>	: 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm(Sun)
<b>Secretariat's Operating Hours</b>	: 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.
<b>Columbarium Opening Hours</b>	: 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 makeshift confessional at the baptistry (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](mailto: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.

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**READINGS:** Sunday Missal (Year A) Pg 580

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I love you, my strength.**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 30 October - SAT 4 November 2017

**MON:** ROM 8:12-17, LK 13:10-17 **TUE:** ROM 8:18-25, LK 13:18-21 **WED:** Solemnity of All Saints **THU:** All Souls Day **FRI:** ROM 9:1-5, LK 14:1-6 **SAT:** ROM 11:1-2A, 11-12, 25-29, LK 14:1, 7-11

Justice and compassion are keys to loving, in the readings for the **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. **Exodus** proclaims God's call that we act justly toward foreigners, and the most vulnerable among us: widows, orphans and the poor. Jesus says it most simply: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ...You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

On 1st November we celebrate the **Solemnity of All Saints** and on 2nd November, we celebrate the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**. A wonderful time to remember the "communion of saints" that we have on our side and the communion we will enjoy forever.

The first reading all week continues with the third week of Paul's longest letter, the **Letter to the Romans**, with his teaching of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

The **Gospel of Luke** offers a glimpse of Jesus healing and teaching the people, even as he continues to clash with religious leaders. He cures the "bent woman" on a Sabbath and tells of the tiny mustard seed which develops to become a full grown bush. He repeats that it will not be easy to enter the Kingdom: "For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." He defies

those who bring word of threats on his life and defies the silent Pharisees who watch as he cures a man on the Sabbath. Jesus encourages us to be humble: "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

That line from Luke is echoed in the gospel for the **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** as Jesus says in the **Gospel of Matthew**, "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." He encourages us to turn away from honours and titles and to take the lowest place at the banquet.

**Daily Prayer This Week**

Please, Lord, anything but humility! Our instinctive reaction to humility might be the result of a culture that exalts riches, honours and pride. Yet all this week Jesus teaches that the way to salvation is through humility. The first step might be simply asking for the desire to be humble. As we move through the simplest of moments in our everyday lives, we can stop and ask God to help us want to be humble. As we sit on the edge of the bed in the morning, as we head to work, sort laundry or do our errands, we can keep a running prayer in the background of our consciousness: "Lord, help me to desire the humility that will make me more aware of your saving grace."

These same background moments offer ways for us to recognise opportunities to practice humility as we go through our days. Perhaps I can stop myself from correcting my spouse. In a disagreement, I might make an extra effort to listen to the other person's side rather than planning my rebuttal as they speak. I can let a person in line in front of me, hold the door for someone or make an extra effort to recognise and thank those who serve me. Even these tiny gestures, when done in the spirit of Jesus' teachings this week, offer us a special grace.

With the Solemnity of All Saints, we are reminded of all the women and men whose faithful living of the Gospel is so clear that we are sure we can imitate their lives. These are all the named saints. It would be great to name the saints whose example we desire to shape our lives. All Souls day gives us the opportunity to remember and pray for all our brothers and sisters who have died. We confidently hope and pray that they may be embraced by the love and mercy of God, poured forth in the life giving death and resurrection of Jesus. This is a wonderful day to name all those we want to pray for, and to include in our prayer those who have no one to pray for them.

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.

### Reflection – All Saints' Day

In three days (i.e., on Nov. 4), Sr. Rani Maria will be beatified. As a member of the Franciscan Clarist Congregation, she worked among the poor and marginalised in Madhya Pradesh (Central India). Her work of educating the poor about their rights brought her into conflict with landlords and money-lenders. On February 25, 1995, Samundar Singh (a hitman) stabbed her 54 times while she travelled in a public bus. Most of the passengers ran away in fear; none came to

her rescue. She died on the road.

Our story does not end here. Samundar Singh was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. Sr. Rani Maria's family members, however, visited him in prison. Her mother kissed his hands as a sign of forgiveness. Sr. Selmy (younger sister of Rani Maria and a member of the same congregation) tied a "rakhi," or sacred thread, on the hand of Samundar, signifying that he was her brother. Samundar repented and was released in 2006. (Please see the documentary film — The Heart of a Murderer — winner at the World Interfaith Harmony Film Festival of 2013.)

I share this story of Sr. Rani Maria with you as we celebrate today the feast of all the holy women and men in heaven. Like this brave nun, there are many people from different times and places who have given witness by their faith, courage, love, forgiveness, humility, or commitment, among other virtues. Some of them have been canonised saints, others have joined the communion of saints by being who they were or by doing the best that they could — cooking in kitchens for their families, filing papers in crowded offices, teaching naughty children in classrooms, or by tilling the fields under the hot sun.

Yes, as today's Gospel explains, they are "blessed" for they lived and loved unselfishly. The Beatitudes (blessings) describe the saints — they refused to conform to the values of the world, to live self-centred lives. Rather, they were sensitive to the needs of their neighbours. They chose to be meek rather than arrogant, to live with a poverty of spirit rather than with inflated egos, to work for what is right (God's will), and to live with pure (sincere) hearts. People may have laughed at them, but the saints got their reward: "theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Today's readings invite us to reflect: one day we will join these saints who have

gone before us. Yes, we remember that God wants all of us to be saved. The passage we listen to in the first reading from the Book of Revelations was written to provide strength and comfort to the early Christians persecuted by Nero. The great multitude stands before God; they survived the time of great distress and they are washed in

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## PARISH NEWS

**ALL SAINTS' DAY (DAY OF OBLIGATION)** - Tues, 31 Oct, 5.30pm, English Anticipated Mass. Wed, 1 November, Masses at 7.20am, 5.30pm, 7.30pm (Mandarin)

**ALL SOULS' DAY** - Thu, 2 Nov. Masses celebrated in Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed at 7.20am, 5.30pm, 7.30pm (Mandarin). There will be Blessing of the Niches in the columbarium after the 5.30pm mass and the 7.30pm mass (Mandarin). No Infant Jesus devotion.

**SPP YEAR-END THANKSGIVING CELEBRATIONS** - Date: 31 December '17, Sunday.

**A) Special Thanksgiving Mass** at 5.30pm with renewal of marriage vows and blessings for all married couples. Please note that there is NO 4pm Mass on this day.

**B) A Kampong Nite @ SPP**, 7.30pm, SPP Compound. Join in our Parish Dinner after the Thanksgiving Mass at 7.30pm. Lots of fun and laughter awaits with programmes throughout the evening till we welcome 2018 together! Cost: \$300 per table. Sale of tickets will start on 4 November '17 at the Church Office! Come with your family and celebrate as a Parish family!

**PRAYER INTENTION FOR SOULS** - Our parish will be specially praying for souls in the month of November. Everyone is welcome to write the names of their deceased friends and/or loved ones in the book placed near the Infant Jesus shrine. Souls whose names are in the book will be prayed for at all public parish masses in the month of November.

the "Blood of the Lamb." We are invited to stand firm and live lives of faith that are just. The second reading reminds us of God's amazing love for each one of us and provides us with hope: one day, like Sr. Rani Maria, our grandparents, and all the saints, we will meet God face to face. Now, isn't that a wonderful promise?

**INFANT BAPTISM** - The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Sat 25 Nov '17 at 2.30pm in the main church. Parents & Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session to be conducted by the Priest at 2.30pm before the baptism. Application Forms for Infant Baptism can be obtained from the Parish Office and must be submitted by Tue, 31 Oct '17.

**MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING** (All are welcome and no registration is needed), 4 Nov '17 (Sat). Church of Sts. Peter and Paul (main church). 2.00pm - Praise and Worship. 2.25pm to 4.00pm - Mass celebrated by Fr. Thomas Curran, followed by prayers for healing. For enquiries, please email [praiseatworksg@yahoo.com](mailto:praiseatworksg@yahoo.com) or call 9747 2467 Organised by SACCRE and Praise@Work

**2-DAYS MALACCA - KRUBONG PILGRIMAGE** - A two-day pilgrimage to Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Krubong, Malacca from Sat/Sun 16 - 17 Dec '17. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at Church of Sts Peter & Paul Secretariat Office.

**CATHOLIC LAWYERS GUILD ("CLG") PRO BONO MEDIATION** - You can resolve your disputes without going to Court. An accredited Mediator can assist disputants to enter into a legally enforceable Settlement Agreement which provides a win-win situation for both sides. The service is free, for eligible applicants. Please email the CLG at [admin@clgsingapore.com](mailto:admin@clgsingapore.com), or call the Pro Bono hotline at 65164279 or our CLG administrator at 68017494.

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