

lead the participants in discovering their call to love and mercy in their daily lives. Sun 26 Jul '15 Time: 10.30am to 4.00pm Contribution: \$10. 2. Filipino Weekend Retreat: Mercy -- The Invitation to Love... Facilitator: Fr Lester Maramara, SJ. A silent stay-in retreat. Participants will spend time in quiet reflection, and contemplation based on presentations in choosing mercy, sharing love, and living life. Fri 31 Jul (7.30pm) to Sun 2 Aug (4.00pm) Contribution: \$180 (non-aircon); \$220 (aircon), inclusive of SD stipend

“QUENCH” is a 3D2N Youth Retreat organised by Jesus Youth Singapore (affiliated to SACCRE). Come and reconnect with the source of all Life and bask in His Love! Date & Venue: 6 Aug, 8.00pm to 8 Aug, 9.00pm at Choice Retreat House. Theme: *‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me’ John 7:37*. Age: 18-35 years old. You can register online @ [www.singapore.jesuyouth.org](http://www.singapore.jesuyouth.org). For more details email [singapore@jesuyouth.org](mailto:singapore@jesuyouth.org) or contact Fionne Grace Lai (9006 1884) or Natalie Chan (9688 0412)

**CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY** Registration is open for Certificate in Theology at Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore (CTIS). For

more info, call Janice or John at 64348000 or email [admin@ctis.sg](mailto:admin@ctis.sg) Application forms can be downloaded from the CTIS website: [www.ctis.sg](http://www.ctis.sg). Bursaries are available for prospective students (1 per parish). If you are interested, please approach your parish priest for his nomination. Kindly ensure that your application reaches us by 10 Jul '15.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC)** For couples intending to get married, the commencement date for the 4th Quarter is on 4 Oct '15. Allocation of places is on a first-come-first-served basis. Application forms can be downloaded from our website @ [www.catholic.org.sg/mpc](http://www.catholic.org.sg/mpc). Please refer to our website for further details. For any enquiries, please contact: Peter & Rita @ 93673411 or email [MPCSingapore@gmail.com](mailto:MPCSingapore@gmail.com)

**STRESSED? ANXIOUS? WORRIED? DEPRESSED? FEARFUL? ANGRY?** CLARITY can help you. CLARITY (a member of CARITAS Singapore) provides professional counselling for distressed Catholics. Call: 9710 3733; Email: [ask@clarity-singapore.org](mailto:ask@clarity-singapore.org); Website: [www.clarity-singapore.org](http://www.clarity-singapore.org)

Sunset Mass 5.30pm  
Rosary 4.40pm (Saturday)  
Sunday Masses  
8.30am (Mandarin)  
11.00am (English)  
2.00pm (Cantonese) Chapel, 3rd Floor  
4.20pm (English)  
Weekday Masses  
7.20am  
5.30pm  
Intercessory Prayer  
7.15pm (Eng, Thu, Adoration Chapel)

Infant Jesus Devotions  
5.30pm (Thu, followed by Mass)  
4.00pm (Sun, followed by Mass)  
Divine Mercy Devotions  
Sun, 12.30pm (Mandarin)  
Sion Adorers - Holy Hour  
7.45pm - 8.45pm (Sat, Adoration Chapel)  
Hour of Mercy (Adoration Chapel)  
3.00pm (Daily)  
Counselling @ SPP  
Every Monday 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Please call SPP Church Secretariat 6337 2585 for appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm-5.20pm on weekdays in Rm 1. On weekends, it will be available in the makeshift confessional/back of the tentage 30 mins before each weekend mass.

Parish Priest: Rev Fr JOHN CHUA OCD (email: [hkchuajohn@yahoo.com](mailto:hkchuajohn@yahoo.com)), Asst Parish Priest: Rev Fr EDWARD 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 THOMAS LIM OCD, Parish Secretary: Ms Martha Loh, Parish Clerk: Ms Jannie Lui, Liturgical Co-ordinator: Alex Wong, [alexdominic@gmail.com](mailto: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) Church Of SPP Building Fund - for contributions/donations to our Church building fund; (iii) Carmelite Fathers for contributions/donations to the Carmelite Friars (SPP), OCD Missions, Frairs Formation. (iv) 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 B) Pg 188 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 197  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**  
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON** 13 July - **SAT** 18 July 2015  
**MON:** Ex 1:8-14, 22, Mt 10:34 -11:1 **TUE:** Ex 2:1-15a, Mt 11:20-24 **WED:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12, Mt 11:25-27 **THU:** Ex 3:13-20, Mt 11:28-30 **FRI:** Ex 11:10-12:14, Mt 12:1-8 **SAT:** Ex 12:37-42, Mt 12:14-21

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12 July 2015**

**The Lectionary for Mass**

**First Reading:** When the priest told Amos to stop his prophesying, Amos had a simple response. He told the priest that because it was not he, but God, who had called him to his vocation, no human had the authority to tell him where or how to prophesy.

**Responsorial Psalm 85:** As we pray this psalm, we are challenged to put our heart and soul I to the words we say. Are we ready to ask for the kindness and salvation God offers or do we want to fill out an order for God so that our requests will be answered according to our will.

**Second Reading:** Paul is calling us to rejoice in the mystery our very being. He invites us to contemplate what it means to have been chosen “before the foundation of the world, to be holy”.

**Gospel:** Jesus “summoned the Twelve”. They did not choose him, but he them, and he sent them. Likewise, we who are baptised have been summoned to continue Jesus’ mission in the world. This is a moment to ask what gifts God has given us for the good of others.

**Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel – 16 July 2015**

**Today’s Saint**

Mount Carmel is part of a mountain range in northern Israel, significant to Christians for its biblical association with the prophet Elijah (see 1 Kings 18). In the twelfth century, the Carmelites were founded at a site reputed to have been Elijah’s cave. They soon built a monastery here. The Carmelites honour the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The English Carmelite, St. Simon Stock, is believed to have been given the brown scapular by Our Lady, and those who wear it believe they can be sure of her help at the hour of their death.

**The Lectionary for Mass**

**First Reading:** This is the pinnacle of Moses’ experience: not only does he speak to God, but he hears God’s name, but he hears God’s name. The only trouble is that God’s name is not really a name at all and is not translatable. The closest translation is probably “I shall be who I shall be”. The other hint Moses gets is that God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Putting these two titles together, we can conclude that humanity can only know God through God’s

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action in our history. We, of course, would add that God is God revealed in Jesus Christ.

**Responsorial Psalm 105:** Singing this, we praise God's faithfulness and recall God's great deeds in history.

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## PARISH NEWS

### FUND RAISING FOR ASSISI HOSPICE

- Calling on you to be part of the community support for patients with life-limiting illnesses at Assisi Hospice. Students from ITE College West are selling ceramic mugs and sport towels, priced at \$10 each at our weekend masses of Sat/Sun, 1/2 Aug '15. All the proceeds and donations will support patients in need of palliative and hospice care. Please give the students your generous support. To find out more about their fund raising events, visit them at <https://www.facebook.com/EdutomhawkAssisiHospiceymca>

**INFANT BAPTISM** - The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Sat 25 Jul '15 at 2.30pm in the Chapel (3rd Storey, Parish Building). Parents and 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. The Forms must be submitted by Sat 18 Jul '15.

**MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** Mass dedicated to the souls of the faithful departed whose remains are placed in the columbarium in our church, and for their family members is celebrated on Fri 24 Jul '15 at 7.20am and 5.30pm.

**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP) OUTREACH** - On Sun 12 Jul at 9.30am, come and experience what Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed "Truly, I say to you, what you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did for me." SSVP invites you to meet the elderly and needy and hear their life stories. Prayers in Action at Mary's Cafe opposite our Church of Sts Peter & Paul.

**RAFFLE FUNDRAISING FOR CARMELITE FRIARS FORMATION** - Raffle Tickets "In the footsteps of St Teresa of Avila" Draw will be held on Sunday, 16 Aug '15 at 5.30pm in our church. Raffle Prizes are 3 Full Expenses Paid 15 Days

**Gospel:** In Jesus' day a yoke symbolised the Law. With this statement, Jesus offers an alternative to a religious life centred on fulfilling every detail of the Law. His easy yoke is nothing more or less than love of God and neighbour.

Carmelite Spain Pilgrimages to be won. The ticket stubs and money for the sold tickets and all unsold tickets should be returned to our church by mid-July, the latest. For enquiries, please contact Alice Chua at 98465646. Thank you for your generous support.

**SPP CATECHIST RECRUITMENT** - We are looking for 8 Primary and 4 Secondary Catechists to assist with the faith formation and development of the children and teenagers at SPP. No prior experience is needed. Guidance and training will be provided. Please call/SMS Jeremy at 96843475 or Alycia at 91773461 for more information.

**3-DAYS SANTA CRUZ PILGRIMAGE** - We are organising a three-day pilgrimage to Santa Cruz Chapel in Malacca from Fri/Sun 4 - 6 Sep '15 in aid of the Restoration and Conservation project of our Church of Sts. Peter & Paul. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at Sts Peter & Paul Secretariat Office.

**DAILY PRAYER** - Our SPP Church prays the Lauds led by the Carmelite Friars every weekday at 7.00am before the 7.20am Mass.

**15 DAYS 12 NIGHTS PILGRIMAGE** to St Teresa's Carmelite in Spain from 3 - 17 Oct '15 to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Birth of St Teresa of Avila. Spiritual Directors are Fr Kenneth Gopal, OCD and Fr Jeffery Tan, OCD. If you are interested, please pick up a registration form from Parish Office. For more information, please contact Lawrence Seet at Hp: 97992488.

**CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL BUILDING FUND** - An estimate of 30% of items in the church conservation project is deemed strictly as "conservation works" and we have already raised \$2,986,565/- from the account "PMF - Church of Sts Peter and Paul". The figure above is sufficient to cover 30% of items being conserved; raising more than 30% through this account (PMF- Church of Sts Peter & Paul)

means that the balance will have to remain in this account until another conservation project has been initiated. Further, the funds raised through the above account cannot be used for maintenance other than conservation works. As such, we have ceased to accept tax exemption donations for the restoration of our church. However, we hope that you will continue to donate generously to our Building Fund for many other maintenance works. From now onwards, crossed cheques should be made payable to: Church of SPP Building Fund. Donor may provide his/her name, address and contact phone no. Thank you for your generous donations and support.

## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

**MERCY** - an event by the Catholic Students' Overseas Community (CSOC) 1st and 2nd August, 8am-6pm, St Joseph's Church (Victoria Street). Are you heading to the UK, US or any other country outside of Singapore to further your studies? Are you going on exchange in the upcoming semester? Are you already an overseas student back home for the holidays? Come meet other Singaporean Catholics studying Overseas, along with Rev. Fr Kenneth Gopal, OCD, STL, over 2 days of fellowship and fun. Join us for thought-provoking talks, as we journey together in learning how to live out our faith while away from our homes and families! Book your place now at <http://goo.gl/forms/Yz2kky8nKe> or email [csocsingapore@gmail.com](mailto:csocsingapore@gmail.com). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David (91479388) or Augustine (98790271).

**SPECIAL NEEDS WORKSHOP 2 - SPIRITUALITY OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS COMMUNITY** - **Target Audience:** Parents and siblings of people with special needs, Catechists, assistant catechists, parent support groups, sponsors, and general congregation. **Speaker:** Kenneth Poon is father of two lovely girls attending primary school. He is a parishioner at the Church of the Holy Spirit where he serves in the Ministry breaking God's word to children during the mass. He had previously served as assistant teacher in a special catechism class for adolescents with developmental disabilities at the Newman Center at Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The fulfilling lives that these young men now live fuels Kenneth's vision for individuals with disabilities in Singapore. In his day job, Kenneth is Assistant Dean (Research Translation)

at the Office of Educational Research and Associate Professor of Early Childhood and Special Education at the National Institute of Education. He received his training as a clinical psychologist at the University of Queensland and obtained a Ph.D. in Early Childhood, Families, and Literacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His current research includes early intervention, life course studies of individuals with developmental disabilities, and teacher training for successful inclusion. Apart from these, Kenneth also volunteers at the Rainbow Centre, Singapore. Date: 11 Jul '15, Sat, 2.30pm - 5.00pm. Venue: CAEC, 2 Highland Road. Registration: \$30 (inclusive of notes & tea-break) To register, please contact [admin@one.org.sg](mailto:admin@one.org.sg) or [cecilia@one.org.sg](mailto:cecilia@one.org.sg) for further assistance by 7 Jul '15

**THE NTU CATHOLIC STUDENT'S APOSTOLATE** will be holding our Freshmen Orientation Camp on 20-23rd July! We invite all incoming NTU students to come for a time of fun and fellowship as well as a time of gentle reflection before the start of the new academic year. Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CSAFOC2015?fref=ts> for more details, and sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/csafoc15>. We hope to see you there!

**THE CATHOLIC THEOLOGY NETWORK** is organizing a talk "Philosophy: Aid or threat to faith? Insights from Joseph Ratzinger's "introduction to Christianity" For many today, philosophy's emphasis on reason seems an enemy of faith. Yet the early Christians, when evangelizing, emphasized that Christianity was the "true philosophy. Why did they do it? And what can we learn from their example today? Join us to find out more! Speaker: Amy Matthews (Bachelor of Theology, University of South Africa, Pretoria) Date: 15 Jul '15 Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Venue: Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street Enquires/ registration: Nick, 97843682 or drop us an email at [theology.sg@gmail.com](mailto:theology.sg@gmail.com)

**KINGSMEAD CENTRE FOR IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY AND COUNSELLING** has organised two events for the Filipino community in Singapore in July. 1. A Day of Recollection for Filipino Friends (May Awa Ang Diyos) Facilitator: Fr Lester Maramara, SJ. A day to come together for prayer, quiet, and reflection, including presentations and group sharing. Fr Lester will