

communicate, the enriching experience forges greater intimacy and a closer relationship. ME benefits both young couples who want to build a strong marital foundation as well as those who have clocked many years together and strive to keep the flame burning strong. There are still limited slots for the next ME Weekend from April 1 to 3. For registration or enquiries, call Joseph & Reenie on 9670-5390, e-mail mewkend@gmail.com or visit www.MESingapore.org

THE RESURRECTION, A SHARING OF THE APPARITION NARRATIVES. Come and hear how we as Christians are invited by the Gospel to share and live our lives as witnesses of the Resurrection, as a people who have personally encountered the Risen Lord. Date/Time: Friday, 8 Apr '16. 7.45pm-9.30pm. Venue: St Joseph's Church Conference Room, Victoria Street. FOC, All are Welcome. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/ACT-Talk-Signup> or: SMS: 96493893 for enquiries (Andrew). Presenter: Andrew Kong, BSc, LLB, JCL More details: www.catholic.sg/act

WORKSHOP ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING will give participants an overview

of the main concepts of the Catholic Social Teaching as well as the basic foundations of Moral Theology. These concepts include: Human Dignity, principle of subsidiarity, work and economy etc. Besides content teaching, these workshops also include group discussions and the application of the concepts to life situations and real-world examples. Date: 2 Apr '16 (Sat), Time: 9.00am - 2.00pm Venue: Level 3, Catholic Centre at 55 Waterloo Street Target Audience: Genera - for Catholics and those interested to know more of our Catholic Social Teaching. Free. Love Offering welcomed. For more information and registration: www.caritas-singapore.org OR formation@caritas-singapore.org

CHOICE - It takes that 1 weekend that will 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: 29 Apr - 01 May '16 (Fri evening to Sun evening). Venue: CHOICE Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368. Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537 or Francesa 9710 9680. Register & Info: www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.40pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese, Chapel 3rd floor), 4.30pm (English)
Weekday Masses	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
Intercessory Prayer	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday, Adoration Chapel)
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, Adoration Chapel)
Hour of Mercy	: 3.00pm daily, (Adoration Chapel)
Counselling @ SPP	: 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Monday, call 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), 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 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 C) Pg 423
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 28 March - SAT 2 April 2016
MON: ACTS 2:14, 22-33, MT 28:8-15 **TUE:** ACTS 2:36-41, JN 20:11-18 **WED:** ACTS 3:1-10, LK 24:13-35 **THU:** ACTS 3:11-26, LK 24:35-48 **FRI:** ACTS 4:1-12, JN 21:1-14
SAT: ACTS 4:13-21, MK 16:9-15

Easter Time

The Meaning

If we were to pick the pivotal moment of our liturgical year, its very centre, it would be Jesus' Resurrection, Easter. It is for us both an ending and a beginning. As Alexander Schmemmann noted, "We are always living after Easter, and we are always going towards Easter." A wonderful quote attributed to St. Augustine evokes the spirit in which this Easter journey is lived by those who have seen the Risen Lord: "We are an Easter People, and Alleluia is our song!"

During Easter, we stand vindicated by the victory of the Resurrection. Death and sin are no more; darkness and suffering have not had the final word. The Resurrection is now! Alleluia! Praise God!

This joy of knowing Jesus Christ calls us to witness to his Resurrection. Like the disciples who were his companion in life, we are propelled forward into the world as we realise the magnitude of what he has done and have his Spirit breathed out upon us anew.

Pope Francis calls us to that Alleluia people of evangelisers:

The Church which "goes forth" is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice... Let us try a little harder to take the first step and to become involved... An evangelising community gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary, and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others.... Evangelising with joy becomes beauty in the liturgy, as part of our daily concern to spread goodness. The Church evangelizes and is herself evangelized through the beauty of the liturgy, which is both a celebration of the task of evangelisation and the source of her renewed self-giving (EG, 24).

As fragrant today as we have been through the chrismation of our Baptism and Confirmation, we allow the joy of knowing Christ to waft in our lives and in our liturgies. This is the season to invite people into a more "full, conscious and active participation" (CSL, 7) in the Mass, not only for their own spiritual nourishment but so that when others come to pray within our Body, they feel the vibrant presence of the love of God. We should not have to tell them that we are an Easter people; it should radiate powerfully

in our midst. Alleluia is our song!

The Lectionary for Mass

Having lived through the mystery and power of Holy Week, we now enter the weeks of Easter Time with joy. Easter is not a one-day affair: it is a transformation that we carry forward into our lives.

The readings this cycle provide us not only with a glimpse of the initial response of the disciples to the Death of Jesus, but their ongoing awakening and movement into action as they see that he is risen. We hear of the miraculous appearances of Jesus, the awakening of the Apostles to his presence, and their deepened conviction to carry his message to the world. With them, we receive God's spirit anew, and discover how it empowers them to carry the teaching of Jesus beyond the borders of Israel to all the world.

We will hear extensively from the Gospel according to John. The long, poetic, sometimes cryptic, always passionate discourses present us with a Jesus who has been Lord from the start of time, and who is prescient and confident as he journeys to the Cross. The metaphors of John – the Good Shepherd, the True Vine, the Bread of Life – offer us image through which we can more deeply access our own relationship with the Risen Lord in our prayer lives. We will also hear from the mystical, apocalyptic Book of Revelation, another source of cosmic imagery.

Another gift of this cycle is the detail on the experience of the early Church we receive through the Acts of the Apostles. We hear of conflicts and violence, We hear of powerful, unexpected conversions and the emergent communities that are generated as Paul, Barnabas and others carry the Good News of Jesus Christ

beyond Jerusalem. We hear of powerful partners in the form of influential Gentile women and men, and strident enemies among the Jewish authorities who see the followers of the way as a grave threat.

Easter is a time for us to engage ourselves not only with the power of the Risen Lord, but with our own baptismal call to carry his message to a world in need. Like the earlier followers, we can search our own hearts and minds and find new ways to say, "Yes, I believe".

The Saints

In addition to the Alleluias and the lilies, and impressive array of holy men and women grace the fifty days of Easter: two Doctors of the Church (Catherine of Siena, April 29; Athanasius, May 2), three Apostles (Philip and James, May 3; Matthias, May 14), two bishops (Stanislaus, also a martyr, April 11; Athanasius, again), and an evangelist (Mark, April 25).

The Blessed Virgin Mary, first among the saints, is also prominent in this season. The Annunciation of the Lord galls at the beginning of the Second Week of Easter, usually happens when Easter is celebrated in March. It's an interesting juxtaposition to recall and angel announcing the coming birth of the Son of God so soon after an angel announced his Resurrection from the dead. It's interesting that the lily, the traditional flower of Easter, often appears in paintings of the Annunciation as a symbol of the virginal conception of the Lord. All of the life, Death and Resurrection of the Lord is one holy mystery.

As Our Lady of Fatima (May 13) Mary appeared to three children and called for repentance in a world enmeshed in war. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

PARISH NEWS

THE LITURGIES OF HOLY WEEK

No Penitential Service

20 Mar Palm Sunday Masses as usual.

24 Mar - Holy Thursday: 7.00pm (English), 7.00pm (Mandarin; Chapel)(Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper)

25 Mar - Good Friday: 11.15am (Mandarin Way of the Cross); 12.00pm (Mandarin Service), 2.15pm (English Way of the Cross), 3.00pm (English Service, Good Friday Services)

26 Mar - Holy Saturday: 8.00pm (English, with Baptism, Easter Vigil Mass)

27 Mar - Easter Sunday: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 4.30pm (English, Easter Sunday Masses)

THE LITURGIES OF HOLY WEEK FOR CANTONESE

20 Mar Palm Sunday 2:00pm (Chapel)

24 Mar Holy Thursday, NO MASS

25 Mar Good Friday 3:00pm (Chapel)

27 Mar Easter Sunday 1.30pm (Church)

NO ADORATION ON 24 MAR '16 (HOLY THURSDAY) - Our Church and Chapel will be closed after the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

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.

TITLE: TALK ON GROWING IN OUR FAITH AND CHARISMS How can deepening our personal prayer life and relationship with Jesus become the foundation of growing in our faith? What is the link between the charisms and our daily living, especially in a charismatic community? Be blessed as Jessica Francisco shares more about these topics. Praise@Work Charismatic Prayer Meeting 31 Mar '16, Thursday, 8.00pm Church of Sts Peter and Paul, 2/F Room 8. All are welcome! For enquiries, email us at praiseatworksg@yahoo.com Official website: <https://praiseatwork.wordpress.com/>

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

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

KKIHS mengundang Sdr/i mengikuti Seminar "Hidup Dalam Tahun Rahmat Tuhan" bersama Fr. Robby Wowor OFM, tgl 2 - 3 Apr '16. Venue: CAtholic Archdiocesan Education Centre (CAEC) St Paul Auditorium (Lvl 1) 2 Highlan Road S(549102). Info lebih lanjut, hubungi Ety (9237 0582) / Iwan (8684 3380).

ASSISI HOSPICE CHARITY FUN DAY 2016 - Assisi Hospice cares for patients with life-limiting illnesses and supports their families. This year, the hospice needs to raise at least S\$7.8 to continue with its mission. Do support the Charity Fun Day that will be held at SJI International School on 19 June 2016. They will be at our church on the weekend of 2/3 April 2016 during the Saturday sunset and Sunday morning masses to sell their Fun Day coupons @ \$10 each. Please give them your generous support. For more information, please call Siew Hong @ 6347 6467 or email teo_sh@assisihospice.org.sg.

Consider the Special Gift of a Marriage **ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** this Easter. Next weekend will be held from Apr 1 (Fri) to Apr 3 (Sun). Marriage Encounter (ME) facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples. By transforming the way husband and wife