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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. Please refer to our website for further details. For any enquiries, please contact: Peter & Rita @ 93673411 or email MPCSingapore@gmail.com

Carlo Catholic Society Bursary Scheme 2015 Application is now open for needy ITE, Polytechnic and University students. Applicant must be a Catholic studying full-time at a government recognized institution. In addition, the applicant must possess good conduct, satisfactory academic results and must not be a recipient of any other scholarships or bursaries. Income criteria: (1) household monthly income must not exceed \$2,000 OR (2) the per capita (average) household income

is \$450 per month or lower. Application forms are available at Carlo Catholic Society - 225-B Queen Street, S188552, email: bursary@carlo.org.sg. Forms can also be download from Carlo's Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/YoIA27>. Please note that submission must be completed with the original application form, Income Tax assessment of 2014's income or 2014 full-year CPF contribution history or 3 months of Pay slip and such other documents as STATED in the application form. INCOMPLETE submission WILL NOT BE processed. All submission must be by hand or by post to Carlo Catholic Society. Online submission will not be processed. Closing date: 30 Jun '15

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; Website: 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), 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

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 B) Pg 177 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 179
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 22 June - SAT 27 June 2015
MON: Gn 12:1-9, Gn 12:1-9 **TUE:** Gn 13:2, 5-18, Mt 7:6, 12-14 **WED:** Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist **THU:** Gn 16:1-12, 15-16, Mt 7:21-29 **FRI:** Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22, Mt 8:1-4 **SAT:** Gn 18:1-15, Mt 8:5-17

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21 June 2015

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Job challenged God about that most disturbing question: Why do the just suffer? God did not respond directly, but rather pointed out the vast difference between humanity and divinity. If we cannot control the sea, how can we question or comprehend the designs of God?

Responsorial Psalm 107: This psalm of thanksgiving for rescue does not answer the question about the why of a near-fatal storm. Rather, it gives thanks for God's presence in the time of danger as well as in times of contentment.

Second Reading: Paul says "The love of Christ impels us..." This reading invites us to ask how our experience and love of God compel us to live, no longer for ourselves, but for Christ.

Gospel: Job wondered where God was in his suffering. The disciples were shocked that Jesus slept during the storm. In both cases, the ones in danger were disappointed that God did not act as they wished. Put in very blunt terms the readings ask us to consider whether we look to God to be our

servant and rescuer or our teacher and Lord.

Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist - 24 June 2015 (Wed)

About this Solemnity

John the Baptist was the great prophet and herald of Jesus the Messiah. He prepared the way of the Lord and revealed Jesus to others as both the Messiah and the Lamb of God. St. John exemplifies the Christian life as one who proclaims the Gospel message of healing and repentance while he points out Christ to others and shows them the way to become united with God.

This is an ancient solemnity, reaching back to fourth century, though the date of the celebration varied in East and West. In the East, the birth of the forerunner was celebrated on the day after Epiphany, January 7, because of the association of that feast with the Baptism of the Lord. In the West, it was celebrated on June 24, in keeping with Luke 1:36, which notes that Elizabeth was six months pregnant at the time of the Annunciation of the Lord.

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Isaiah's servant song describes John the Baptist. Called before he was born, formed by God and kept hidden

until the proper moment, he too wondered if his mission was in vain. But, God worked through him to fulfill a plan John could not fully understand. So too, we are uniquely to be God's messengers, trusting that God can work through us, whether or not we understand how.

Responsorial Psalm 139: No psalm compares to this as a meditation on God's care for each of us and desire for us to know and live our vocation. It is especially apt for moments when we, like John, may be unsure of what we are called to do.

Second Reading: Paul's short description

of John summarises the essence of the man: a charismatic preacher who was able to tell his fans and followers, "I am not [the One]." John calls us to be similar witness, not seeking the spotlight, but using it to point out the way to the One we trust and proclaim.

Gospel: John's nativity account places him in the heart of Israel, born of parents who mirror Abraham and Sarah in their age, their desire for a child and their wonder at his birth. His father's first words after recovering his speech affirmed that John's name had come from beyond, assuring that God had chosen him from before his birth. The real wonder is that the same is true for us.

and training will be provided. Please call/SMS Jeremy at 96843475 or Alycia at 91773461 for more information.

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 26 Jun '15 at 7.20am and 5.30pm.

PERANAKAN PLAY - Peranakan Siblings proudly present "BUKAK CHERITA" from 2 to 5 Jul '15 at 8 pm at The Substation (New Seats!). Tickets at \$35 for 8.00pm on Thursday, 2 Jul '15 only are available at our parish office. Proceeds from the ticket sale go to our church maintenance fund. Please give your generous support. Thank you.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP), ST PETER CONFERENCE - Looking for a meaningful way to share your God-given skills, talents and love with others in need? The Society invites parishioners who are keen to serve the poor to be observers in their activities. For enquiries, please email to: ssvp.spp@gmail.com

17TH CANTONESE RCIA (2015-2016) will be commenced on 5 June '15 at Room

8, 2nd Floor, Church of Sts Peter and Paul. Please contact our office at (6336 3606) for registration. Please share this news with your family, friends and neighbors who would like to attend Cantonese RCIA.

RCIA (MANDARIN) 2015/2016 - It will commence on 8 May '15, every Friday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in Meeting Room 3 (2nd Level, Parish Building) For more information, please contact Corina Cheong, hp: 91775689

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

THE CHOIR OF CHRIST'S COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE, FROM CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, UK have been singing Christian Services since their foundation in 1505. They will be in Singapore this month of June for a 3 day stay, performing a few concerts. Catch them at the Esplanade Concert hall on 30 June '15. Tickets are on sale via Sistic. For more information, please check out their website at www.cambridgechoir.co.uk

WHY AM I SO LIKE THAT? A workshop that helps you to re-discover strength and passion and setting effective goal in life. Often times we frown at our own behaviours. Even the Bible tells us that "my heart is willing but my flesh is weak"; so fear not. Asking ourselves this question may lead us to our dreams. At Lifesprings Canossian Spirituality Centre, 100 Jln Merbok. Date: Sunday, 5 Jul '15, 2.00pm-5.00pm. Contribution: \$35. Tel: 64662178 or email: lifesprings@singnet.com.sg for more information.

FINDING GOD IN POPULAR MUSIC: NEW WORKSHOP Who am I? What does God want me to be? Discover who you are in God with tools from The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius and aided by the music of Sam Smith, The Script and other popular artists. Presented by Fr Mark Aloysius, SJ and Anthony Siow. 27 Jun, 9.00am-6.00pm at CANA The Catholic Centre. \$45 including

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PARISH NEWS

SPP FEAST DAY- SOLEMN VESPERS AND MASS Celebrated by the Archbishop. In anticipation of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the Parish will celebrate *Solemn Vespers with the Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, the 27 Jun '15 at 4.30pm*. The text is from Evening Prayer I of the Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul. The Te Deum will also be sung. All are invited to experience this Solemn Celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours. His Grace, Archbishop William Goh, will celebrate our *Feast Day Mass on Sunday, 28 Jun '15, at 11am*. There will be a soft launch of the Parish Website after the mass. All attending that mass are requested to stay for the launch of the website, which will last for about 10 minutes. Opportunities to approach the Archbishop for blessings or conversations will be offered after the launch of the website.

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