

ENTERING INTO NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE this year! The NUS Catholic Students Society will be organizing a Catholic Freshmen Orientation Camp from 27-30 June 2016 at the Church of the Holy Cross. Come and join us in this journey of faith as Catholic students on the campus. For details and registration, please refer to our website <http://www.nuscss.org/css-freshman-orientation-camp-2016/> or our Facebook event page <https://www.facebook.com/nuscssfoc/> or you can email us at cssfoc2016@gmail.com

MSGR AMBROSE VAZ: THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN Studying the Gospel of John allows us to experience and deepen our faith: that Jesus is our saviour and through that faith, we can have eternal life. Join us as we follow Jesus's footsteps in his ministry here on earth. Invite your friends, even if they are non-believers, or if a fellow Catholic is in need of renewing their faith. Together, we can learn how we can be authentic disciples! July 13 to Oct 12, Wednesday, 8pm-10pm at Church of St Bernadette, 12 Zion Road, Parish Hall. Organised by the Church of St Bernadette, facilitated by the Bible Apostolate Team. Register @ BatSB@outlook.com

DOWN MEMORY LANE 6 CHARITY

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 at the makeshift confessional at the baptistery (back of Church) 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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DINNER SHOW - Use your God-given talents for a greater good! Caritas Singapore is organising the 6th Down Memory Lane Charity Dinner Show on 1 October 2016 with a refreshed and transformed look. We are inviting individuals or groups who can sing, dance or play an instrument to prepare a piece, as an individual or a group, on the theme of Faith, Hope or Love. Songs may be secular, hymns or even your own creations! Email your recording to DML@gmail.com by 6 June 2016. Please include your full name, contact number, email address and parish/organisation in your application. Short-listed candidates will be invited for auditions on either June 11 or 12 at Agape Village. Your contribution will help to raise funds for the 24 Catholic charities under the umbrella of Caritas Singapore.

RETRouvaille - A Lifeline for Troubled & Hurting Marriages 1. Has your marriage become unloving and uncaring? 2. Has your marriage grown cold and distant? 3. Has there been little or no meaningful communication between the two of you? 4. Do you feel disappointed or even despair thinking about your marriage? A Retrouvaille weekend can help you. Weekend date: 24 - 26 Jun '16. For confidential enquiry, Tel: 6711 6774. Online registration: www.helpourmarriage.sg



READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 937

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 30 May - SAT 4 June 2016

MON: 1 KGS 17:1-6, MT 5:1-12 **TUE:** 1 KGS 17:7-16, MT 5:13-16 **WED:** 1 KGS 18:20-39, MT 5:17-19 **THU:** 1 KGS 18:41-46, MT 5:20-26 **FRI:** 1 KGS 19:9A, 11-16, MT 5:27-32 **SAT:** ACTS 11:21B-26; 13:1-3, MT 5:33-37

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: During a famine in the land and while escaping the wrath of Ahab and Jezebel, Elijah seeks aid from a Gentile widow Zarephat, who offers him hospitality even though she and her son have nothing. In response for her generosity, God, through Elijah, provides for all of them. Soon after, her son is sick and dies. The widow, thinking that his death is due to God's punishment for her sinfulness, blames Elijah, the man of God. Elijah asks her to trust him and hand her son over to him. She does trust and God, through Elijah, restores her son to life. God is master over life and death, desiring life and not death for all who trust and call upon the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 30: The psalmist praises God for having been rescued from enemies and from death. God's faithful ones, those who maintain covenant relationship, are called upon to sing praise and give thanks because God's covenant love, care and good will last forever, providing life and well-being. Because of covenant love, the psalmist asks for God's mercy and help, and is assured that God hears and does respond. Thanksgiving for God's rescue and for turning mourning into joy is

truly fitting. The psalm captures well the feelings and response of both widows in today's readings, as God brings new life to their dead sons.

Second Reading: Jumping off the Responsorial Psalm, we hear Paul praising and thanking God for having rescued him from a life of persecuting Jesus' followers to a life of great intimacy with Jesus, along with the gift of being able to proclaim Christ to all, especially the Gentiles. These rich blessings have their source in God, who turned Paul's life from mourning and death to joy and new life in Christ. Paul's preaching has its source not in anything he has done but comes totally through the revelation of Jesus Christ. Praise and thanks are indeed fitting response to God's gift of new life.

Gospel: Luke's Jesus manifests a special care and concern for all who are poor, oppressed, ostracised or marginalised. In this passage, unique to Luke, we experience Jesus' concern for a widow whose only son has died. Moved with pity for the widow who would be left without any social, economic and political security, Jesus consoles her by raising up her son and restoring him to her. The audience is amazed and glorifies

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God by proclaiming that in Christ, a great prophet has arisen and God has come to be with us. The news of God's presence and care for all, especially for the poor and oppressed, spread throughout the region. God has rescued us by visiting us and manifesting covenant love and care beyond anything we could have imagined.

Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 4 June 2016

About this Memorial

It was Pope John Paul II who raised this celebration to an obligatory memorial, a kind of liturgical sister to the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (3 June 2016). It always takes place on the Saturday following the Second Sunday after Pentecost (Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ / Corpus Christi).

It was St. John Eudes, a priest and a contemporary of St. Margaret Mary, who helped make devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart part of the life of the universal Church. When Mary brings the baby Jesus to the Temple, the aged Simeon tells her that her heart will be pierced by a sword (Luke 2:35). "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). Mary's heart is the treasury of the Lord's deed and words; and it is the place of her anguish, in witnessing the sufferings of her Son.

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PARISH NEWS

CESSATION OF CATHECHISM CLASSES FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - There will be no Catechism classes from 29 May '16 to 26 June '16 for the school holidays. Catechism class will resume on 3 July '16.

SPP DEDICATION EVENT: CLEANING SPP The whole Church, including the Parish

Just as the nine first Fridays are associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, so the first five Saturdays are associated with the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Through celebrating the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, and taking fifteen minutes on the first Saturday of each month to ponder the mysteries of the Rosary, the devotion is focused on reparation to the

Memorial of St. Barnabas, Apostle – 11 June

Today's Saint

Even though St. Barnabas (first century) was not one of the original Twelve Apostles, he was given the title of "apostle" by St. Luke and the early Church fathers due to his apostolic endeavours on behalf of Christianity. His original name was Joseph, but the Apostles gave him the surname Barnabas, meaning "son of encouragement". Together with St. Paul, he extended the missionary efforts of the Church beyond Jerusalem to Antioch, and after much success moved on to other places throughout Asia Minor. After parting ways with St. Paul over issues regarding circumcision and the Mosaic law, St. Barnabas embarked on further missionary journeys with John and Mark (see Acts of the Apostles 15:36-40). Tradition indicates that St. Barnabas was stoned to death, and his remains were taken to Constantinople where a church stands in his honour.

Building, will be blessed on the day of our Dedication Mass. As such, we appeal to all Ministries and Parishioners for your participation for the following activities:

Cleaning of Rooms and Cupboards by Various Ministries. All ministries are to pack and/or clear your cupboards/rooms/areas by 22 May 2016. All unclaimed materials or materials left behind after 22 May 2016 will be discarded.

For more detailed instruction, please refer to the email sent to the respective Head of Ministry. Spring Cleaning Day

Date: 4 June 2016 Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm. All ministries please send a minimum of 2 volunteers from your ministry to help with this Spring Cleaning Day. Please leave the names and contact numbers of the 2 representatives with the Church Office for co-ordination purposes.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS! We need volunteers to help in this Spring Cleaning Day on 4 June '16. Please come forward and let us work together to prepare for the EVENT OF THE YEAR! Please register your name and contact number with the Church Office. Thank you!

RCIA 2016/2017 – Starting on 5 Jul '16, every Tue at 7.30pm. This is a year's journey for those seeking to know more about the Catholic faith. It prepares newcomers to encounter Jesus and his Church, and discern towards receiving the sacraments of Christian initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist). Sessions are led by priest or religious and will be held in the Chapel (3rd level, Parish Building). Please invite your non-Catholic friends, colleagues and spouse to attend and learn more about the faith. Baptised Catholics are also invited to journey as sponsors. Registration forms are available from the Parish office; or contact our coordinator, Jonathan Chan at 9685 7290 or email 2kumleong@gmail.com for more information.

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

3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS JOHOR/MALACCA PILGRIMAGE - We are organising a three days pilgrimage to Johor and Malacca from Sat/Mon 10 - 12 Sep '16. This is a project in aid of Church of Sts Peter & Paul Maintenance Fund. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at the Secretariat Office.

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

ST IGNATIUS CHURCH FEAST DAY CARNIVAL - It will be held on Sun 31 Jul '16 from 7.30am - 3.00pm, in collaboration with the Conference of Religious Major Superiors in aid of the Daughters of St Paul and Religious of the Cenacle Building Funds. Our Carmelite Friars will be at our weekend masses on Sat & Sun 4 & 5 Jun '16 and 11 & 12 Jun '16 to sell the carnival tickets. Please give your generous support. Thank you.

THE CATHOLIC THEOLOGY NETWORK Talk: Gender theory and the push for same sex unions Synopsis: The acceptance of same sex unions and homosexual activity has often been framed as an issue of "love", "non discrimination" and "tolerance". However, unknown to many, such a push is rooted in a questionable view of the human person that is influenced by "Gender Theory". This talk will explore the issue of same sex unions as well as offer a critique of the main premises of Gender Theory Date: 15 Jun '16 Time: 7.30pm-9.00pm Venue: St Joseph's Church Victoria Street- Conference Room (inside canteen) To register, contact Nick @ 97843682 or email theology.sg@gmail.com Speaker: Nick Chui (Masters in Theological Studies, John Paul II Institute of Marriage and Family) Nick is a teacher in a Secondary school and has been involved in Youth and Adult Catechesis for about 10 years. He is a moderator of "Catholics in Singapore", a 9000 strong facebook group which hosts numerous faith related discussions. He has also written and published articles on evangelisation that have appeared in the Catholic News, Trinity Theological Journal and Church and Society in Asia today.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC STUDENTS