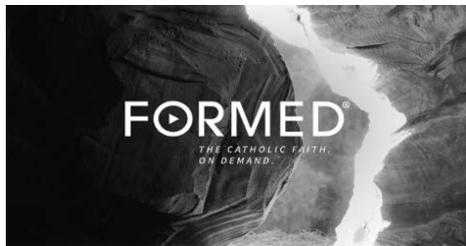


available to get help and learn the different types of anxiety disorders and treatments. Sat 9 July, 10.00am till 12.00pm at Agape Village L1. \$10 per person. To register, call 6801 7467 or email to [registration@clarity-singapore.org](mailto:registration@clarity-singapore.org)

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<b>Sunset Mass</b>	: 5.30pm
<b>Rosary</b>	: 4.40pm (Saturday)
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese, Chapel 3rd floor), 4.30pm (English)
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
<b>Interspersory Prayer</b>	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday, Adoration Chapel)
<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, Adoration Chapel)
<b>Hour of Mercy</b>	: 3.00pm daily, (Adoration Chapel)
<b>Counselling @ SPP</b>	: 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.

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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 C) Pg 888

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 9 May - SAT 14 May 2016**

**MON:** ACTS 19:1-8, JN 16:29-33 **TUE:** ACTS 20:17-27, JN 17:1-11A **WED:** ACTS 20:28-38, JN 17:11B-19 **THU:** ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11, JN 17:20-26 **FRI:** ACTS 25:13B-21, JN 21:15-19 **SAT:** ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26, JN 15:9-17

**The Lectionary for Mass**

**First Reading:** The faithful Stephen is now surrounded by the angry mob and stoned. Even in this torture, he continues to look to God, and echoes the words of Jesus as he asks the Lord to receive his Spirit. The as yet unconverted Saul is an onlooker to the horror. Again echoing Jesus on the Cross, Stephen asks for forgiveness for his executioners.

**Responsorial Psalm 97:** The majesty of God as king is praised in Psalm 97. All the earth rejoices, even the islands that are scattered at the far end of the sea. In this era, where every tribe and nation had its pantheon of gods and/or goddesses, the God of Israel is declared exalted over all others.

**Second Reading:** This reading from the Book of Revelation features a variety of verses from the Epilogue. God, who is alpha and omega, beginning and end, speaks as does Jesus, who affirms that angel who has accompanied John is his visions is in fact his. The words of summation at the end of the passage reflect the early liturgical life of the Church and echo the summons to the Eucharist of that time.

**Gospel:** The long discourse by Jesus in this Gospel comes to an end with the prayer

Jesus offers. As in the Lord's Prayer, he addresses his Father directly. In this section of the prayer, Jesus prays fervently that they maintain their unity. He is one with the Father and they must be one also. When they are in unity, he will be there. The prayer also reiterates the theme that commences the Gospel, which is that Jesus existed "before the foundation of the world", what the Church will eventually term "begotten not made, one in being with the Father".

**May – Month of Our Lady**

May is Mary's month. Gerard Manley Hopkins wondered about this is a lovely poem called "The May Magnificat". "May is Mary's month, and I/Muse at that and wonder why ... the Lady Month, May, / Why fasten upon her, / With a feasting in her honour?" he asked. Hopkins speculates that it is the springtime explosion of new life, in birds and flowers, that make May the right month for Mary. "This ecstasy all through mothering earth / Tells Mary her mirth till Christ's birth".

Whatever the reason, May is a special time of prayer of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is also Easter Time, so we join with Mary in rejoicing in Christ's Resurrection from the dead. We can honour Mary in this month by praying the Rosary or another Marian

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devotion and by participating in Mass on the Feast of Visitation, which concludes the month on May 31. It's also a good time for quiet reflection on the seven joys of Mary, the traditional counterpart to her seven sorrows. The joys of Mary are the Annunciation, the birth of Jesus, the adoration of the Magi, the Resurrection, the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and Mary's coronation as Queen of Heaven.

### **Our Lady of Fatima – 13 May**

This feast commemorates the visions of Our Lady seen near Fátima in Portugal in 1917 by three shepherd children, Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto. The visions occurred on the 13th day of each month from May to October, and by October huge crowds were gathering at the

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### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **SPP DEDICATION EVENT: TALKS**

**Talk 1: Church Architecture:** The Church (Building) As A Sacrament

Why is the Church Architecture a Sacrament? How does it play a part in the Liturgy?

Date: 21 May 2016 (Saturday)

Time: 9:00am to 11:30am (Mandarin)

Time: 2:00pm to 4:30pm (English)

Venue: Main Church

Speaker: Fr. Edward Lim

**Talk 2: Rite of Dedication** (English & Mandarin simultaneously)

What is going to happen at the Dedication Mass? Depositing of the Relics, Anointing of the Altar and the Walls of the Church, etc. What are the meaning of these Rites?

Date: 28 May 2016 (Saturday)

Time: 2:00pm to 4:30pm

Venue: Main Church

Speaker: Fr. Ignatius Yeo & Fr. Edward Lim

Registration required for all talks. Attendance by registration only, subject to limited capacity. Please register with the Church

site of the visions and reporting visions and miraculous occurrences themselves.

Pope John Paul II was devoted to Our Lady of Fátima and attributed his survival of an assassin's bullet on 13 May 1981 to her intervention. Jacinta and Francisco Marto, who died in the great Spanish Flu pandemic of 1919-20, were beatified on 13 May 2000.

### **Feast of St Matthias – 14 May**

#### **Today's Saint**

St. Matthias was chosen by the Holy Spirit to replace Judas as a member of the Twelve. Today we commemorate this Apostle, whom the Scriptures tell us had been in the company of the Lord from the time he was baptised by John until the time he was taken up to heaven.

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#### **SPP DEDICATION EVENT: CLEANING**

**SPP** The whole Church, including the Parish 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!

#### **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.

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

**RCIA (MANDARIN) 2016** - The 11th Mandarin Faith Journey will commence on 13 May '16 at 7.30pm every Friday

evening. We welcome brothers and sisters to invite friends to join us. Also, if you speak Mandarin, we encourage you to journey with us as facilitators and sponsors. Please get a registration form from Parish Secretary. For more information, please call Corina Cheong at 9177-5689

### **NEWS AROUND THE PARISH**

**CARITAS SINGAPORE** – Social Mission Conference 2016. This is the fifth in our bi-annual conference series and will be held on Saturday, 13 August 2016 at the Catholic Junior College (Performing Arts Centre). The theme of the conference is "Witness to Mercy, Bearer of Compassion". The keynote speaker is His Eminence, Cardinal Tagle, President of Caritas Internationalis. As an extension to the conference, Cardinal Tagle will also speak to young adults aged 18 to 35 years in the Young Adults Mission of Mercy Event on 14 August 2016 at Agape Village. For more information and registration, pick up a brochure from your parish or go to the Caritas Singapore website: [www.caritas-singapore.org](http://www.caritas-singapore.org) or email to [smc2016@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:smc2016@caritas-singapore.org)

**YOUNG ADULTS WORKSHOP** - Building The Kingdom: The Spirituality and Mission of the Family. Inviting young adults aged 18 to 35 years to an evening of learning, reflection and sharing on the spirituality and mission of the family. Speaker is Rev Fr David Garcia, OP. This session will be on 14 May '16 (Sat); 5:00pm to 9:30pm; level 3, Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street. Organised by Caritas Singapore Young Adults Committee. 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)

**CLARITY'S PUBLIC TALK** on "Take control and Survive Anxiety !" on 9 July. Anxiety is something that is present in our lives from childhood to old age. Do you or someone you care about frequently feel anxious? Find out the impact and the various avenues