

to life situations and real-world examples.
 Date: 2 Apr '16 (Sat), Time: 9.00am to 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

THE OFFICE FOR THE NEW EVANGELISATION has produced a booklet of reflections for the season of Easter in English, Mandarin and Tamil. The theme is "Living the glory of the Lord in community". Please take a copy of the booklet for your household. It will also be made available online at www.one.org.sg/seasonal-reflections.html next week.

WHO CAN BE SAVED? A DISCUSSION
 What does the Church really teach on salvation? If all can be saved, does it mean that there is no obligation to evangelize? Join us as we explore this topic and understand its implications for the New Evangelisation. Speaker: Mr Derrick Chee (Board Member,

Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore)
 Date: 16 Mar '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

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 Francesca 9710 9680. Register & Info: www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm

CLARITY together with The World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) jointly present an introductory programme to Christian meditation on three Saturdays (19 March, 2 and 9 April 2016) from 8.45 am - 9.45 am. Register early as spaces are limited. To register, call 6757 7990 or email to registration@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), 4.30pm (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 301
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 21 March - SAT 26 March 2016
MON: IS 42:1-7, JN 12:1-11 **TUE:** IS 49:1-6, JN 13:21-33, 36-38 **WED:** IS 50:4-9A, MT 26:14-25 **THU:** Holy Thursday **FRI:** Good Friday of the Lord's Passion **SAT:** Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil.

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Meaning

The great Orthodox liturgical theologian, Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, reflected on that fact that the Triduum – beginning at the close of the Holy Thursday Liturgy and continuing through Good Friday, Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday – reveals more to us about the core doctrines of the Church (including the creation, fall, redemption, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ) than any other experience we can have, because this great prayer allows us to fully enter through powerful ritual into these mysteries. We do not need them explained, because in this great prayer we both witness and participate in “one all-embracing Event from which stems everything else: understanding and power, knowledge and joy, contemplation and communion.”

To pray this liturgy is to walk with Jesus and the disciples on a profound journey. It is a path that allows us to more deeply embrace our Baptism, the fullness of being a member of the Body of Christ. It is an “Amen” to the Lord, who went freely to his Death and in whose Resurrection the world is redeemed.

All of this is essential if we are to be people
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who can carry his message to the world. Pope Francis reminds us that he is our model and his manner our goal:

Jesus himself is the model of this method of evangelisation which brings us to the very heart of his people. How good it is for us to contemplate the closeness which he shows to everyone! ... Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is nothing else than the culmination of the way he lived his entire life. Moved by his example, we want to enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep; arm in arm with others, we are committed to building a new world.... Jesus wants us to touch human misery, to touch the suffering flesh of others. He hopes that we will stop looking for those personal or communal niches which shelter us from the maelstrom of human misfortune and instead enter into the reality of other people's lives and know the power of tenderness. Whenever we do so, our lives become wonderfully complicated and we experience intensely what it is to be a people, to be a part of a people (EG, 269).

The Triduum is our journey with Jesus, our direct encounter with his Death and

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Resurrection – the events which are made real every Eucharistic liturgy we celebrate. The Triduum is a peak moment in our liturgical lives that offers us a profound, personal journey with Jesus Christ. It is our path to a deeper experience of being those who can say, “We have seen the Lord” (John 20:25).

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Church does not celebrate the Easter Vigil so that people may be sacramentally initiated. Rather it is because we celebrate the Paschal Mystery at the Easter Vigil that it is appropriate to baptise. The place of Baptism at the Easter Vigil is a privileged place.

Baptism and the Easter Vigil are related in the Paschal Mystery. The Triduum, with the Easter Vigil as its high point, is the preeminent celebration of the Paschal Mystery. We must understand “celebration” to mean more than a joyous commemoration. It is also a deep meditation on all facets of the mystery. Each year we are called through Lent and the Triduum to experience the Paschal Mystery more deeply. It takes forty days to prepare and three days to experience.

Baptism has a privileged place in the Easter Vigil liturgy because “baptism recalls and makes present the paschal mystery itself... “ (Christian Initiation, “General Introduction”, 6) All the mighty deeds of God that we celebrate in word and song, from the creation of the universe to the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus, are refocused on the elect. God’s salvation happened not only in the past; it happens now. And we get to see it “in real-time”. The saving power of Christ’s Paschal Mystery is experienced in Baptism of the elect, and it happens in our midst!

The liturgy as presented in The Roman

Missal underscores quite clearly the privileged position Baptism holds in the Easter Vigil. The Vigil includes the “Third Part: Baptismal Liturgy” whether an elect is present for Baptism or not. The faithful’s renewal of baptismal promises is included in this part of the Easter Vigil. There is no part entitled “Completion of Initiation Liturgy”; none entitled “Reception into Full Communion Liturgy”. There is no part of the liturgy that gets substituted in or out depending on who’s present. It is cautioned against seeing this omission as an accidental oversight. The Vigil wants to celebrate the grandiosity of God’s saving grace of the cosmic scale of creation and on the intimate scale of the individual. For the individual, this grace is won in Baptism. And it is won in Baptism whether one is baptised in the Catholic Church or in any other Christian Church. The candidate for Reception into Full Communion has already been incorporated in the Paschal Mystery. Their path as a disciple may warrant celebration, but reception and completion of Initiation are simply not of the same theological magnitude as Baptism.

This does not negate the possibility that wise pastoral decisions may include the initiation of these persons in the baptismal liturgy. But it does negate the presupposition that these non-baptismal initiations should always be included. In fact, it presupposes the opposite: that only those who need Baptism will be initiated at Easter Vigil. The RCIA is remarkable in Catholic history for its flexibility to pastoral needs. It would be misunderstanding the Church’s desire for authentic pastoral care not to make use of that flexibility when necessary and when allowed. But we must watch carefully the assumptions that we bring to our pastoral decision-making. If we do not, we risk nothing less than our understanding of the Paschal Mystery.

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.

THANK YOU - Church Collection for our SPP Society of St Vincent de Paul for the month of February 2016 amounted to \$3,855.15 and Donations amounted to \$1,720.00. Expenditure for the month was \$7,203.15. We support 83 Friends-In-Need (FINs). Majority of them are elderly poor living in Chinatown and Beach Road/North Bridge Road areas. We appeal to your generosity in caring for the poor and needy through our SSVP, St Peter’s Conference.

TICKET SALE for the Dedication Thanksgiving Dinner - 2 Jul ‘16 at Raffles City Convention Centre Members of SPP Ministries can purchase the tables for the Dedication Thanksgiving Dinner from the Church Office from 1 January 2016. Public Sale will start in Feb ‘16. Tickets are priced at \$1500 per table of 10 persons.

Please check with your Ministry Leader or the Church Office for more information.

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.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

THE CHRISM MASS will be celebrated at St Joseph’s Church, Victoria Street on Thursday, 24 Mar ‘16 at 10.30am. All are welcome. The carpark at the church grounds will be closed.

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