

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (ME) facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples. By transforming the way husband and wife 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. Next English weekend will be held from 1 Sep (Friday) to 3 Sep (Sunday). For registration or enquiries, call Joseph & Reenie on 9670-5390, e-mail mewkend@gmail.com or visit www.MESingapore.org

CANA presents **MY SOUL PROCLAIMS** - an evening of stories and songs by Fr Valerian Cheong, Fr Edward Lim OCD, Fr Derrick Yap OFM, Fr Eugene Lee CSSR and Bro Nicholas Lye. 4 Sep '17, 7:45 pm @ Church of the Holy Family. Tickets (\$30) available at Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, 2nd Floor (Mon-Sat 11:00am - 5:00pm), Tel. 63384080 or email canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com (A fund raising event for the Cenacle Mission).

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.30pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
Weekday Masses	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
Intercessory Prayer	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
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)
Hour of Mercy	: 3.00pm daily
Adoration Chapel	: 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm (Sun)
Secretariat's Operating Hours	: Mon - Fri: 9.30am - 9.30pm, Sat: 9.30am - 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am - 5.00pm; Lunch hours: 1.00pm - 2.00pm. Closed on Public Holidays.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at confessional (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass

Parish Priest: Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD **Asst Parish Priest:** Rev Fr THOMAS 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 JOHN CHUA, 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:

- Church of Sts Peter & Paul - for contributions/donations for General Operations & Maintenance of the Church;
- Carmelite Fathers - for contributions/donations to the SPP Friars Community, Friars Formation;
- 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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PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who have united in faith to seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope. The session, run by bereaved parents, meets monthly to pray, reflect and break open the WORD OF GOD. Our monthly session is on every 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8, and the next one would be held on Tue 22 Aug '17. Our contact details are email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com and we can also be found on facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

CHOICE WEEKEND - It takes that 1 weekend to 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 Sep - 01 Oct 2017 (Friday evening to Sunday evening) Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368 Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537 or Francesca 9710 9680. Register & Info: http://www.choice.org.sg/?page_id=8



READINGS: Sunday Missal Pg 547

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 21 Aug - SAT 26 August 2017

MON: JGS 2:11-19, MT 19:16-22 **TUE:** JGS 6:11-24A, MT 19:23-30 **WED:** JGS 9:6-12S
MT 20:1-16 **THU:** RV21:9B-14, JN 1:45-51 **FRI:** RU 1:1, 3-6, 14B-16, 22 MT 22:34-40
SAT: RU 2:1-3, 8-11: 4:13-17 MT 23:1-12

One of the main reasons that the Parish is participating in Night Festival 2017 is for evangelisation. Here are some thoughts on that:

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELISATION (Part 1 of 2)

Evangelisation is Catholic

The call to evangelise is not something new in the Catholic Church. In fact, it goes all the way back to Jesus Christ Himself who said, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19) This Great Commission was spoken first to the apostles. But it is given as a command of Jesus Christ to each and every one of us. Pope John Paul II had repeatedly Catholics to a "new evangelisation," to an evangelisation that is new in its zeal, new in its expressions and new in its methods. In what ways are you part of this new evangelisation by sharing your faith and fulfilling what Christ directed us to do?

It's Not My Job

Whose "job" is evangelisation, anyway? Vatican Council II said that "the whole Church is missionary, and the work of evangelisation is the basic duty of the People of God." If you are baptised you are part of the Church. If you are baptised you are part of the People of God. As one of the members of this People of God, how are fulfilling this basic duty of sharing your faith with others?

It's YOU!

It's easy to consider the work of spreading the Good News to be the responsibility of only the clergy or of only a few who have the time to volunteer for this work.

Jesus says, "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and have appointed that you should go and bear fruit." (John 15:16) The "you" to whom the Lord is referring is each and every one of YOU! Just think of the great privilege you have: Jesus Himself has chosen you; Jesus Himself has appointed you; Jesus Himself is sending you. Let's GO!

Good Messengers

An Evangelist? ME!? The word "evangelist" literally means a messenger (angel) of the good. Do you know anyone who is experiencing the "bad" in his or her lives? Are they feeling alone, depressed, anxious, confused, in pain? You have a message of good that you can bring. You have the Good News of Jesus Christ. Jesus will never abandon us, gives peace, is the Way and the Truth and the Life, is strength in every trouble, is the healer. Share with others the good things that Jesus has done in your life when you have experienced the "bad" and you will be an evangelist.

Like A Beggar

Someone described evangelisation very simply: "Evangelisation is one beggar showing another beggar where the bread is." This description says a lot about attitude. I am just a beggar - not the owner of the bakery who out of the goodness of my heart will give to the beggars something from my surplus. I am a beggar like everyone else, but I've been shown the bread that gives life. Having discovered where the Bread of Life is, will you now reach out to fellow beggars and help them find this Living Bread who is Jesus?

As A Sinner

Evangelisation could also be described as one sinner showing another sinner where to find love and forgiveness. So many people think that they have done unforgivable things. They carry guilt and shame; they feel dead inside. Having discovered the comfort and mercy of God, how can you help others meet the Father of all mercy and the God of all comfort? God's power to forgive knows no limits. His mercy is renewed with each new day.

Caring

People won't care how much we know until they know how much we care. As we reach out to share with others our faith in Jesus Christ, let love be the first Gospel we "preach". What a wonderful "conspiracy of kindness" there would be if we took every opportunity – small and big – to show to others the love that Jesus would show. This wordless witness will stir up irresistible questions in others: Why are they like this? Why do they live this way? What or who is it that inspires them? Let these acts of kindness be the first Good News that others "hear" from us.

Show and Tell

We all remember this from our early school years or those of our children. It wasn't good enough to just talk about some favourite toy you had to bring it to school and show it. Nor was it good enough to just stand up and silently show it to others; you had to talk about it. Living our faith in Jesus Christ is "show and tell." We have to show others the difference that Jesus has made in us. We have to live in a way that is different because Jesus lives in us. And we have to tell others about Jesus who has made the difference in our lives so that they can know Who can make their lives different too.

Full-Time Evangelisation

"I'm a full-time evangelist," the young woman said, cleverly disguised as a physical therapist at the hospital. I try to bring the peace and love of Jesus to every patient." Being a person of faith is not just for Sunday, not just for inside the walls of the Church building or the Adoration Chapel. Jesus calls us all to be full-time evangelists and He has cleverly disguised us ~ as teachers and students, as Moms and Dads, as nurses and secretaries, as landscapers and engineers, as clerks and retired persons, as accountants and

electricians, as managers and ...

Witnesses

Before Jesus ascended to heaven He said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and Judea, in Samaria and even to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) Having been baptised into Christ and confirmed in the Holy Spirit, we are witnesses to Jesus Christ. There's no doubt about that. The only questions are: Having received power, what kind of witness am I to Jesus? How am I witnessing to Jesus, at home and at work, out in the community?

Have I Got News for You!

Good news, so people say, travels fast. We freely tell our friends about a good book we've just read or a great restaurant we've enjoyed or a great bargain we've got. So why is it that sometimes the best news of all travels so slowly? Why are we reluctant to share how God is at work in our lives, lightening our burdens and giving us new strength? We've heard from the Good Book, feasted at the Table of the Lord, received the best "bargain" of all – the free gift of new life at the "cost" of the death of Jesus. Are you ready and willing to share Christ with others?

We're Too Programmed

Evangelisation is not principally a program or a process. Programs have a beginning and an end; processes can be finished. Evangelisation, sharing my faith with others, never ends. It is a way of life, a state of mind, an attitude of heart. Evangelisation leads people to care for others like a shepherd, testify like a witness, obey like a child, wait on others like a servant and love like a brother or sister. What attitude adjustments can you make so that you can better share your faith with others?

Be Salty

Salt has many different effects. Salt adds flavour to food; it makes things zesty. Salt is also as a preservative; it keeps things from going bad. Salt makes people thirsty. Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth." (Matthew 5:13) As we live and share our faith we can have many effects. We are to add a zest for living, make our environments more flavorful with the grace of God. By living and sharing our faith we preserve our culture, we help it to be more fully a culture of life.

And, as people rub shoulders with us they should become more thirsty for Jesus, the Life-giving Water. But to have the effects salt – all of us – needs to get out of the saltshaker. Let's get out and be salty.

Shine Out

Darkness makes people hesitate. Their steps are cautious and unsure because they don't want to bump into anything or fall down. Darkness makes people nervous and afraid. If the light of Jesus Christ shines brightly in and through you, others around you will be attracted to the light and will be able to leave whatever darkness they experience.

PARISH NEWS

NIGHT FEST @ SPP - 18 Aug, Fri (8:00pm – 10:30pm), Saturdays 19 Aug and 26 Aug (7:00pm to 10:30pm). Our church will be open for visits and various pieces of liturgical art will be showcased. There will also be display boards explaining the significance of the various elements of our church building. The nights will end with Night Prayer at 9:45pm. Guided tours around the exterior of the Church will be available. There will be limited parking in the church for all three nights, so drivers are advised to park their vehicles elsewhere.

INFANT BAPTISM - 26 Aug '17 (Sat) at 2:30pm. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session to be conducted by the Priest at 2:30 pm before the baptism. Application Forms to be obtained from the Parish Office. The Forms must be submitted by 22 Aug '17 (Tues).

CONFIRMATION MASS - on the 27 Aug '17 at 11:00am. A total of 25 children, 10 from SPP and the rest from Church of the Sacred Heart, will be confirmed on that day. Do come and participate this joyful occasion.

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING - (All are welcome) 2 Sep '17 (Sat). Church of Sts. Peter and Paul (main church) 2.00pm - Praise and Worship 2.25pm to 4.00pm - Mass celebrated by Fr. Tom Curran, followed by prayers for healing. For enquiries, please email praiseatworksg@yahoo.com or call 9747 2467. Organised by SACCRE and Praise@Work

With Jesus Christ as your Beacon and the Holy Spirit as your Power Source, you can set about illuminating the whole world, one friend, one family member, one neighbour or one stranger at a time. You can help remove the darkness so that others can walk in peace, unafraid and with the confidence of the sons and daughters of God.

(to be continued)

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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, 18 Aug '17 at 7:20am and 5:30pm.

SPP FATIMA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS - There will be Five First Saturday Devotion Sessions until 7 Oct '17 led by various SPP Ministries: The next one is on 2 Sept '17 by Legion of Mary and 7 Oct '17 - English Prayer Group, at 4:30pm at the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (Parish Building). Do come and join in the prayers. For more information please refer to the article in Bulletin or obtain a copy of the booklet "FATIMA AND ITS MESSAGE" from the Church Office.

CONCERTS TO RAISE FUNDS - Sat 2 Sep '17 for Cenacle Sisters and Sat 9 Sep '17 for Daughters of St Paul. Time: 8 pm Venue: Church of Sts Peter & Paul (main church). Tickets are available for each night at \$30 & \$50 from Parish Office.

THANK YOU - Collection for our SPP Society of St Vincent de Paul for the month of June 2017 amounted to \$5,786.00 and Donations amounted to \$70. Expenditure for the month was \$7,677.90. We support 83 Friends-In-Need (FINs), comprising elderly poor and needy families with young children living in Chinatown and Beach Road/North Bridge Road and Queen Street areas. If you know of families in need in our parish, please email us with details to ssvp.spp@gmail.com.