

TREASURE - A weekend retreat for young working adults, age 21 - 35 years. For more details, please visit www.oyp.com.sg or call 62852571.

CELEBRATING INNER FREEDOM-

Reducing human toll in Relationships -This one-day programme provides a platform for us to explore our inner landscape through looking at needs and behaviour and understand why we behave the way we do. Date: 29 Nov (Sun)10.00am - 4.00pm @ Lifesprings Spirituality Centre, 100 Jalan Merbok, Cost: \$90 (with lunch). For more information please email to lifesprings@singnet.com.sg

CHOICE WEEKEND - 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: 27 - 29 Nov 2015 (Friday evening to Sunday evening)

Venue: CHOICE Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368 Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537. Register & Info: www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

COURSE (MPC) For couples intending to get married. 1st Quarter Course Starts: 14 Feb '16 Allocation of places is on a first-come-first-served basis Application forms obtainable in church office or our website @ www.catholic.org.sg/mpc. Enquiries: Peter+Rita @ 93673411 or email: mpcsingapore@gmail.com

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

<p>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)</p>	<p>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.</p>
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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.

Information is correct at time of publication.



READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 260 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 263
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 23 November - SAT 28 November 2015
MON: DN 1:1-6, 8-20, LK 21:1-4 **TUE:** DN 2:31-45, LK 21:5-11 **WED:** DN 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28, LK 21:12-19 **THU:** DN 6:12-28, LK 21:20-28 **FRI:** DN 7:2-14, 52-59, LK 21:29-33 **SAT:** DN 7:15-27, LK 21:34-36

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - 22 November 2015

About this Solemnity

Today is the Thirty-Fourth or Last Sunday in Ordinary Time. Its official name is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This solemnity was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, an observance celebrating an aspect of Jesus' identity rather than of his life. Conventional understandings of kingship and power are transformed. Rather than calling up images of Jesus Christ dressed in kingly robes, the Gospel proclaims him as king by the sign over his head on the throne of a wooden cross (I.N.R.I. – Jesus nazareus rex indaeorum – Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews). Paradoxically, it is the thief who recognised in Christ the Lord and Messiah.

majestic robes. He is armed. He established the firmament. His throne has been around from time immemorial, and it will continue to last for ages to come. Furthermore, the decrees of this Lord are trustworthy. They are a sign of the eternity of God's power. This psalm links the images of God the Father and God the Son. God the Father created the world and established the covenant; God the Son is Lord of all, the one whose Gospel is trustworthy, and whose kingdom shall last forever.

Second Reading: To Jesus Christ belongs all glory and power, forever and ever. The Book of Revelation assigns the vision of clouds (see First Reading) to Jesus as well. In this one passage we meet prophecy and fulfillment as we are reminded of the words Jesus used to speak of himself.

Gospel: This passage helps us understand what we mean by the title "King" as applied to Jesus. To a contemporary society in which kings are held in low esteem, the word carries a sense of entitlement and caste. But the kingship of Jesus is not of this world. We all yearn for a ruler who will take responsibility for society, whose own goodness will influence the goodness of others, who will contain evildoers and rescue the poor. Jesus Christ is the ideal ruler, and we have given to him the throne of our hearts.

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The Son of Man will come on the clouds of heaven. He will receive dominion over all. All nations shall serve him. His dominion shall never be taken away. All this is foreseen by the prophet Daniel.

Responsorial Psalm 93: The Lord, the Creator, the one who entered into a covenant with Moses – that Lord is king. He wears

Some Saints of the Week

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs - 24 November

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc (1785 – 1839), a Vietnamese priest, is one of one hundred seventeen martyrs canonised in 1988 who died trying to establish and spread the Catholic faith in Vietnam. This effort, which began in 1533 and continued well into the nineteenth century, was fraught with periods of persecution. Although St. Andrew was born into a Buddhist family, he was raised Catholic. His priestly ministry involved evangelisation, parish catechesis and service to the persecuted. Living under a particular oppressive edict, St. Andrew was killed because he would not renounce his Christian apostolate and succumb to idolatrous ritual.

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PARISH NEWS

NO INFANT JESUS NOVENA 2015 - There will be **NO** Infant Jesus Novena this year.

SOLEMN VESPERS OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - The parish will begin the Season of Advent with Solemn Vespers with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessing of the Advent Wreath on the 28 Nov '15, at 4.30pm. We encourage you to join us in this time of prayer, especially in the season of Advent.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BVM - Prayers and rosary will be at 11.30 am followed by mass to be celebrated in our church (the tentage) on Tuesday, 8 Dec '15 at 1.00 pm

NO INFANT JESUS DEVOTION ON SUNDAY - Commencing from Sun 3 January 2016, Infant Jesus devotion on Sunday at 4.00pm before 4.20pm mass

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St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr - 25 November

St. Catherine of Alexandria (fourth century) lived in Alexandria, Egypt, during the reign of the Roman emperor Maxentius. Legend says that Catherine bravely confronted the emperor about his pagan beliefs. Maxentius gathered fifty pagan philosophers and challenged her to a debate. Her arguments were so convincing that many of the philosophers converted to Christianity. He then threatened to kill her unless she married him and renounced her faith. She refused and was condemned to death on spike wheel, but the wheel fell apart when she touched it. She was then beheaded, and legend says that angels carried her to Mount Sinai. She has been venerated since the tenth century.

will be discontinued. Hence, mass timing 4.20pm is changed to 4.30pm.

END OF CATECHISM CLASSES FOR 2015 - Please note that catechism classes have come to a close on 8th November 2015. Do look out for the commencement date of catechism classes in 2016 in the bulletin for the month of December.

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 Friday 27 Nov '15 at 7.20am and 5.30pm.

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.

2-DAYS MALACCA PILGRIMAGE - We are organising a two-days pilgrimage to Malacca from Sat/Sun 12 - 13 Dec '15 for the Feast Day Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is the final project in aid of Church of Sts Peter & Paul Restoration and Conservation Fund. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at our 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.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

WALK FOR PEACE AND MERCY - We will have a “Mercy Walk” to show our solidarity to the prisoners and all those most in need of God’s mercy on Dec 8 '15. Start at: Changi Prison Museum (Changi Chapel) Assembly Time: 5:15pm; start walk by 5:30pm. End at: Church of Divine Mercy (Pasir Ris). Mass at 7:30pm. Note: Transportation will be provided to those who came by car back to Changi Prison Museum after the Mass.). Participants are encouraged to bring bottle of water, wear walking shoes and change of clothes.

QUIETING THE SOUL - Cenacle PHILIPPINES Organised by the Cenacle Sisters. Enter the Cenacle and the Experience: Enter your sanctuary to discover and deepen your life, your relationship and your faith. Spend 5-day of retreat in quiet prayer and solitude with God. 17 - 24 Jan '16 (incl.travel time) Contact: Cenacle Sisters, Tel. 65652895; 97223148; Email: cenaclesing@gmail.com

CARITAS SINGAPORE YOUNG ADULTS SESSION - Do you wonder from time to time how best to decide on your response to social issues? Are you wondering how to discern the role you can play in society, such that you may bring Christ to the world? Join us for this session “Recognizing the Voice of Love in a Broken World” for a time of learning, reflection and sharing on how God is calling us to respond amidst challenging situations in life and in society. Our speaker is: Fr Christopher Soh, S.J. Session Details: 28 Nov '15 (Sat); 10.00am - 2.00pm (Lunch included) at Catholic Centre, Level 3, 55 Waterloo Street. It is Free of Charge; Love Offering welcomed. Sign up now at <http://goo.gl/forms/mWAauZ6TzQ> or contact youngadults@caritas-singapore.org if you have any queries.

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (COTT) The Archdiocese of Singapore is building a new church in Punggol to take care of the growing population there and to alleviate the over-crowding in nearby sister churches in that area. Father Joachim Chang, parish priest of COTT will be visiting our parish on 28 & 29 Nov '15, to share the word of God and together with his team of volunteers to share information and to raise funds for the church. They will also register parishioners who will move there or are staying there. Please give them your utmost support. For more information, please visit COTT website <http://www.transfiguration.sg/>

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