

helps us with our dreams, to understand their symbolic language, to listen and experience them as a way in which the Divine can speak to us. Participants are to bring a significant dream to work on. Organised by the Cenacle Sisters. Contribution: \$200.00 Tel. No. 6565-2895; 9722-3148; Email: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com

As part of our evangelization efforts, the **CATHOLIC THEOLOGY NETWORK** is organizing the following session. Date: 18 Jan '17, Wed, 7.30pm to 9.00pm (begins with Vespers). Venue: St Joseph's Church, Victoria Street, Conference room. Topic title: "God is love" (1 John 4:8). Why did God allow my mum to suffer four bouts of cancer and years of pain? Synopsis: A person's faith can often be shaken by such apparent contradiction. This talk is an invitation to an alternative way of understanding suffering and God's love. Presenter: Simon Longman. About the presenter: Simon Longman was a former director of National Parks (NP), retiring after 33 years of service. He has just completed a

degree in Theology from the Priory Institute, a Dominican run institution in Dublin, Ireland. He speaks from personal experience in the light of the Church's teaching on suffering.

ARCHDIOCESAN BIBLICAL APOSTOLATE SINGAPORE presents 14 weeks of exploring. St Paul & the letters to the Corinthians - conducted by Msgr Ambrose Vaz. at Catholic Archdiocesan education centre 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102 St. Peter auditorium on: 14 Feb to 16 May '17 (every Tue) Time: 9.30am to 11.30am. Cost: \$120/- for more information/registration: email: aba_secretariat@catholic.org.sg website: https://biblicalapostolate.wordpress.com tel: 62800354 (office hours: 9.00am to 1.00pm)

Calling all involved and interested in Catholic schools. Sign-up for the **2017 CATHOLIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE**, 13 Mar '17 (Mon) hosted by CHIJ Sec (Toa Payoh) with the theme (Heart of a Catholic School". \$30 contribution. Register by 20 Jan '17 at accs.sg/cec2017.

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
Interspersory 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
Counselling @ SPP	: 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Monday, call church secretariat 6337 2585 for appointment)
Adoration Chapel	: 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm(Sun)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at the makeshift confessional at the baptistery (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each 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 A) Pg 488

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Here I am, Lord! I come to do you will..

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 16 January - SAT 21 January 2016

MON: HEB5:1-10, MK 2:18-22 **TUE:** HEB 6:10-20, MK 2:23-28 **WED:** HEB 7:1-3, 15-17, MK 3:1-6 **THU:** HEB 7:25 - 8:6, MK 3:7-12 **FRI:** HEB 8:6-13, MK 3:13-19 **SAT:** HEB 9:2-3, 11-14, MK 3:20-21

The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time offers us beautiful readings. From the Prophet Isaiah: "I will make you a light to the nations...". In John's Gospel, John the Baptist and his followers see Jesus as he walks toward them. John says, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me'."

The first reading this week continues with the Letter to the Hebrews. Written to inspire and encourage the community in its faith, he exhorts them "not become sluggish, but imitators of those who, through faith and patience, are inheriting the promise".

As we continue Mark's Gospel on the weekdays, Jesus is asked why his disciples don't fast. He challenges the religious leaders to have a completely open mind and heart to his teaching because "new wine is poured into fresh wineskins." Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath, bringing a new freedom. It is only chapter 3 in the gospel, but we already see the tension with religious leaders building. Because Jesus heals a withered hand on the Sabbath, the Pharisees seek to kill him. Jesus withdraws and people from the surrounding regions come to him, and even the demons know

who he is. Jesus names twelve Apostles to be with him, to preach and to drive out demons. Jesus' relatives think he's "out of his mind" because so many people are coming to him that he can't even eat.

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time brings us to a cycle of Matthew's gospels during every Sunday of Ordinary Time this year. This week we see the call of the first disciples as Jesus stops Andrew and his brother, Peter on the beach. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men". At once they left their nets and followed him."

Daily Prayer This Week

Ordinary Time is the longest Season of the Church year. Week after week, we are following the scriptures, and learning from them. It is important to focus our desires early in the day and talk with the Lord throughout the day, in the background of our busy lives. This is how we become "Contemplatives in Action" and find intimacy with God without leaving the context of the real circumstances of our lives.

Sometimes we protest: "I don't have time to pray." But if we change our focus to the moments we have free, we find ourselves surprised at the time we really do have.

Information is correct at time of publication.

There are dozens of times in all of our days during which our minds are occupied with something: a song, re-playing the last event, practicing a conversation with someone, having an imaginary argument with someone, thinking through the "to do" list of the day. We can learn to fill these times with whatever we choose. If we choose to let it be about our relationship with our Lord, it transforms our lives.

It all begins with our mornings. This week, when we first get up and perhaps for a few moments in the shower or getting dressed, let's tell the Lord that what we desire today is to be more conscious that what we do this day responds to his call to us to be his disciple. Then, during the day, in those moments while driving or shopping or walking down the hall to a meeting, we can talk with God about how we are living our call in this or that activity we are engaged in. That conversation may get more detailed

Taken from Praying Ordinary Time, on Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/OrdinaryTime/>

PARISH NEWS

CHINESE NEW YEAR EVE (Fri 27 Jan) - Mass at 7.20am. **NO EVENING MASS.**
CHINESE NEW YEAR DAY (Sat 28 Jan) - Mass at 8.30am (Mandarin), 10.30am (English), 5.30pm (Sunset mass) **MASSES ON SUNDAY** 29 Jan - 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am, 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm

21 JANUARY 2017 INFANT BAPTISM - The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Saturday 21 January 2017 at 3.45 pm in the main church. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session to be conducted by the Priest at 3.45 pm before the baptism. Application Forms for Infant Baptism can be obtained from the Parish Office. The Forms must be submitted by Monday 16 January 2017.

MINISTRY DAY (18 & 19 FEB 2017) - Ministries of the parish of the Church of Sts Peter & Paul will be showcasing their individual ministry at all masses. Do take

and specific in this or that set of events.

Each evening, for even a few moments, we can review our day's momentary conversations, recognising the moments of real connection and grace and giving thanks for them, and resolving to take even greater advantage of these opportunities the next day.

Dear Lord, at times, my heart is quite sluggish. Give me hope today. Lift my spirits and give me perspective. When I find myself stiff and inflexible, make me into a new wineskin to receive the alive, new wine with which you wish to fill me. And let me be open to your call to discipleship today. What are the opportunities to preach your Word today? Where can I drive out demons, rather than sit with their discouragement and division? Please fill my home, my workplace, my heart with your Spirit, that I might join you in bringing good news for the poor.

this opportunity to visit them at the tentage in the car park for better understanding of their function and approach the members present if you have any question. The canteen will be open for sale of finger food at all masses on 19 Feb. Beverages are complimentary. All are welcomed. The car park will be partially closed for this event. Please follow the instructions of the hospitality ministers.

ALTAR SERVERS MINISTRY - We are in a very urgent need for Altar Servers as the number is decreasing at a rapid pace. Altar Servers are urgently needed for all masses. We will be very glad if Primary and Secondary School students are willing to help out at the masses. To sign up as a member of the Altar Servers Ministry, please go to sppaltarservers.tumblr.com/SignUp. We will greatly appreciate your service to our church.

SPP UKULELE CLASS is open for registration. As one of the action items to our last Parish Assembly feedback, we have established the Ukulele group in 2016 as our

evangelization and fellowship platform. The group completed two outreach events in 2016. You are invited to be part of us in the 2017 outreach activities. The new ukulele class will start on 9 Jan '17 in room 8 at 7:30pm. Please contact our church office at 63870530 for registration, or contact Michael Cheuk 94763277 for more details

WORLD CONSECRATED DAY OF RELIGIOUS - Archbishop William Goh, DD, will celebrate mass on Thurs, 2 Feb '17 at 11.00am in our Church of Sts Peter & Paul. All Religious will assemble at SPP. The Archbishop will celebrate the mass with the Religious serving all over Singapore. All are welcome!

SPP is planning to embark on the Emergency Preparedness Programme and is seeking volunteers who have experience and knowledge in the following areas: security agencies, medical professionals, first aid, emergency planning and management to form a Taskforce. Please leave your name, contact details, your expertise/knowledge area, the Mass/es you usually attend in SPP with the Parish Office. We thank you for stepping forward to help the Parish, for the safety of all our parishioners!

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

COMMISSIONING OF PRINCIPALS - This year, 11 Principals have been newly appointed to head our Catholic schools and kindergartens. ACCS invites all educators to this Commissioning Ceremony to pray for all Catholic Schools. The ceremony will take place during the sunset mass at 3.30pm on 21 Jan '17 at Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. His Grace Archbishop William Goh will be the main celebrant. As parking is very limited on the Cathedral grounds, you are advised to park your vehicle in the public carparks nearby.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR GIFT ENVELOPES. This weekend, being the third weekend of the month, there will be a second

collection to receive your monthly pledges to Catholic Foundation's GIFT campaign if you are giving by cash/cheque. GIFT is Catholic Foundation's regular giving campaign to fund the numerous organisations involved in families, youths, evangelisation, etc, as well as building projects in the archdiocese. Kindly bring your pledge envelopes with the cash/cheque enclosed and drop them into the collection bags that will be passed round. If you need the pledge envelopes, these can be found along the pews.

A TIMELESS and ENDLESS LOVE Gala dinner - The Church of the Transfiguration is organizing Gala Dinner in aid of their building fund. Featuring a musical showcase with well know personalities accompanied by Chinese dinner, it promises to be a magical evening to remember. Place: Orchard Hotel Grand Ballroom. Date: Sun 19 Feb '17 at 7.00pm Please support them generously. For more information, Telephone: 6341 9718. Email: secretary@transfiguration.sg

THE MALAYALEE COMMUNITY will be having the annual retreat from 28 Jan - 30 Jan '17. The retreat will be held in Holy Innocent High School, Upper Serangoon Road, Singapore 534786. The retreat will be preached by the famous charismatic preacher in Malayalam, Fr. Nelson Job OCD and team.

CARITAS SINGAPORE ANNUAL MASS AND APPRECIATION LUNCH
Mass Celebrant: Archbishop William Goh
Date: 14 Jan '17 (Saturday) Time: 11.00am-1.00pm Venue: Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh (Level 1 - Multi-Purpose Hall). Singapore 319264 Come join our annual celebration to pray as a community for the social mission of the Church in Singapore. For RSVP & enquiries, please call Raymond Yong at Caritas Singapore. Tel: 6337 7854 or email: raymond@caritas-singapore.org

WORKING WITH OUR DREAMS
20 Jan (Fri), 8.00pm to 22 Jan (Sun), 1.00pm @ Choice Retreat House This retreat/workshop