

**ARCHDIOCESAN BIBLICAL APOSTOLATE CELEBRATES BIBLE SUNDAY 2017. THEME: LISTENERS OF THE WORD, PROPHETS OF TODAY**

Speaker: Sr. Sandra Seow, FMVD – Director of Archdiocesan Biblical Apostolate. Author of the Prayer for Living Book. Mass celebrant: Archbishop William Goh. Where: Catholic Junior College Performing Arts Centre. 129 Whitley Road, Singapore 297822. When: 8 Jul '17, Sat. Time: 9.00am - 1.30pm (Registration starts at 8.15am) Cost: \$50 (includes tea, lunch and goody bag) Register Now! For registration or enquiries: Website: <http://biblicalapostolate.catholic.sg> Email: [aba\\_secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:aba_secretariat@catholic.org.sg) Tel: 62800354 (Office hours - weekdays 9.00am to 1.00pm)

**THE APOSTOLATE FOR CATHOLIC TRUTH TALKS:** Theology of the Body 10 hours Course . by Andrew Kong

(5,12,19, 25 May '17) Venue: St Joseph's Church Conference Room, Victoria Street Time: Fridays 7.45 pm - 9.30 pm (Except TOB Course, starts at 7pm) FOC, All are Welcome. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/ACT-Talk-Signup> or: SMS: 96493893 for enquiries (Andrew). More details: [www.catholic.sg/act](http://www.catholic.sg/act)

Do you have friends who want to find out more about the Catholic faith? Do you want to bring your friends to find out more about the Catholic faith but do not know where to begin? This Easter, bring your friends to the 'Easter4everyone' event to find out more! Watch a video, listen to a sharing and do a walking trail to discover more about the Catholic faith and what we do as Church. Sat, 29 Apr '17, 2017 2:00pm - 5:00pm at Church of Saints Peter & Paul, 225A Queen Street Singapore, 188551. Register your interest today at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebrating-new-life-easter-4-everyone-tickets-32913221331>

<b>Sunset Mass</b>	: 5.30pm
<b>Rosary</b>	: 4.30pm (Saturday)
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
<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)
<b>Hour of Mercy</b>	: 3.00pm daily
<b>Counselling @ SPP</b>	: 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Monday, call church secretariat 6337 2585 for appointment)
<b>Adoration Chapel</b>	: 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 baptistry (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass.

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(i) Church of Sts Peter & Paul - for contributions/donations for General Operations & Maintenance of the Church; (ii) Carmelite Fathers - for contributions/donations to the SPP Friars Community, Friars Formation; (iii) 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 428  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.  
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 24 April - SAT 29 April 2016  
**MON:** ACTS 4:23-31, JN 3:1-8 **TUE:** 1 PT 5:5B-14, MK 16:15-20 **WED:** ACTS 5:17-26, JN 3:16-21 **THU:** ACTS 5:27-33, JN 3:31-36 **FRI:** ACTS 5:34-42, JN 6:1-15 **SAT:** ACTS 6:1-7, JN 6:16-21

**Finding Hope in the Easter Season**

In this season of Easter, the messages are about hope and new life; joy and living in Jesus. But how do we live a life of joy and hope when our own lives aren't all we want them to be?

Even the best family goes through challenging times and the happiest marriage has ups and downs. Illnesses strike those we love and watching them suffer is a terrible weight to bear. For many of us, life is full of burdens and disappointment.

What are our lives really about? Where is the meaning in them? Our marriage might be dull and lifeless, or worse, filled with anger and resentment. Our children lead lives that can seem to have no values. Family members create conflict with every encounter. Where is the Easter joy?

Stop. Take a deep breath. Pause from life.

**Abide in me as I will abide in you.**

Each one of us has an invitation from Jesus to live in him, to settle our lives firmly in his presence and love. We are called to be in the care of this loving healer and friend and to carry that love with us as we live out our lives.

The first step for finding hope in this Easter season is to stop and reflect on the love that is being offered to us every second of our lives. We need to become aware of it again. When we feel overwhelmed and fearful, we can take just a few minutes break and remind ourselves that Jesus is with us, right now, in our pain.

Become aware of Jesus loving us and calling our names.

**You who are heavily burdened, I will give you rest.**

We hear each word of that and remember his warm and endless love for us. We hear Jesus call us by name. Now we can tell Jesus, our friend, about our lives and the hardships we find in them.

Given new courage and strength from Jesus, we look with new light and hope on our problems.

One of the most helpful things in dealing with the challenges of other people is to remember that I can't change the other person. I can only change myself. I can't force my spouse to be more loving or interested in our marriage. But, with prayer, I can ask how I can love my spouse better. What could I try to make my spouse less angry or defensive? Is my tone of

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voice nagging, again? Can I soften it and ask for the grace to be more loving?

Can I remember that I can't gain Easter joy or hope by telling my children, friends and other family members annoyed I am at my spouse? Telling others will make it harder for me to love that person? I can't be more hopeful if I am complaining about my spouse all the time. I can't be more hopeful if I carry anger around in my heart. Perhaps the gift I need to ask for is to have compassion for my spouse's situation, pain, and struggle. It's hard to be compassionate about the pain of someone who is hurting me. But, I can pray for the grace to let hope and love into my heart to deal with a difficult relationship.

My children may be leading lives I see as without values or faith and bringing up their children in ways I don't approve of. I can pray for the grace to be patient and leave the door open. They will not change in the face of my criticism, no matter how subtle I think I am being. They will not be helped by my constant disapproval and my relationship with them can only be hurt by it. The Easter hope is praying for the grace to be more loving and more patient. By biting my tongue and holding my judgment, I can keep the door open in my relationship with them. If they see me as a loving parent who is there for them when they need it, they may begin to talk with us about their challenges and this allows me to more peacefully see the goodness that does live in their lives. Affirming that goodness is a building block in our relationships.

And for those in our lives we find personally unpleasant and spiteful, we pray for the grace to deal with them in a more loving manner. We ask Jesus for the ability to see their pain, the pain that causes them to strike out.

When Thomas saw Jesus after the resurrection, he was invited to put his fingers into the wounds of Jesus' hands and "bring your hand and put it into my side." It is a startling and graphic image, of placing our hands into a deep wound. But Jesus invites us to do that

because we really don't enter into someone else's life until we can enter into their wounds.

If we pray for the grace to be more compassionate and see this difficult person as one who feels powerless, diminished, fearful or insecure we can begin to see that behaviour as a way of compensating. Slowly, I might begin to see the bad behaviour of the other person, the anxiety and fear and I might be blessed with the compassionate mercy with each of us receive from God. Then I can be healing, soothing and comforting.

But we can never help to heal someone we don't love or offer security and safety to someone for whom we feel anger.

In the John's gospel, Jesus offers Thomas, and each of us, an invitation to open our hearts and believe: Do not be unbelieving, but believe.

That is the hope of Easter, that we can take our joy and belief and ask Jesus for healing for ourselves so that we are better able to cope with the worries we find in our everyday lives.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/findinghopeafterEaster.html>

#### PARISH NEWS

**SPP FATIMA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION** on 6 May '17, Sat - Devotion to Our Lady will start at 4:30pm, followed by Mass. After Mass, there will be Crowning and Procession of Our Lady of Fatima and Blessing of the Shrine in SPP. Do join us in this celebration in honour of Our Lady!

**SPP FORMATION SERIES** - Who Is My Neighbour Session 2. Learn about Taoism and understand our Taoist friends better with a visit to San Qing Gong Taoist Temple. Date: 21 May '17, Sun. Time: 1:30pm - 4:30pm Gathering Venue: Level 3 Chapel, SPP Parish Building. Cost: \$5/ person (for bus transport - no self-drive). Limited capacity available. Please register with the Church Office.

**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION'S GIFT CAMPAIGN** - This weekend, there will be a second collection for Catholic Foundation's GIFT campaign. 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.

**3-DAYS SANTA CRUZ PILGRIMAGE** - We are organising a three-day pilgrimage to Malacca Santa Cruz from Fri/Sun 1 - 3 Sep '17. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at Sts Peter & Paul Secretariat Office.

#### NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

**CHARITIES WEEK 2017** - The season of Lent is the time when the Church conducts its annual Archdiocesan fundraising campaign - Charities Week 2017. Your donation will provide much needed funding to support our Catholic Charities and Agape Village, a project of Caritas Singapore, to serve over 50,000 beneficiaries in need such as the poor, families, youth and children, prisoners, migrant workers, and persons living with HIV/AIDS. Please pick up an appeal envelope and give generously. Your donation will enjoy a tax deduction of 250 percent.

*Spend the first 2 Saturdays in May with our Blessed Mother!*

(A) 6 May '17: Jesus Mary Rally (1pm - 3.30pm) (organized by The Office for the New Evangelisation in collaboration with The Legion of Mary) Come for an afternoon of prayer, adoration and a talk to learn more about Jesus, Mary and the New Evangelisation. Speaker: Fr Terence Pereira, Episcopal Vicar for the New Evangelisation

(B) 13 May '17: **'OUR LADY OF FATIMA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS'**. Celebrant of Eucharistic Celebration: Archbishop William Goh. More details will

be made available. Venue: Both events are held at St Joseph's Church (Victoria Street)

It is the first time **ONE** is calling Lectors together for a Day of Recollection (DOR) at the Archdiocesan level to pray and reflect together. We would be grateful if you could forward this email-invite to your Lectors. Fr Terence Pereira, Episcopal Vicar for the New Evangelisation, will dwell on the role of a Lector, the elements of "ministry" and the need for formation in order to realize the archdiocesan pastoral vision of a "vibrant, missionary and evangelistic Church". Date: 27 May '17 (Sat) Time: 9.30am to 4.00pm. Venue: St Peter Auditorium, CAEC level 2, (no lift access) 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102. Who should attend: Lectors Those who wish to register, please collate as a Parish and fill up the softcopy form attached and email to [enquiry@one.org.sg](mailto:enquiry@one.org.sg) for our logistics and catering purposes. Closing Date: 1 May '17. For the Parishes without Lectors Coordinator, you may register individually by clicking this link and **FILL OUT IN GOOGLE FORMS**. We will be communicating more instructions once we receive the list of participants.

#### PERSONAL MORAL COMPASS COURSE 2017

- Module 3: Christian Morality, by Fr David Garcia, OP. This is a one-year-long systematic course in Moral Theology. It is a course for all Catholics and non-Catholics interested in their formation in the foundations of Ethics and Moral Theology. It is also recommended for those involved in guiding and forming others and those involved in related work or ministry. The next module of this course, Christian Morality, will start on 18 Apr '17 and it takes place on Tuesday nights, 7:30pm - 9:30pm in Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264. For more information and registration, go to: [www.caritas-singapore.org](http://www.caritas-singapore.org) OR email: