

importance, ways of loving ourselves and how to change by building the new. Saturdays (3, 17 and 24 Sept 2016). \$10 per person limited to 20 participants. To register : Call 6757 7990 or email to : registration@clarity-singapore.org

DOWN MEMORY LANE 6 CUM CARITAS SINGAPORE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CHARITY DINNER SHOW GET BACK to the heyday of pop and rock music of the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s! Down Memory Lane 6 is back to entertain and get you on the dance-floor! Catch Max Surin, Jack and Rai, Matthew and the Mandarins, Jessica & Keong and Steven Francis. New to this year's show is the inclusion of performers by talents from our Catholic community, beneficiaries and volunteers. The show's on Saturday 1 October 2016 at the Singapore Expo, Max Atria, Garnet Room. The party begins at 7pm and ends at 11pm. Croon and boogie the night away as you do your bit for charity over dinner! All funds raised will support the work of Caritas Singapore and its Catholic charities. We appeal to your generous support for this event. Book your tickets now

to avoid disappointment. Or gather a group of ten friends and get a table. Call Pamela at 6337 6197 or visit www.caritas-singapore.org for details.

Come find out at our **DIOCESAN VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT**. We'll guide you and help you discern. Theme: **OPEN WIDE THE DOORS TO CHRIST**
Date: 19-21 Aug '16 Venue: Immaculate Heart of Mary Retreat House 46 Kovan Road Eligibility: Single male, aged 21-35 years old Registration: Parish office OR email: seminariansonline@gmail.com OR diocesanvocations@catholic.org.sg Closing date is 12 Aug '16

WEEKEND RECOLLECTION for Young Adults @ Blue Mountain Kelong Theme: Walking on Water- Trust. Date: 10 - 12 Sep '16 (Sat 8.00am to Mon 6.00pm) Venue: Blue Mountain Kelong (Batam) Cost: \$300 (inclusive of meals, transport and lodging) Age: 20 to 40 years old Registration Link: QYNr9QAodk For more information, contact: Verbum Dei Missionaries Tel: 62740251 Email: verbumdeispore@yahoo.com.sg Website: <http://verbumdeisingapore.org/>

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.40pm (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, 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 at the makeshift confessional at the baptistery (back of Church) 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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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 July 2016 Year C

READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 954

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 11 July - SAT 16 July 2016

MON: IS 1:10-17, MT 10:34-11:1 **TUE:** IS 7:1-9, MT 11:20-24 **WED:** IS 10:5-7, 13B-16, MT 11:25-27 **THU:** IS 26:7-9, 12, 16-19, MT 11:28-30 **FRI:** IS 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8, MT 12:1-8 **SAT:** MIC 2:1-5, MT 12:14-21

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: It appears that God's people have disregarded the Lord's ways and preferred their own. Moses instructs them to renew their covenant commitment by returning to the Lord "with all your heart and all your soul." Love of the Lord and fidelity to the commandments are the essential elements of covenant relationship. These are not "too mysterious and remote for you". They are very near to you, easily accessible in your life's experience as they are "already in your mouths and in your hearts". All that is required is for each one to carry them out. The challenge for any disciple centres not so much on knowing what is right but on having the courage and strength to do what is right. Covenant love relationship demands that we not only "know" but also "do".

Responsorial Psalm 69: The refrain from this lament psalm, "Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live," captures well Moses' instruction to the people in the First Reading. Covenant love and relationship emboldens the psalmist to turn to the Lord for mercy and help, assured already that the Lord does hear and responds. The Lord "hears the poor" and spurns not those in bondage. God's response is connected to the rebuilding of Zion and all those who love the Lord and abide by the commandments shall inhabit the land. Such

assurance of God's love and mercy restores covenant relationship and motivates us once again to renew our covenant love.

Second Reading: Colossians extols Christ as "the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation," through whom the universe was created. In Christ, all things hold together. In Christ, God becomes human and through his Life, Death and Resurrection, reconciled all things that had gone astray and lost their connection with God. Since the fullness of God was pleased to dwell in Christ, he, through his self-emptying love for all, was able to reestablish God's peace and harmony that binds the universe together. We are still sorting out what reconciliation of all creation means for us as humans but also for all of God's created works.

Gospel: To understand the essence of the law summarized by an inquiring scholar of the law, Jesus proceeds to recount the parable of the Good Samaritan. For Jesus, loving the neighbour as yourself is the criteria for assessing one's love of God. Therefore it would have been important to know the exact definition of neighbour so that one could be faithful to the commandment. Jesus' parable brings his audience to a moment of insight and decision. The definition of neighbour as one who treats another with mercy, breaks down all artificial boundaries that divide us,

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and rests on the insight that we are to treat one another in the same fashion that God treats all creation. We are called to treat one another with mercy, no matter who the other is or what we think the other deserves. To love God is to treat one another with mercy, reconciliation and love. What decision will you make?

Some Saints of the Week

St. Benedict, Abbot – 11 July

Saddened by the immoral state of society, St. Benedict of Nursia (480–553/7) left the city to live as a hermit at Subiaco. In time, more and more men were attracted to his charismatic personality as well as to his way of life. He eventually moved a group of monks to Monte Cassino, near Naples, where he completed the final version of his rule, now known as The Rule of St. Benedict, on the fundamentals of monastic life, including the day-to-day operation of a monastery. The rule asserts that the primary occupation of the monk is to pray the Divine Office in tandem with a vowed life of stability, obedience and conversion. The whole of the monastic vocation can be summarized in the opening line of his rule, “Listen carefully.” St. Benedict is considered the father of Western monasticism.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin – 14 July

St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1656 – 1680), called the “Lily of the Mohawks”, is the first Native American to have been beatified and was recently canonised a saint. The daughter of a Mohawk chief and a Christian Algonquin,

she vowed to live as a virgin. She eventually decided to convert to Christianity after a few encounters with Jesuit missionaries. Her decision to convert was not received well within her community because Christianity was seen as the religion of the oppressors. St. Kateri was a pious woman who attended daily Mass, fasted twice a week, taught children and cared for the sick. After she died, a number of miracles and visions were attributed to her intercession. Tekakwitha was canonised in 2012.

St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church – 15 July

St. Bonaventure (1221 – 1274), scholastic theologian and philosopher, was born in Italy and joined the Franciscans in 1243. He studied theology at Paris with his great contemporary, Thomas Aquinas. After teaching for a time, he was chosen Minister General of the Franciscans in 1257, at a time when the order suffered from divisions, which he was able to do much to heal. Later, he was named Cardinal Bishop of Albano. Bonaventure was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1588 by Pope Sixtus V, and is called the “Seraphic Doctor” because his love of God is so evident, even in his philosophical writings. When the Council of Lyons was called to bring the Greek and Latin churches back together, Bonaventure went at the request of Pope Gregory X, but he died before the Council’s work was finished, receiving the Sacrament of the Sick from the pope himself. St. Bonaventure is shown in art dressed in a Franciscan habit and wearing a cardinal’s hat.

columbarium in our church, and for their family members is celebrated on Thu 21 Jul ‘16 at 7.20am and 5.30pm

INFANT BAPTISM - The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Saturday 23 Jul ‘16 at 2.30pm in the main church. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session to be conducted by the Priest at 2.30pm before the baptism.

Application Forms for Infant Baptism can be obtained from the Parish Office. The Forms must be submitted by Saturday 9 Jul ‘16

FEAST OF OUR LADY MOUNT CARMEL - There will be a Rosary Procession in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel after the 5.30pm mass on 16 Jul ‘16 (Sat) and there will be Enrolment of Brown Scapular at ALL masses during the weekend of 16/17 Jul ‘16. You may buy the Brown Scapular outside the Church before all masses. All are welcomed.

[SPP YEAR OF MERCY SERIES] TALK: WORKS OF MERCY What are the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy? Why do we perform these works and how? Date: 23 Jul ‘16 (Sat) Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm Venue: Level 3 Chapel. Speaker: Fr. Edward Lim, OCD. For registration, please email SPP happenings@gmail.com or register with the Church Office. Attendance by registration only.

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.

RCIA 2016/2017 – Starting on 5 Jul ‘16, every Tue at 7.30pm. This is a year’s journey for those seeking to know more about the Catholic faith. It prepares newcomers

to encounter Jesus and his Church, and discern towards receiving the sacraments of Christian initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist). Sessions are led by priest or religious and will be held in the Chapel (3rd level, Parish Building). Please invite your non-Catholic friends, colleagues and spouse to attend and learn more about the faith. Baptised Catholics are also invited to journey as sponsors. Registration forms are available from the Parish office; or contact our coordinator, Jonathan Chan at 9685 7290 or email 2kumleong@gmail.com for more information.

DAILY PRAYER - Our SPP Church prays the Lauds led by the Carmelite Friars every weekday at 7.00am before the 7.20am Mass.

3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS JOHOR/MALACCA PILGRIMAGE - We are organising a three days pilgrimage to Johor and Malacca from Sat/Mon 10 - 12 Sep ‘16. This is a project in aid of Church of Sts Peter & Paul Maintenance Fund. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at the Secretariat Office.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

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: 12 - 14 Aug ‘16 (Friday evening to Sunday evening. Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368. Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537 or Francesa 9710 9680. Register & Info: www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm

CHARIS-ACTS29 MISSION TRIP (26 Aug – 1 Sept, 2016) –Join us in building bio-sand water filtration systems with the local community in Romblon, Philippines. Slots for 9 participants only. \$670 per pax. Closing date to register: 20 July 2016. T&C apply. For more information, contact Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives Singapore (CHARIS), Victoria at victoria@charis-singapore.org or Tel: 6337-4119 or www.charis-singapore.org

CLARITY’S 3 session introductory workshops to understand self worth, its

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PARISH NEWS

CHANGE OF MASS TIME - Please note that with effect from 3 Jul ‘16, mass on Sunday Evening will be changed from 4:30pm to 4:00pm.

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED Mass dedicated to the souls of the faithful departed whose remains are placed in the