

MERCY to celebrate. The programme includes a Mass, a talk by Fr LUKE FONG on how God is Love and Mercy for Special Needs families, Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Benediction, Praying Over Intercessions & Testimonies. Dedicated support Sat 9 Jul '16 from 8.30am - 1.00pm in the MAIN CHURCH. God's Love & Mercy for Families with Special Needs. for all Special Needs children and their families will be provided. Admission is free. Registration required: www.bit.ly/godismercy or email jubilee.mercy.talk@gmail.com; call Teresa at 8501 3460 or visit www.facebook.com/godsloveandmercy

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@atholic.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 Website: <http://verbumdeisingapore.org/>

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.40pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese, Chapel 3rd floor), 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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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 July 2016 Year C

READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 950

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 4 July - SAT 9 July 2016

MON: HOS 2:16, 17C-18, 21-22, MT 9:18-26 **TUE:** HOS 8:4-7, 11-13, MT 9:32-38 **WED:** 2HOS 10:1-3, 7-8, 12, MT 10:1-7 **THU:** HOS 11:1-4, 8E-9, MT 10:7-15 **FRI:** HOS 14:2-10, MT 10:16-23 **SAT:** IS 6:1-8, MT 10:24-33

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Isaiah speaks of the great joy that will be experienced by all as the Lord restores Jerusalem after the devastation of the Babylonian Exile. Using rich mother metaphors, God will restore Jerusalem from a barren, sorrowful, mournful mother to a fertile, prosperous, loving and ever-comforting one. The starving, desolated people will once again nurse from her abundant breasts, will exalt over the abundance of water and wealth and will experience the fondling, comfort, tenderness and care that a loving mother showers on her nurslings. As a mother comforts, loves and dotes on her child, so will God do for us. The power of the Lord will be evident to all, with joy and abundant life as its unimaginable manifestation.

Responsorial Psalm 66: The psalmist invites all to "cry out to God with joy," as we experience God's tremendous deeds done on our behalf. The psalm captures the feeling and intent of Isaiah in the first reading, remembering the Exodus as one of God's tremendous deeds "among the children of Adam." Those wondrous deeds continue today in the life of the psalmist whose prayer God has answered, and who rejoices and praises God while inviting all others to do the same.

Second Reading: Paul asserts that the only thing any disciple can boast in is the Cross of Christ, the most degrading of deaths transformed into the ultimate symbol of God's gracious love to all, no matter the cost. Whether circumcised or uncircumcised, Jew or Gentile, all are new creations in the Lord, who broke down any and all boundaries that divide us. With Paul asserts that as disciples we all bear the marks of Jesus as we willingly give of ourselves in service of others. All this is God's doing through the grace given to us in Christ.

Gospel: Jesus appoints seventy-two disciples and commissions them to go ahead of him to spread the word concerning God's reign. They are being sent as workers to a rich harvest that God has cultivated. However, they are also warned that such harvesting will involve dangers and challenges, concretised in the image of being sent out "like lambs among wolves". They will experience rejection and opposition. Jesus instructs them as to their behavior on such a mission, and insists that no matter what they encounter, they are to trust in God who will protect and care for them. They return rejoicing at the great work that they were able to accomplish in God's name, as Jesus proclaims that with God's reign, Satan is defeated and his disciples have their names recorded in heaven.

July – Month the Precious Blood

Information is correct at time of publication.

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

“The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it.”

“Devotion to the Precious Blood is not a spiritual option, it is a spiritual obligation, and that not only for priests, but for every follower of Christ. I really believe that one of the symptoms of modern society (and I would even include, sadly, modern Catholic society) one of the symptoms of a growing, gnawing secularism is the lessening and the weakening of devotion to the Precious Blood. Devotion, as we know, is a composite of three elements: It is first- veneration, it is secondly- invocation, and it is thirdly- imitation. In other words, devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ, the Lamb of God who was slain, is first of all to be veneration on our part, which is a composite of knowledge, love and adoration. We are to study to come to a deeper understanding of what those two casual words, Precious Blood, really mean.

I found this passage in the oldest document, outside of sacred scripture, from the first century of the Christian era – to be exact, from Pope St. Clement I, dated about 96 A.D. Says Pope Clement: “Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realise how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world.”

To understand the meaning of the Precious

Blood we must get some comprehension of the gravity of sin, of the awfulness of offending God, because it required the Blood of the Son of God to forgive that sin. We are living in an age in which to sin has become fashionable.

This veneration of the Precious Blood, which is the first element in our devotion to the Precious Blood means that we have a deep sensitivity to the awfulness of sin. Sin must be terrible. It must be awful. It must be the most dreadful thing in the universe. Why? Because it cost the living God in human form the shedding of His Blood.

Lord Jesus, You became Man in order by your Passion and Death and the draining of your Blood on the Cross, might prove to us how much You, our God, love us. Protect us, dear Jesus, from ever running away from the sight of blood. Strengthen our weak human wills so that we will not only not run away from the cross, but welcome every opportunity to shed our blood in spirit in union with your Precious Blood, so that, dying to ourselves in time we might live with You in Eternity. Amen.”

Excerpted from The Precious Blood of Christ, Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.

Some Saints of the Week

St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr - 6 July Although St. Maria Goretti (1890 – 1902) walked this earth for a short time, her life speaks to all generations. As a simple young girl born to poor farmers in Italy, she demonstrated a piety and zeal uncharacteristic of someone her age. Her life ended prematurely when she was murdered by a young man named Alessandro, because she would not succumb to his sexual advances. Right before she died, St. Maria extended forgiveness to her attacker with a simple phrase, “for the love of Jesus”. At St. Maria’s canonization ceremony, in which her family members were present, she was declared a martyr for chastity. The Passionists, a religious congregation founded by St. Paul of the Cross, claim her as one of their own because she was raised in a parish staffed by Passionist priests.

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.

DEDICATION THANKSGIVING DINNER ON SATURDAY 2 JULY 2016 - Our Priests and church staff will be attending the Dinner. Please note the Adoration Room will be closed at 5.30pm. The church gates will be locked at 6.45pm after the sunset mass. All vehicles must leave the carpark by 6.40pm.

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

THANK YOU - Church Collection for our SPP Society of St Vincent de Paul for the month of May 2016 amounted to \$5,431.50 and Donations amounted to \$25.00. Expenditure for the month was \$6,270.00. We support 83 Friends-In-Need (FINs). Majority of them are elderly poor living in Chinatown and Beach Road/North Bridge Road areas. If you know of families in need in our parish, please email us with details to spp@gmail.com. We appeal to your generosity in caring for the poor and needy through our SSVp, St Peter’s Conference.

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 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 SPPHappenings@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

EVERYONE IS SPECIAL! Specially organized by Church of the Holy Spirit in conjunction with the JUBILEE YEAR OF