

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.

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.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

OFFICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - CALLING ALL INCOMING UNIVERSITY FRESHMEN! Come and discover how to navigate this new phase of your life in the company of friends who will spur you on and support you along the way! We also invite you to check out the various university communities' Freshmen Orientation Camps (FOCs) to connect with the Catholic communities on campus! Kickstart Freshmen Gathering: Fri 10 Jun 7.00pm - 10.00pm AND Kickstart Freshmen Retreat: Fri 10 Jun 10.00pm - Sat 11 Jun 6.00pm. University Freshmen Orientation Camps: See website for information Kickstart registration, FOC details, and more information at oyp.org.sg/kickstart2016

RETRouvaille - A Lifeline for Troubled & Hurting Marriages 1. Has your marriage become unloving and uncaring? 2. Has your marriage grown cold and distant? 3. Has there been little or no meaningful communication between the two of you? 4. Do you feel disappointed or even despair thinking about your marriage? A Retrouvaille weekend can help you. Weekend date: 24 - 26 Jun '16. For confidential enquiry, Tel: 6711 6774. Online registration: www.helpourmarriage.sg

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.40pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese, Chapel 3rd floor), 4.30pm (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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29 May 2016 Year C

READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 900

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 30 May - SAT 4 June 2016

MON: 2 PT 1:2-7, MK 12:1-12 **TUE:** ZEP 3:14-18A, LK 1:39-56 **WED:** 2 TM 1:1-3, 6-12, 2 TM 1:1-3, 6-12 **THU:** 2 TM 2:8-15, MK 12:28-34 **FRI:** Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus **SAT:** 2 TM 4:1-8, LK 2:41-51

About this Solemnity

This Eucharistic day, observed with such solemnity throughout the world, began in a quiet Belgian convent in the thirteenth century, with the vision of a holy nun, Sr. Juliana. In her vision, she saw the moon, full and bright. It was glorious, except that one part of its disk was in shadow. The meaning of the vision was then revealed to her: the moon represented the liturgical year; the shadow, a missing feast in honour of the Blessed Sacrament. Juliana spoke to her confessor about what she had seen. Amazingly, within thirty-five years, Pope Urban IV had established the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, in the Church's universal calendar. Hundreds of years later, in 1849, Pope Pius IX added the Feast of the Precious Blood celebrated on July 1. Following the Second Vatican Council, the two liturgies became one solemnity in honour of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

Of course, we already had a day honouring the Eucharist: the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, which even includes a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. But the purpose and the mood of the two processions are strikingly different.

On Holy Thursday, we walk with Jesus to the Mount of Olives, to keep watch with him on the night of his betrayal. The sacrament is carried in the ciborium, covered with

humeral veil: and Christ's glory, too, is veiled as he undergoes his Passion. On Corpus Christi, we walk in the afterglow of Easter Time, in company with the Risen Lord. This time, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in a monstrance: the Lord's glory is not hidden, but visible to all.

Corpus Christi is one of the most Catholic of days, an expression of our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. And yet, this celebration is also outward looking, carrying the liturgy out of the Church and into the streets. We come together in all our diversity and we celebrate our unity.

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The priest-king Melchizedek of Salem who blesses Abram and God Most High for Abram's victory over his foes is a mysterious person who appears once and is not heard of again in the Abraham narrative. Salem means peace, and is understood to refer to Jerusalem, the city of peace that David made the spiritual and political capital of Israel. In bringing out bread and wine for the offering, Melchizedek prefigures Christ's offering of himself in the symbols of bread and wine. Today's feast celebrates that sacrificial gift which Christ left us, and recalls its prefigurement in the offering of the priest-king of Salem, Melchizedek.

Responsorial Psalm 110: This enthronement psalm celebrated the coronation of the new king, filling the people with new hope in one who would be just and rule the people in peace and prosperity. The new king is God's representative delegated to rule the way God desired and wished. In assuming the kingship, the new king was also designated priest-king according to the order of Melchizedek. From the Davidic priest-king line would come Jesus, the priest-king who would establish God's reign and offer himself as a sacrifice for the world, justifying and sanctifying us before God.

Second Reading: Paul briefly narrates the earliest account of the institution of the Eucharist. Paul states that though not personally present, he received this as a tradition handed on to him, that Christ left us a memorial of his total self-giving sacrifice for us all in the bread and wine, symbolic of his Body and Blood. To do this in memory of Jesus means that disciples are to model Jesus in offering their lives in self-giving sacrifice on behalf of others. Whenever we celebrate Eucharist and give of ourselves for others, we proclaim Christ's life-giving Death until he comes again.

Gospel: The multiplication of the loaves and fishes appears in all four Gospel accounts, testifying to its importance for Jesus' followers. It became the clearest story associated with Eucharistic celebration and the corresponding demands that celebrating Eucharistic places on all disciples. Jesus invites us as he did to his disciples not to dismiss others in need but to feed and care for others, no matter how challenging. In so doing, we are to bring what we have to the Lord, ask for God's blessing and proceed to take care of all in need. Jesus assures us that not only will we have enough to go around, we will have plenty left over. Eucharistic people model Jesus in giving of themselves for others, so that all may live. Today's feast is both a celebration and a challenge.

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin

Mary – 31 May **About this Feast**

When the angel brought Mary the amazing message that she would be the mother of God's Son, he also brought her some family news: her elderly cousin, Elizabeth, was going to have a baby as well. Immediately, Mary set out to visit her cousin and help her at what must have been a challenging time. When Mary arrived, something amazing happened: the child in Elizabeth's womb leapt up in recognition, and Elizabeth too was filled with the Holy Spirit and realised that Mary was carrying God's Son. Even before his birth, John the Baptist was pointing the way to Christ!

We echo Elizabeth's joyful exclamation every time we pray the Hail Mary: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:42). And we echo Mary's response to her cousin, her Magnificat, in Evening Prayer.

What a gift it must have been for these two women to spend time together. Given their miraculous pregnancies and unique experiences of God, they could only turn to each other to ponder and process what was happening. As God brought them together, their companionship during this time must have been a source of mutual comfort, encouragement and joyful anticipation. Praise be to God for knowing our needs even before we are aware of them, and caring for us through the love and friendship of those around us.

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – 3 June

About his Solemnity

One of the most beloved aspects of our Catholic tradition is our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In honouring the Sacred Heart, we are honouring the compassion and love of Christ: his human heart, moved with pity for this flock, his divine heart, pierced for the sins of his people. From the heart of Christ, pierced by the soldier's lance, blood and water poured out, "the wellspring of the Church's

Sacrament" (Preface for the Sacred Heart).

While saints and mystics, notably the thirteenth century Benedictine St. Gertrude, have long found the heart of Christ a rich subject matter for meditation, it was not until the seventeenth century, in France, that devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus began to take the form we know today. It was a time when the heresy of Jansenism was rampant. People were convinced that human sinfulness was too great to be forgiven, that salvation would only be granted to a few. In this climate of fear, the revelations of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alcoque, a religious of the Visitation order, in the French town of Paray-le-Monial, France, must have come as a complete and wonderful surprise. The devotion spread, and the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was added to the universal calendar in 1856.

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PARISH NEWS

CORPUS CHRISTI CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION on Sat 28 May '16 at the 5.30pm mass. All are welcome to join in this solemn procession. The Adoration Room will also be re-opened for use. Our carpark will be closed on 28 May for the whole day. Those attending the talk should park at the Car Parks nearby.

SPP DEDICATION EVENT: CLEANING SPP
The whole Church, including the Parish Building, will be blessed on the day of our Dedication Mass. As such, we appeal to all Ministries and Parishioners for your participation for the following activities:

Cleaning of Rooms and Cupboards by Various Ministries. All ministries are to pack and/or clear your cupboards/rooms/areas by 22 May 2016. All unclaimed materials or materials left behind after 22 May 2016 will be discarded. For more detailed instruction, please refer to the email sent to the respective Head of Ministry. Spring Cleaning Day Date: 4 June 2016 Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm. All ministries please send a minimum of 2 volunteers from your ministry to help with this Spring Cleaning Day. Please leave the names and contact numbers of the 2 representatives with the Church Office for co-ordination purposes.

There are many devotions associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, especially the Litany of the Sacred Heart, and the devotion of the nine first Fridays, in which people attend Mass on the first Friday of each month, celebrating the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, in keeping with the words of Christ to St. Margaret Mary, when he promised grace, peace and consolation to those who would honour him in this way.

On the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we give thanks to God for the infinite love of Christ, represented by the image of his heart on fire with love. Through our prayer, we also seek to make reparation for the ways that love has been rejected by human beings. This is why in the familiar image, Christ's heart is pierced and surrounded with thorns.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS! We need volunteers to help in this Spring Cleaning Day on 4 June '16. Please come forward and let us work together to prepare for the EVENT OF THE YEAR! Please register your name and contact number with the Church Office. Thank you!

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