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CANA invites you to a talk/discussion on the Care for Creation coming forth from Pope Francis' Encyclical. Professor Michael Cheng-Guan Quah of NUS will share his perspective as a Catholic Scientist/Engineer/Environmentalist with Friar Francisco Basnayake OFM from his perspective as a Franciscan. Date: Thur 22 October, 7.15 pm, CANA The Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, 2nd Floor. Registration: email: canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com or call 63384080 to reserve your seat.

CHARIS MISSION TRIP - Join us in building houses for Typhoon Haiyan survivors in the Philippines. From 29 Nov – 5 Dec, \$550 per pax. T&C apply. Limited spaces on a first come first served basis. For more information, contact Caritas

Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives Singapore (CHARIS), Lilyanne at lilyanne@charis-singapore.org or Tel: 6337-4119. Website www.charis-singapore.org

JUNIOR COLLEGE MASS - The office for Young People invites students from Junior College/IB schools to a Eucharistic celebration, to pray for exams as well as a time of fellowship. There will be refreshments after Mass. Come and be fed! This will be held on 23 Oct '15, 8.00pm - 10.00pm @ OYP (2 Lor Low Koon S536449). Register @ www.tinyurl/JCmass.

STRESSED? ANXIOUS? WORRIED? DEPRESSED? FEARFUL? ANGRY? CLARITY can help you. CLARITY (a member of CARITAS Singapore) provides professional counselling for distressed Catholics. Call: 9710 3733; Email: ask@clarity-singapore.org; Website: www.clarity-singapore.org

Sunset Mass 5.30pm
Rosary 4.40pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses
8.30am (Mandarin)
11.00am (English)
2.00pm (Cantonese) Chapel, 3rd Floor
4.20pm (English)
Weekday Masses
7.20am
5.30pm
Intercessory Prayer
7.15pm (Eng, Thu, Adoration Chapel)

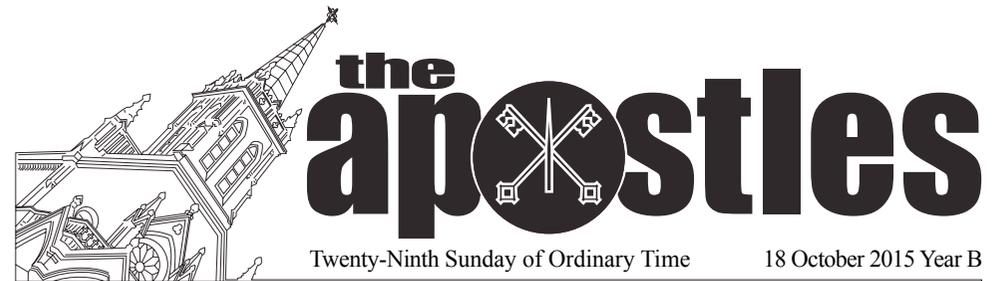
Infant Jesus Devotions
5.30pm (Thu, followed by Mass)
4.00pm (Sun, followed by Mass)
Divine Mercy Devotions
Sun, 12.30pm (Mandarin)
Sion Adorers - Holy Hour
7.45pm - 8.45pm (Sat, Adoration Chapel)
Hour of Mercy (Adoration Chapel)
3.00pm (Daily)
Counselling @ SPP
Every Monday 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Please call SPP 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 in the makeshift confessional/back of the tentage 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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READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 243 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 245
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 19 October- SAT 24 October 2015
MON: ROM 4:20-25, LK 12:13-21 **TUE:** ROM 5:12, 15B, 17-19, 20B-21, LK 12:35-38
WED: ROM 6:12-18, LK 12:39-48 **THU:** ROM 6:19-23, LK 12:49-53 **FRI:** ROM 7:18-25A, LK 12:54-59 **SAT:** ROM 8:1-11, LK 13:1-9

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18 October 2015

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Although the opening line of today's selection sounds exceptionally harsh, the point is not that God is pleased with pain; rather, God is pleased with the faithfulness of the servant in spite of and through the course of the servant's suffering.

Responsorial Psalm 33: The refrain we chant sums up and deepens our appreciation of the prayer as we beg for God's mercy and proclaim and promise our trust.

Second Reading: The author designates Jesus as Son of God, and his emphasis is on divine compassion. The Son of God, far from being aloof, sympathises with each human creature and, as we proclaimed in the psalm, offers mercy and grace whenever we are in need.

Gospel: Not unlike the rich man of church of saints peter & paul

last week's Gospel, the disciples had not yet understood that the only real security and power come from trust in God. Neither wealth nor power can prevent or survive death.

Some Saints of the Week

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest – 20 October

After having a vision of himself clothed in a black habit, St. Paul of the Cross (1694 – 1775) established the Congregation of the Passion (the Passionists, or Congregation of the Discalced Clerks of the Most Holy Cross and Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ). The Passionists, a community of priests, were to live a strict monastic life while fostering an intense devotion to the Passion of Christ through preaching and missions. Along with the traditional vows of other religious communities, they took a fourth vow to spread the memory of Christ's Passion. Unique to their habit was a large badge in the shape of a heart, bearing a cross and the words Jesu XPI Passio. As

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they grew in numbers, they engaged in ministry to the sick and dying. Toward the end of his life, St. Paul founded a community of Passionist nuns.

St. John Paul II, Pope – 22 October

In the early years. Catholics and non-Catholics alike were attracted in the athletic man who sneaked out of his villa to ski and reached out to the young at World Youth Days. People of many faiths prayed for him when he was shot in St. Peter's Square and were awed with the mercy he granted his assailant. And none escaped the poignancy of a feeble John Paul II praying at the Western Wall in Israel, leaving a prayer inside the wall. Even a scant follower of the pope knew that the man who forgave his assailant, travelled the world to evangelise and sought healing in relations with the Jewish people looked to the Blessed Virgin as a model of faith. To John Paul II, the woman who carried the

Saviour in her womb, who first gazed on him at birth, and stayed with him by the Cross is the person who can bring followers closest to Christ. In the apostolic exhortation *Ecclesia in America*, he called Mary "the sure path to our meeting with Christ". The pope noted that Our Lady of Guadalupe's meeting with Juan Diego evangelised beyond Mexico and voiced hope that the Mother and Evangeliser of America would guide the Church in America "so that the new evangelisation may yield a splendid flowering of Christian life". John Paul II was canonised along with Pope John XXIII, by Pope Francis on Divine Mercy Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter in 2014, a day that John Paul II established for the Church. Saint John Paul II... pray for us!

Note: It is traditional to celebrate saints' feast days on the anniversary of their deaths, but that of John Paul II is celebrated on the anniversary of his papal inauguration (22 October 1978).

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PARISH NEWS

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED Mass dedicated to the souls of the faithful departed whose remains are placed in the columbarium in our church, and for their family members is celebrated on Friday 30 Oct '15 at 7.20am and 5.30pm

INFANT BAPTISM The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Saturday 24 October 2015 at 2.30 pm in the Chapel (3rd Storey, Parish Building). Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session to be conducted by the Priest at 2.30 pm before the baptism. Application Forms for Infant Baptism can

be obtained from the Parish Office. The Forms must be submitted by Saturday 17 Oct '15.

2-DAYS MALACCA PILGRIMAGE - We are organising a two-days pilgrimage to Malacca from Sat/Sun 12 - 13 Dec '15 for the Feast Day Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is the final project in aid of Church of Sts Peter & Paul Restoration and Conservation Fund. For enquiries, please contact Parish Secretary at 63372585 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.

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

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

CATHOLIC THEOLOGY network is organizing a talk: *Was the Incarnation and Crucifixion of Jesus necessary?* Preaching Christ crucified is "a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles," (1 Cor 1:23) Could God have saved us in any other way? Join us as we explore this topic with insights from Joseph Ratzinger's "Introduction to Christianity". Speaker: Mr Nick Chui (Masters in Theological Studies) Venue: Catholic Theological Institute 55 Waterloo Street (St Flora's Room 2nd Floor) Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Date: 21 Oct '15. To register, contact Nick @ 97843682 or email theology.sg@gmail.com

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (Joy of the Gospel) Workshop. By Fr David Garcia,

OP. How can we evangelise and spread the joy of the Gospel to others in our lives? Why are we called to reach out to those in need? This workshop focus on the content of our Pope's Apostolic Exhortation - *Evangelii Gaudium*. Special attention is given to Chapter 4 which focuses on the poor. Besides content input, participants are challenged to reflect on the messages from this document and to find ways that they can put these into action in their daily lives. Dates: 6 Nov (Fri) 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m. AND 7 Nov (Sat) 9a.m. to 12:30p.m. Venue: Level 2, Catholic Centre at 55 Waterloo Street. Free. Love Offering welcomed. For more information and registration: www.caritas-singapore.org OR formation@caritas-singapore.org

A WEEKEND RETREAT for Catholic working adults (facilitated by Kingsmead Centre for Ignatian Spirituality and Counselling) Praise@Work will be organizing a weekend retreat for Catholic working adults from Sat, 21 November 8.45am to Sun, 22 November 4.30pm at the FMM House of Prayer and Formation at Holland Road. With the theme 'Whose Am I?', the retreat reflects on this question to examine this longing in us and how it affects our lives. Individual spiritual direction (one-to-one) will be available during the retreat to explore where God is in our lives and how He may be speaking to us. Participants need only pay \$70, inclusive of overnight accommodation and meals. Please register at praiseatwork.wordpress.com. For queries, please contact Ms Abigail Arabit at praiseatworksg@yahoo.com or 9018 7914.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC) For couples intending to get married. 1st Quarter Course Starts: 14 Feb '16 Allocation of places is on a first-come-first-served basis Application forms obtainable in church office or our website @ www.