

Then ensues four exciting days of a plethora of movies that will entertain, provoke and help us reflect on our Catholic Social Teaching. Check out the programme schedule on <http://www.canafilmfest.com/>. Tix can be purchased on line on : <https://www.tickettailor.com/all-tickets/19358/8b2d/> or call us at Cana 63384080.

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: 30 Sept - 2 Oct '16. For confidential enquiry, Tel: 6711 6774. Online registration: www.helpourmarriage.sg

“QUENCH” is a 3D2N Youth Retreat organised by Jesus Youth Singapore “An International Catholic Lay Movement Approved by the Holy See.” If you are looking for warmth and simplicity in this busy world, we welcome you with wide open arms! Date 10 - 12 Sept. Venue: Choice Retreat House. **Theme: ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me’ John 7:37.** Age group 18-

35 years old. You can register online @ www.singapore.jesuyouth.org. For more details email singapore@jesuyouth.org or contact Fionne (9006 1884) or Jennifer (8368 2118)

CARITAS SINGAPORE SOCIAL MISSION CONFERENCE 2016 is less than a month away! Sat 13 Aug 16 @ Performing Arts Centre, Catholic Junior College. Theme: Witness to Mercy, Bearer of Compassion. Interested to understand the real issues and challenges of the poor in Singapore? Want to discover the opportunities available for lay Catholics to play a part to help? . Be inspired by and meet leaders working in this space; including keynote speaker, Cardinal Luis Tagle, President of Caritas Internationalis. You are invited to register for this exciting biennial conference organized by Caritas Singapore. Find out more and register at <http://www.caritas-singapore.org>

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

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| 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 |
| Interspersory Prayer | : 7.15pm (English, Thursday) |
| 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) |
| Hour of Mercy | : 3.00pm daily |
| 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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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 21 August 2016 Year C

READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 976

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 22 August - SAT 27 August 2016

MON: 2 THES 1:1-5, 11-12, MT 23:13-22 **TUE:** 2 THESS 2:1-3A, 14-17, MT 23:23-26 **WED:** REV 21:9B-14, JN 1:45-51 **THU:** 1 COR 1:1-9, MT 24:42-51 **FRI:** 1 COR 1:17-25, MT 25:1-13 **SAT:** 1 COR 1:26-31, MT 25:14-30

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
– 21 August 2016**

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Isaiah’s inclusive vision of salvation for all nations pictures God gathering “nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory.” Some of God’s chosen ones will be sent out to proclaim God’s glory to every nation. They shall come to Jerusalem, God’s holy mountain, and bring with them as an offering to God all the scattered children of Israel. All will worship the Lord together with clean hands and vessels. God will even take some of the foreigners as priest and Levites, something exclusively reserved only to Israelites. Such radical inclusiveness breaks down all that separates humanity, bringing them all together to know and serve the Lord. Today, we will struggle with how to live out Isaiah’s vision of radical inclusiveness.

Responsorial Psalm 117: The refrain to this psalm, the shortest in the Book of Psalms, captures well Isaiah’s inclusive vision and mission that God’s good news is intended for all nations, and we are to be messengers of that news to all. The psalm invites all nations to praise and glorify the Lord for God’s faithful love is steadfast, faithful, enduring and everlasting. This marvelous Good News is not restricted to

only a few but encompasses all humanity, nations, and all creation. As disciples, we are all called to bring such good news to all. How do you go about proclaiming God’s radical inclusiveness of all?

Second Reading: This reading, continuing directly from last Sunday, encourages the struggling faith community to “endure your trials as ‘discipline’” from the Lord. Quoting Proverbs 3:11-12, the author counsels the community to learn from the Lord’s discipline by keeping an eye on Christ. Just as Jesus learned from the struggles that he went through in fidelity to God, so too they are to learn from their faith-filled struggles, for such discipline will later bring with it “the peaceful fruit of righteousness.” No one seeks out suffering, but when accepted in fidelity to the Lord and worked through, it can become an occasion for drawing closer to God and to one another. All things work unto good for those who love the Lord.

Gospel: Jesus, continuing his journey to Jerusalem, responds to an inquiry concerning how many will be saved. First, Jesus indirectly responds with the image of the narrow gate, clearly implying the challenge that salvation presents to all. Jesus’ parable concerning the master who refuses entrance to those who claimed special relationship with him, sends a

clear message that no one should presume to enter God's banquet just because they claim a special, exclusive relationship with God. Entrance is based not on exclusionary privilege or status, but rather on fidelity to God's ways manifested by care and concern for all, along the lines of Isaiah's radical inclusiveness. Jesus warns that many foreigners and those faithful to God's ways will enter and recline at table in God's Kingdom, while they will be shut out. The passage concludes with a typical reversal message, shattering all human ways of thinking and operating, and asserting that God's thoughts are not like our thoughts.

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 22 August

Mary is truly the "Favoured One of God." Her relationship with Jesus Christ was like no other, and God filled her life with grace from beginning to end because of her Son. Today we celebrate her at her Son's side in heaven. As Christ reigns in heaven, tradition teaches that God continues to favour the Mother of God, crowning her queen alongside her son. Even in heaven, her relationship with Jesus Christ fills Mary's life with grace. On this memorial we rejoice in the fullness of hope and promise God shows us in Mary's life. She is Queen of Heaven, as Gold holds nothing back from her in the glory of heaven. Mary's joy is our hope as she lovingly guides us to join her at the side of her son in eternity.

Some Saints of the Week

St. Bartholomew, Apostle – 24 August

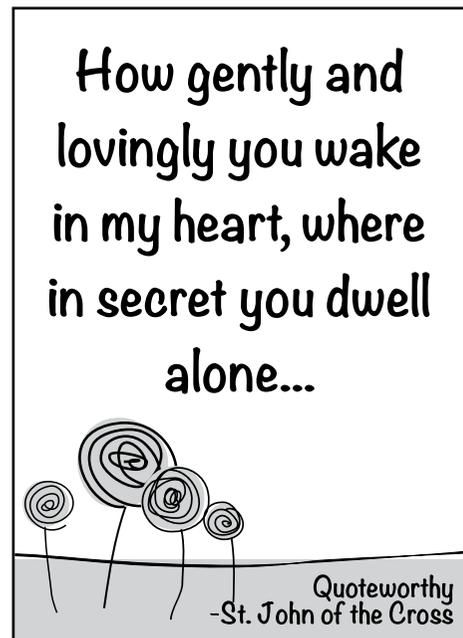
There is little reference in the Gospel to St. Bartholomew (first century), other than the fact that he was one of the original Twelve Apostles. He is also mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles as one of the disciples waiting for the descent of the Holy Spirit. According to the second-century Alexandrian teacher Pantaeenus, an early Christian community in India claims St. Bartholomew as its founder. Tradition

states that he preached throughout Persia, Mesopotamia, Lycaonia and Phrygia. It is believed that he was skinned alive and beheaded at Albanopolis, on the west coast of the Caspian Sea.

St. Monica – 27 August

St. Monica (332/2 – 387) knew the pain of disappointment, an unfaithful husband named Patricius who drank too much, and a promiscuous son, St. Augustine of Hippo, who lived an immoral youth. Through patience and love, her husband had a change of heart, choosing to become a Christian. St. Augustine's conversion was a much more difficult task. St. Monica prayed constantly and fasted daily, but nothing seemed to work, so she consulted St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, for guidance. Through the intervention of God, the two of them managed to lead St. Augustine to the waters of Baptism. St. Monica exemplifies that unconditional love and persistence are portals for God's saving grace.

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PARISH NEWS

Health Talks by Mount Alvernia Hospital

- Date: 27 Aug '16 (Sat) **Topic 1 : Common causes of knee pain in the adult.** Time: 2.30pm - 3.30pm. **Topic 2: Osteoporosis.** Time: 3.45pm - 4.45pm Venue: SPP Level 3 Chapel. Speaker: Dr Leslie Leong - Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon Adult Hip and Knee Reconstruction and Replacement Orthopaedics International. Please register with SPP Office or email SPP happenings@gmail.com. Please specify which talk you wish to attend or both.

THANK YOU - Church Collection for our SPP Society of St Vincent de Paul for the month of July 2016 amounted to \$6,213.70 and Donations amounted to \$2,350.00. Expenditure for the month was \$6,560.00. We support 81 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 ssvp.spp@gmail.com. We appeal to your generosity in caring for the poor and needy through our SSSVP, St Peter's Conference.

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 26 August 2016 at 7.20 am and 5.30 pm.

INFANT BAPTISM

- The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Sat 27 Aug '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 2.30 pm before the baptism. Application Forms for Infant Baptism can be obtained from the Parish Office. The Forms must be submitted by Sat 20 Aug '16

SPP CATECHIST RECRUITMENT

We are in dire need of 6 Primary and 5 Secondary Catechists to assist with the faith formation and development for the children and teenagers of SPP. Anyone who wishes to help out these children, please call/SMS Moses at 9009 2226 for more information.

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.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

CANA FILM FESTIVAL 2016

- CANA invites you to kick start our FilmFest with a premiere movie 'FRANCISCO: EL PADRE JORGE' - a wonderful movie on our dear Pope Francis. Date: 7 Sept 16, 7.00pm, Viv'ocity Golden Village, Max Theatre. Donation tix at \$100 for Agape Village + Cenacle Mission.