

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

CANA invites you PIMBY Kampong Bahru. Take a reflective walk through the vicinity of the Church of St Teresa. Hear how the MEP fathers ministered to the migrant port workers from India, and how they became a beacon of light literally on top of the hill to the seafarers who docked at our port. The majestic Church of St Teresa was shelter to many in more ways than one. Trace the building of the church and listen to the stories of the many who made this possible including generous lay people. And of course visit the sisters at Carmel for

a moment of silence and prayer. Date: Sunday 22 May 2016, Time: 2.15 pm at canteen of Church of St Teresa. Registration: canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com or tel 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: 24 - 26 Jun '16. For confidential enquiry, Tel: 6711 6774. Online registration: www.helpourmarriage.sg

Clarity's "Caregivers to Caregivers Education Programme for Mental conditions" 12 session workshop from 29 June. Being a Caregiver for someone with mental illness is very challenging. If you are a caregiver, this programme will benefit you as you will increase your understanding on the various types of mental illness and treatments, solve issues in better ways by learning effective problem-solving, communication and crisis techniques. **Every Weds from 29 June, 7.00pm - 9.30pm** at Agape Village. Fees : FOC. To Register, call 6757 7990 or 6801 7466.

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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READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 897

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 23 May - SAT 28 May 2016

MON: 1 PT 1:3-9, MK 10:17-27 **TUE:** 1 PT 1:10-16, MK 10:28-31 **WED:** 1 PT 1:18-25, MK 10:32-45 **THU:** 1 PT 2:2-5, 9-12, MK 10:46-52 **FRI:** 1 PT 4:7-13, MK 11:11-26 **SAT:** JUDE 17, 20B-25, MK 11:27-33

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – 22 May 2016

About this Solemnity

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Christians who use this phrase repeatedly could easily lose sight of the powerful mystery it expresses. Today, Trinity Sunday, the Scriptures call for reflection on this central belief of Christianity: the Trinity. One of the greatest gifts of the Christian faith is the dogma of the triune God: God is three (tri) in one (une). Christians name God as Trinity of Father, Son and Spirit, but only in light of Jesus Christ does such language and insight fully emerge.

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Wisdom, personified as a woman present with God before the creation of the world, plays a great part in helping to establish the order and beauty of all creation. God's wisdom suffuses the universe with order and beauty. God's wisdom is present in and manifested through all creation, establishing both the extent and the limits that God desired for all creation. Ultimately, Proverbs affirms that God's wisdom found great delight in the company of all creation, most especially the human race. The Spirit, understood as the wisdom of God, is the fullness and presence of God dwelling with all of creation, delighting

especially in the intimate relationship with all humanity.

Responsorial Psalm 8: The psalm revels in God's presence and power evident in all of creation, and the awesome grace and responsibility that God has entrusted to human beings. By placing all things under the rule and control of humans, God has blessed humanity beyond imagining. At the same time, humans have to be mindful of the great responsibility and corresponding limitations that comes with such an exalted position in creation. Are we up to the task that God has entrusted to us?

Second Reading: Paul speaks of the Trinitarian presence of God in our lives by focusing first on God justifying and restoring us to intimate covenant relationship in Christ. Our response in faith enables us to access God's peace and grace leading us to boast only in God's glory. We boast both in good times and in bad, for, through faith, all things draw us near to God's love which has been poured out into our hearts in and through the gift of the Spirit which has giving to us. Such Trinitarian love is beyond our imagining and yet is God's gift to all humanity freely, intimately and completely.

Gospel: Jesus, before departing from his disciples, comforts them by promising the gift

of the Spirit of truth who will enlighten them on all that Jesus said and did while he was with them. The Spirit will guide and enlighten them on those things they currently find difficult to bear. All that the Father has given to Jesus will be made clear and understandable through the Spirit that will be given to them. We are a community intimately united to God through Christ by the work of the Spirit gifted to us. Today, we celebrate this rich love relationship which is ours in our Trinitarian God.

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Testimonies from the Neophytes – the Newly-Baptised – of SPP’s RCIA 2015/2016

We continue (from last week) with two more testimonies from the newly baptised members of our Parish. We thank Angelina and Kelly for their sharing of their journey to Faith.

“Holy Week leading up to baptism helped me to reflect on the so many times the Lord has been faithful to His promises in the last 18 years since I started to believe in the faith.

The RCIA journey, my death and rebirth through baptism this Easter, is the manifestation of the Lord’s unwavering love and constant provision in my life.

On hindsight, it is evident the Lord was carrying me in challenging times when I saw one set of footprints and truly thought I was alone searching high and low for any direction. Each of the struggles that seemed like it could be forever, the Lord had His purpose and long term plan which I couldn’t comprehend then. In my weakness, His strength is evident. Each of the doors that the Lord opened in my life, I am in awe.

There will be more down times, there will be struggles, there will be unhappy days to come. In those times of trials, I hope to remember the grace, love, provision and promise the

Lord has shown all these years, to know that He has the answers, He knows what’s best.” ~ *Angelina Chia*

“Catholic faith is not new to me as I have been in Catholic schools from kindergarten to Secondary school. I have been seeking since I was 12 years old, as I wanted to know what is out there besides the Catholic faith. I went to Charismatic and Bethesda Churches for services and even to two church camps which I never completed the stay. I asked my parents to pick me up each time two days into the camp. I was bored at service and Mass.

As I grew up and entered the work force, I became superstitious and went for Tarot card readings. There was a year when I went to the reader for seven times. Each time I felt better for a day only and after that, I started to feel insecure and thought that everything will go wrong again. An incident happened and it changed my life. My father passed away suddenly while on a holiday with my mother in December 2014. My family and I were distraught. However, I was touched by how the Catholic community helped out with the prayer sessions for my dad even though he was not baptised. On the first Sunday that my dad was no longer around, my mum and I decided to go for our first Mass together. Strangely, I was listening and did not feel bored. Since then, we go to Mass every Sunday and my mother even looks forward to it.

My RCIA Journey was a gradual one as I have been attending Sunday Masses. I had gone for two retreats during this journey and I did not feel that I want to leave halfway. Each time after the retreat, I could see small transformation in myself. I prayed more and I did not just ask God for favours. He was there in my darkest hours and I want Him to be there in my happy times too. My mother has also started her RCIA journey. I couldn’t be happier and I thank God for His grace. I trust and have faith in Him that He will always be there.” ~ *Kelly Loh*

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 27 May ‘16 at 7.20am and 5.30pm

SPP DEDICATION EVENT: TALKS

Talk 2: Rite of Dedication (English & Mandarin simultaneously) What is going to happen at the Dedication Mass? Depositing of the Relics, Anointing of the Altar and the Walls of the Church, etc. What are the meaning of these Rites? Date: 28 May ‘16 (Sat) Time: 2:00pm to 4:30pm Venue: Main Church. Speaker: Fr. Ignatius Yeo & Fr. Edward Lim Registration required for all talks. Attendance by registration only, subject to limited capacity. Please register with the Church Office or email SPP happenings@gmail.com

THANK YOU - Church Collection for our SPP Society of St Vincent de Paul for the month of Apr ‘16 amounted to \$4,725.60 and Donations amounted to \$1,275.00. Expenditure for the month was \$6,220.00. 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 poor families 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 SSVF, St Peter’s Conference.

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.

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.

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.

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