

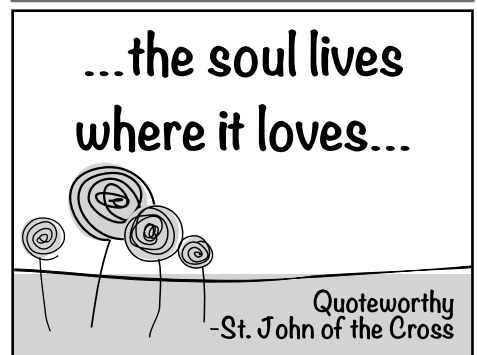
from 9.00am - 1.00pm Be the first 100 participants to register for free seats by 31 Aug '15. Call 6488 0278 or SMS 8167 8170 with name/s.

It takes that 1 weekend that will inspire you for the rest of your life. Come away for a **CHOICE WEEKEND** - it is by the choices we make that we define what our life is all about. Date: 25 - 27 Sep '15 (Friday evening to Sunday evening) Venue: CHOICE Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368 Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537, Jacqueline 9424 2606 Register & Info: www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC) For couples intending to get married, the commencement date for the 4th Quarter is on 4 Oct '15. Allocation of places is on a first-come-first-served basis. Application forms can be downloaded from our website @ www.catholic.org.sg/mpc. Please refer to our

website for further details. For any enquiries, please contact: Peter & Rita @ 93673411 or email MPCSingapore@gmail.com

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 227 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 229
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord upholds my life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 21 September - SAT 26 September 2015
MON: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13, Mt 9:9-13 **TUE:** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20, Lk 8:19-21 **WED:** Ezr 9:5-9, Lk 9:1-6 **THU:** Hg 1:1-8, Lk 9:7-9 **FRI:** Lk 9:7-9, Lk 9:18-22 **SAT:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a, Lk 9:43b-45

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20 September 2015

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The wicked are characterised as believing that life is short, that we were born by chance and we will soon be no more. Therefore, life is always ripe for revelry as we use our strength against the weak. But the response of Wisdom goes on to say that “they erred, / / For God formed man to be imperishable; / / the souls of the just are in the hands of God.” (2:21 – 3:1)

Responsorial Psalm 54: An appeal to the name of God implied an appeal to God’s strength and faithfulness: the essence of the divine character. It was a way of asking God to become visibly active in the petitioner’s life. The whole of the psalm, like the Responsorial itself, proclaims faith that God will care for the unjustly oppressed one.

Second Reading: In today’s passage, James returns to the topic of division, this time both within the individual and

in the community. The cause is jealousy and selfish ambition. The jealousy James condemned had generated conflicts that he compared to war and murder.

Gospel: The death that Jesus was going toward was politically and physically appalling. Religiously, it was considered proof of the person’s God-forsakenness. Jesus, seeing the disciples’ opinions about rank, declares that God is to be found where they least expect or want to go. The just one will suffer, but God will not abandon him.

Some Saints of the Week

Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist – 21 September

Today’s Saint

No one was more shunned by the Jews than a publican, who was a Jew working for the Roman enemy by robbing his own people and making a large personal profit. Publicans were not allowed to trade, eat, or even pray with others Jews.

Information is correct at time of publication.

One day, while seated at his table of books and money, Jesus looked at Matthew and said two words: "Follow me." This was all that was needed to make Matthew rise, leaving his pieces of silver to follow Christ. His original name, "Levi," in Hebrew signifies "Adhesion" while his new name in Christ, Matthew, means "Gift of God." The only other outstanding mention of Matthew in the Gospels is the dinner party for Christ and His companions to which he invited his fellow tax-collectors. The Jews were surprised to see Jesus with a publican, but Jesus explained that he had come "not to call the just, but sinners."

St. Matthew is known to us principally as an Evangelist, with his Gospel being the first in the New Testament. His Gospel was written in Aramaic, the language that our Lord Himself spoke and was written to convince the Jews that their anticipated Messiah had come in the person of Jesus.

Not much else is known about Matthew. According to tradition, he preached in Egypt and Ethiopia and further places East. Some legends say he lived until

his nineties, dying a peaceful death, others say he died a martyr's death.

In the traditional symbolisation of the evangelists, based on Ezech. 1:5-10 and Rev. 4:6-7, the image of the winged man is accorded to Matthew because his Gospel begins with the human genealogy of Christ.

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest – 22 September

Early in life, St. "Padre" Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968), a Capuchin priest from Italy, demonstrated an unquenchable thirst for God. While praying one day before a crucifix, he received the stigmata. After an examination by a doctor, it was determined that there was no natural explanation for the wounds. He also experienced other mystical phenomena, including bilocation and "reading the hearts" of those who sought counsel and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These two miraculous gifts enabled him to lead both the sinner and devout closer to God. Upon his death the stigmata were no longer visible.

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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 Fri 25 Sep '15 at 7.20am and 5.30pm

Ministry of the Altar Servers - The ministry of the Altar Servers is having a recruitment drive on the 19 September

to 27 September 2015. We will be having a recruitment booth by the side of the church. Feel free to approach us, especially young boys from aged 8 - 16! We welcome you! Call: 8168 7823 (Ben), Email: benedictio92@gmail.com

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INFANT BAPTISM The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Saturday 26 Sep '15 at 2.30pm in the Chapel (3rd Storey, Parish Building). Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session to be conducted by the Priest at 2.30pm before the baptism. Application Forms for Infant Baptism can be obtained from the Parish Office. The Forms must be submitted by Saturday 19 Sep '15.

UKULELE CLASS - Want to learn how to play ukulele and give back to the church is a fun way? Ukulele class is available every Monday 8:00pm, guaranteed to be able to learn the ukulele within a week from the professionals who will be teaching how to play various hymns and pop songs! Students will then be performing and bringing fun to many homes and hospitals! Join the troupe today! Please contact SPP Secretariat to sign up. Place: Room 7, 2nd level, SPP Parish Building every Monday, 8:00pm to 9:30pm (except public holiday). Training is Free of charge; training materials will be provided.

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

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: 25 - 27 Sep '15. For confidential enquiry, Tel: 6711 6774 Online registration: www.helpourmarriage.sg

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (ME) invites married couples to sign up for a special weekend with your spouse. Invest in this most beautiful and enriching experience which builds couple intimacy and a closer relationship with each other. Limited spaces are still available for coming 2-4 October weekend. To register, please call 9670 5390 or go to our website at www.MESingapore.org. Coming Weekends: 6-8 Nov and 4-6 Dec 2015.

FAMILY LIFE SOCIETY (FLS) - Do Parents Know Best? A public forum for dads and mums who want the best for their children. Join us on Sat, 26 Sept at IRAS