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CALLING FOR ARTISTS! The Angelico Art Award 2018 invites artists to submit paintings to be considered for the \$10,000 (open) and \$5,000 (youth) acquisitive awards. The competition invites artists to contemplate and interpret the quote "Prepare the way of the Lord" (Mark 1:3). The Award is organised by Heartspace in support of the Catholic Foundation. Submissions close on 31 Aug '18. More information see www.angelicoart.com.

AT HOME RETREAT (2 choices) - 10-week programme based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola to know Jesus more intimately in the midst of life's daily routine. Includes weekly meeting of faith sharing, daily prayer with Scripture and one spiritual direction by Cenacle Sisters & Team. This will be from Ashes to Easter - a retreat in preparation for Easter.

MORNINGS: Date: 5 Feb - 9 Apr, Mondays
Time: 9.30am - 11.30am (Morning_Venue: LaSalle Centre- St. Patrick School - 490 East Coast Road OR **EVENINGS** Date: 5 Feb - 9 April, Mondays, Time: 7.30 - 9.30 pm (Evening), Venue: Cana - the Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St, Contribution: \$250.00. To register, Tel: 65652895/97223148, Website: www.cenaclemission.com, Email: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com

GIFT 2018 - This weekend, there is a second collection for the Catholic Foundation's GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign. Collections this month will specially benefit the St Francis Xavier Seminary (SFX) building project. This building is expected to complete in the second half of 2018 at a projected cost of \$19m. Flyers on the SFX Seminary will also be distributed after mass. For future contributions to the SFX Seminary building, please refer to the flyers or visit gift.catholicfoundation.sg.

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.30pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
Weekday Masses	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
Intercessory 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
Adoration Chapel	: 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm(Sun)
Secretariat's Operating Hours	: Mon - Fri: 9.30am - 9.30pm, Sat: 9.30am - 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am - 5.00pm; Lunch hours: 1.00pm - 2.00pm. Closed on Public Holidays.
Columbarium Opening Hours	: Mon - Sun: 7.00am - 7.00pm. Closed on Public Holidays.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at the makeshift confessional at the baptistery (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass.

Parish Priest: Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, **Asst Parish Priest:** Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, **Priests in Residence:** Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD, Rev Fr GREGORY HON, OCD and Rev Fr JOSEPH KOH, OCD, **General-Delegate:** Rev Fr JOHN CHUA 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 SPP Friars Community, Friars 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 711

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, make me know your ways.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 22 January - SAT 27 January 2018

MON: 2 SM 5:1-7, 10, MK 3:22-30 **TUE:** 2 SM 6:12B-15, 17-19, MK 3:31-35 **WED:** 2 SM 7:4-17, MK 4:1-20 **THU:** ACTS 22:3-16, MK 16:15-18 **FRI:** 2 TM 1:1-8, MK 4:26-34 **SAT:** 2 SM 12:1-7A, 10-17, MK 4:35-41

Sunday is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings include the wonderful story from Mark's Gospel repeated from last week's weekday readings: Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James and John. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Monday is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Thursday is the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle. Friday we remember Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, bishops.

This is the third week of readings from Samuel, this week from the Second Book of Samuel. A young David is anointed King of Israel and with his army, captures the city of Zion. In the festivities that followed, Samuel offers the delightful image of a joyful David at the Ark of the Covenant, "dancing before the LORD with abandon ... with shouts of joy and to the sound of the horn." The Lord tells David, "I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his Kingdom firm." David sees Bathsheba, the beautiful wife of Uriah the Hittite and after having relations with her, he orders Uriah to the front of a battle where he is killed. Nathan the prophet confronts David, who repents.

In Mark's Gospel this week, we have many church of saints peter & paul

familiar stories. The scribes, hearing of his many healings, accuse Jesus of being possessed by Satan. He replies that a house is divided against itself cannot stand. Mary and other relatives arrive at a home where Jesus is teaching, but Jesus does not go to them, saying, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." He tells the parable of the sower and the seeds which fall on fertile ground and rocky soil. "Those sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." He encourages his disciples not to hide their light "under a bushel basket" and tells the story of the mustard seed, the tiniest seed which grows into one of the largest bushes. In Saturday's gospel the apostles are frightened on a boat in a storm until Jesus awakens to calm the wind and seas.

On the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Mark's Gospel brings us the story of Jesus driving out unclean spirits from a man in the synagogue. The people are impressed because he taught with authority in ways the scribes did not and they marvelled that even the unclean spirits obey him.

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a week where Jesus speaks of seeds being planted and of growing. We are still at the beginning of a new year, and this is a good time to answer the call in our hearts to spend

more time with Jesus, in prayer.

“I’m not very good at prayer,” we might say. “I don’t have the time to pray.” Jesus is not waiting for us to be perfect before we talk to him - he is simply waiting, right now, for us to come to him in our own humanity. This week we are invited to uncover the light of our faith, the light that warms the longing we feel in our souls for something different or deeper in our relationship with God. At this beginning of the year, we might step back and examine the ways we talk with Jesus - and the ways we hold him at arm’s length.

We are being called into a relationship, a friendship, with someone who delights in us and waits for us to release our fears and come out of hiding. Where do we start? With the desire.

It can be so simple to take the empty moments of our day and just tell the same Jesus who healed and loved on earth, what is in our hearts. In the early morning moments before we get out of bed, while in the shower or traveling to work, cooking or walking the dog - we can stop and open our hearts. “Jesus, you know what is in my heart. You know what my needs are. Help me to be more open to the way you are calling me in my life.”

Our prayer can be as simple as opening our hands on our lap for a moment and saying in our own words, “Show me how to come out of hiding. Give me the courage to let go of my fears and bring myself to you in honesty. Let me drop the many defences I carry that keep me from feeling how deeply you love and accept me.”

There is no right or wrong way to approach Jesus - the only right thing is that we come with an open heart and our own desire for something deeper.

Every evening as we end our day, we can sit at the edge of our bed with our hands open and say, “Thank you.” We can reflect on the many

ways we felt the love of God in our lives that day. What tiny seed was planted in my life to bloom? Where did I shine the light of my own faith on someone?

Taken from the “Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer” on the Creighton University’s Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>. Used with permission.

Reflection

In the first reading from the book of Jonah, God called Jonah and sent him to Nineveh to announce repentance and faith in God or they would all be destroyed. Jonah did as God said and within a day, the whole city repented, “believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.” V. 5 According to the text, God changes his mind and does not destroy the city or its inhabitants. In the gospel reading Jesus himself is the message, God with us, and the messenger. He announces that the kingdom of God is at hand and he urges us to repent and believe in the good news that his is bringing (cf. v. 15).

It strikes me that these are only two examples among many throughout Scripture where God invites us to repent and change our ways. God invites us towards Godself and the Life that only God can give. This invitation seems to be always open, God is faithful; and at the same time it seems to be continually coming to us and inviting a response from us.

In the passage from the gospel according to Mark, we see how Jesus invites his first disciples. Very often when reading commentaries or hearing preaching about this passage we are invited to reflect upon and contemplate our own calling to follow Jesus and to announce the kingdom of God.

Today, I would like to invite us to reflect on God’s faithfulness to us in his unconditional love that keeps constantly, but gently inviting us towards Godself, the only requirement: “repent, believe and embrace this good news of my unconditional love for you.”

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/012118.html>

PARISH NEWS

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK - Sunday 11 February 2018 at 4.00pm. Kindly note the following Canonical Conditions for Anointing: Can. 1004 §1. The anointing of the sick can be administered to a member of the faithful who, having reached the use of reason, begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age. §2. This sacrament can be repeated if the sick person, having recovered, again becomes gravely ill or if the condition becomes more grave during the same illness. For the sick who satisfy the Canonical Conditions and wish to receive the Anointing, please approach the Parish Secretary’s Office to furnish the details. **Deadline: Sun 4 Feb ‘18**

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING (All are welcome and no registration is needed) 3 Feb ‘18 (Sat) Church of Sts. Peter and Paul (main church) **2.00pm** - Praise and Worship **2.20pm to 4.00pm** – Mass celebrated by Fr. Thomas Curran, followed by prayers for healing. For enquiries, please email praiseatworksg@yahoo.com or call 9747 2467. Organised by Praise@Work and supported by SACCRE.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018 - Bring along Christian friends for prayer, reflections, songs and fellowship to promote unity. All prayer services are from 8.00pm - 9.00pm. **23 Jan** - St Andrew’s Cathedral (Nave) (11 St Andrew’s Rd S178959), **24 Jan** - The Salvation Army Balesier Corps (126 Balesier Rd, S329681) **25 Jan** - Church of the Transfiguration (51 Punggol Central S828725). Organiser: Archdiocesan Catholic Council for Ecumenical Dialogue (ACCED) & Host Churches

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples. By transforming the way husband and wife

communicate, it forges greater intimacy and a closer relationship. Slots are still open for the next ME Weekend from Feb 2-4. E-mail mewkend@gmail.com or visit www.mesg.org

EVENT: ONE DAY - Date: 10 Feb ‘18 (Sat) Time: 1.30pm-4.00pm Venue: Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, S549102. Be part of the New Evangelisation! The Office for the New Evangelisation (ONE) is seeking for Collaborators who are fired up to build the Kingdom of God. Collaborators will use their unique gifts to share in the work of ONE. ONE Day serves to introduce the work of ONE to potential Collaborators and to explore opportunities on how YOU can contribute to the work of the New Evangelisation. To register and attend ONE Day, visit: www.one.org.sg/events

CARITAS SINGAPORE YOUNG ADULTS – FAITH ON FILM. Join us for an evening of film, food and fellowship as we watch Freedom Writers together - a film where a young teacher inspires a group of at-risk students and makes a transformation in their lives. Reflections and sharings will be led by the team from the Kingsmead Centre for Ignatian Spirituality and Counselling. This event will be on 27 Jan ‘18 (Sat); 5.00pm - 9.00pm; in Agape Village (7A Lor 8 Toa Payoh). For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore.org or email to youngadults@caritas-singapore.org

UNDERSTANDING RELATIONSHIPS 9 - 11 Feb ‘18. This weekend retreat will help you understand the different aspects of human sexuality from a developmental perspective, and how sexuality helps us grow in self-intimacy, intimacy with others, God and creation. This program is open to all and highly recommended for young dating couples. Facilitated by Sr. Linda Lizada, rc; Organised by Cenacle Mission Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, S649368. To register: Contact: