

FINDING GOD IN POPULAR MUSIC: NEW WORKSHOP Who am I? What does God want me to be? Discover who you are in God with tools from The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius and aided by the music of Sam Smith, The Script and other popular artists. Presented by Fr Mark Aloysius, SJ and Anthony Siow. 27 Jun, 9.00am-6.00pm at CANA The Catholic Centre. \$45 including lunch. Register at canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com or seek.anthony@gmail.com

Carlo Catholic Society Bursary Scheme 2015 Application is now open for needy ITE, Polytechnic and University students. Applicant must be a Catholic studying full-time at a government recognized institution. In addition, the applicant must possess good conduct, satisfactory academic results and must not be a recipient of any other scholarships or bursaries. Income criteria: (1) household monthly income must not exceed \$2,000 OR (2) the per capita (average) household income is \$450 per month or lower. Application

forms are available at Carlo Catholic Society - 225-B Queen Street, S188552, email: bursary@carlo.org.sg. Forms can also be download from Carlo's Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/YoIA27>. Please note that submission must be completed with the original application form, Income Tax assessment of 2014's income or 2014 full-year CPF contribution history or 3 months of Pay slip and such other documents as STATED in the application form. INCOMPLETE submission WILL NOT BE processed. All submission must be by hand or by post to Carlo Catholic Society. Online submission will not be processed. Closing date: 30 Jun '15

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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, and Rev Fr JOSEPH KOH, 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 173 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 175
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 15 June - SAT 20 June 2015
MON: 2 Cor 6:1-10, Mt 5:38-42 **TUE:** 2 Cor 8:1-9, Mt 5:43-48 **WED:** 2 Cor 9:6-11, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 **THU:** 2 Cor 11:1-11, Mt 6:7-15 **FRI:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30, Mt 6:19-23 **SAT:** 2 Cor 12:1-10, Mt 6:24-34

ORDINARY TIME

The Saints

Some find this stretch of Ordinary Time long and boring, which is somewhat understandable, since it lasts longer than the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum and Easter combined! Still, "boring" is hardly appropriate, particularly considering the feasts of the saints and of the Lord that fall during these months. The two solemnities are so often overlooked in pastoral practice: the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (June 24) and Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29).

John the Baptist is undoubtedly one of the most important saints in the calendar. "Among those born of women, no one is greater than John" (Luke 7:28), Jesus himself tells us. We celebrate him liturgically three times: in the womb (Visitation), at his birth (Nativity) and at his death (Passion) – not to mention his obvious presence in the Lectionary. Of these three, it is John's birth that receives the highest honour by the Church's calendar; how very unusual! There is something about his birth that is greater even than his death.

Peter and Paul – where to begin? We can all trace our faith to these Apostles: the Jews to Peter, the Gentiles to Paul. Again, each has

his own individual feast (the Chair of Peter, February 22, and the Conversion of Paul, January 25), but again these are ranked lower than their corporate celebration here. Not to undervalue the work of the other Apostles, but it was fundamentally through the leadership of these two men that God brought Christianity to the world. How could we fail to honour their memory, to call upon their intercession!

Both are solemnities, observances in the highest degree. When these solemnities fall on a Sunday, they are to be celebrated in place of the Sunday's liturgy! Yet when they fall on a weekday, how often do they receive no more fanfare than an optional memorial? Sure, the congregation is surprised by the Gloria and Creed, but that is all. How sad!

These saints are everyone's patrons in a special, particular way and making this present to unsuspecting parishioners is a great grace.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14 June 2015

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: This reading, chosen to complement today's Gospel, is a promise to God's people. Although they are in exile,

God will bring them back and plant them in their own territory. Ezekiel underlines the fact that it is God who will do this, the people can do no more than cooperate with God's grace.

Responsorial Psalm 92: Praying our psalm, we thank God who is kind and faithful. We remember the promise that God's faithful will grow like the tallest, best trees known to the people of Israel.

Second Reading: Ezekiel taught that all growth comes from God. Now Paul says we walk by faith, not by sight. That is one of the hardest things we are called to do.

As a people proud of our independence, we would much prefer to make the roadmap for our lives. Nevertheless, our Christian vocation is to discern God's will, forsaking our own preferences when they impede our Christian journey.

Gospel: Jesus' seed parables, like the reading from Ezekiel, remind us that the Reign of God is a work of human and divine collaboration. Like the farmer, we must do all we can to provide the circumstances in which God's reign can grow. When we do, all is ready for God's Spirit to breathe life into our world, be it in the garden or the soul of a people.

poor to be observers in their activities. For enquiries, please email to: ssvp.spp@gmail.com

THANK YOU Church Collection for our SPP Society of St Vincent de Paul for the month of May 2015 amounted to \$3791.45 and Donations mounted to \$550.00. Expenditure for the month was \$7741.00. We support 73 Friends-In-Need (FINs). Majority of them are elderly poor living in Chinatown and Beach Road/North Bridge Road areas. Thank you for your continuous support and generosity in caring for the poor and needy through our SSVP, St Peter's Conference.

17TH CANTONESE RCIA (2015-2016) will be commenced on 5 June '15 at Room 8, 2nd Floor, Church of Sts Peter and Paul. Please contact our office at (6336 3606) for registration. Please share this news with your family, friends and neighbors who would like to attend Cantonese RCIA.

RCIA (MANDARIN) 2015/2016 - It will commence on 8 May '15, every Friday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in Meeting Room 3 (2nd Level, Parish Building) For more information, please contact Corina Cheong, hp: 91775689

3-DAYS SANTA CRUZ PILGRIMAGE - We are organising a three-day pilgrimage to Santa Cruz Chapel in Malacca from Fri/Sun 4 - 6 Sep '15 in aid of the Restoration and Conservation project of our Church of Sts. Peter & Paul. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at Sts Peter & Paul Secretariat Office.

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

15 DAYS 12 NIGHTS PILGRIMAGE to St Teresa's Carmelite in Spain from 3 - 17 Oct '15 to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Birth of St Teresa of Avila. Spiritual

Directors are Fr Kenneth Gopal, OCD and Fr Jeffery Tan, OCD. If you are interested, please pick up a registration form from Parish Office. For more information, please contact Lawrence Seet at Hp: 97992488.

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.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

TALK: "MAN'S SEARCH FOR GOD A HISTORY?" Insights from Joseph Ratzinger's "introduction to Christianity" How did the idea of God come about in human history? What was unique about ancient Israel? What can we learn from such experiences today? Join us as we explore this issues and more! Speaker: Mary Rajadurai (Masters in Religious Education, Australian Catholic University) Date: 17 June 2015. Time: 1930-2100. Venue: Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street. Enquires/registration: Nick, 97843682 or drop us an email at theology.sg@gmail.com

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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 26 Jun '15 at 7.20am and 5.30pm.

INFANT BAPTISM - The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Saturday 27 Jun '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 Sat 13 Jun '15.

PERANAKAN PLAY - Peranakan Siblings proudly present "BUKAK CHERITA" from 2 to 5 Jul '15 at 8 pm at The Substation (New Seats!). Tickets at \$35 for 8.00pm on Thursday, 2 Jul '15 only are available at our parish office. Proceeds from the ticket sale go to our church maintenance fund. Please give your generous support. Thank you.

PRAISE@WORK INTERCESSORY

AND GROUP SHARING Join us as we pray as a community and share about how God has been working in our lives. 11 June 2015 (Thursday). Praise@Work Prayer Meeting: Intercessory and Group Sharing. Church of Sts Peter and Paul, 2/F Room 3. Time: 8:00pm - 9:30pm. For enquiries, email us at praiseatworksg@yahoo.com. Official website: <https://praiseatwork.wordpress.com/> All are welcome!

PRAISE@WORK TEACHING SERIES: CHAPTER 2 OF WHY AM I AFRAID TO TELL YOU WHO I AM? by John Powell. What kind of person are we trying to become? How do we grow as a person? What does it mean to be fully alive? 18 June 2015 (Thursday) Praise@Work Prayer Meeting: Intercessory and Group Sharing. Church of Sts Peter and Paul, 2/F Room 3. Time: 8:00pm - 9:30pm. For enquiries, email us at praiseatworksg@yahoo.com. Official website: <https://praiseatwork.wordpress.com/>

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP), ST PETER CONFERENCE - Looking for a meaningful way to share your God-given skills, talents and love with others in need? The Society invites parishioners who are keen to serve the