

Registration is free. Kindly log on to www.singapore.jesuyouth.org to register before 13 Mar. You may call Fionne Grace Lai (9006 1884) for more details.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT OF DISCUSSION – CREED ON THE STREET (COTS 5) The purpose of the (COTS) session is to invite young adults to join in a conversation with each other, to lend perspective of their faith on social issues. This session will be on 17 Mar '16 (Thu); 7:30pm. to 9:30pm.; level 3, Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8, Toa Payoh, S(319264). Topic: Families as Missionaries of Mercy For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore-org or email to youngadults@caritas-singapore.org

PRAISE@WORK - Title: Deepening Personal Communication within a Community. How do we deepen personal communication with our community members? Join us as we share about the practical ways in which you can experience the difference. Praise@Work Charismatic Prayer Meeting 10

Mar '16, Thursday, 8 PM Church of Sts Peter and Paul, 2/F Room 8 All are welcome! For enquiries, email us at praiseatworksg@yahoo.com Official website: <https://praiseatwork.wordpress.com/>

THE APOSTOLATE FOR CATHOLIC TRUTH would like to publicize these talks in March 2016 in your bulletin for the benefit of your parishioners:

1. Theology of the Body, 4 Mar '16;
 2. The Mystery of Suffering, 11 Mar '16;
 3. Walking Through the Passion, 18 Mar '16
- Venue: St Joseph's Church Conference Room, Vistoria Street, Fridays 7.45pm to 9.30pm. For details and registration, please go to: www.catholic.sg/act Enquiries: HP 96493893 (Andrew). FOC, All are welcome.

CLARITY together with The World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) jointly present an introductory programme to Christian meditation on three Saturdays (19 March, 2 and 9 April 2016) from 8.45 am - 9.45 am. Register early as spaces are limited. To register, call 6757 7990 or email to registration@clarity-singapore.org.



READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 104 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 107
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Taste and see that the Lord is good.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 7 March - SAT 12 March 2016
MON: IS 65:17-21, JN 4:43-54 **TUE:** EZ 47:1-9, 12, JN 5:1-16 **WED:** Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-30 **THU:** EX 32:7-14, JN 5:31-47 **FRI:** WIS 2:1A, 12-22, JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 **SAT:** JER 11:18-20, JN 7:40-53

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The meaning of the “reproach of Egypt” is somewhat of an enigma to scholars. The later verses in Joshua evoke the story of Exodus, with the crossing of the water, circumcising of those who were not circumcised and the celebrating of the Passover (which had been suspended since they departed Sinai.)

Responsorial Psalm 34: The faithfulness of the psalmist through trials and upsets is striking; seeking the Lord is never done in vain. His God is the one of deliverance, and that inspires not only deep belief in the heart but a willingness to speak about, exult and glorify God.

Second Reading: Here Paul borrows from the Judaism of his day (which referred to those who converted as “a new creation”) and declares the details of the new covenant in Christ. Central to it is reconciliation with each other and with the world, and most importantly reconciliation with God.

Gospel: The parable of the Prodigal Son (or perhaps better put, the “profligate father”) appears only in the Gospel according to Luke. The wasteful son’s bold and disrespectful request – 1/3 of the father’s property before he is deceased – is shocking for its content

and for the father’s response. Even when we abuse our freedom, wander far from the ways of God, we can be restored and forgiven. This is truly a dramatic illustration of God’s mercy.

Some Saints of the Week

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs – 7 March

In the year 203, these two women were martyred in the amphitheater at Carthage. Their crime was professing faith in Jesus Christ. Perpetua was a wealthy noblewoman, the mother of a young son; Felicity was a humble slave girl, who gave birth to a daughter just a few days before she died. These women, so different in their circumstances, were united in their death. The names of these heroic women are included in Eucharistic Prayer I, alongside the names of the Apostles and martyrs. They lived today’s Gospel, praying for their persecutors.

RCIA - Rites belonging to the Period of Purification and Enlightenment

SCRUTINIES

128 The scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on Sundays and are reinforced by an exorcism, are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual

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 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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purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all. [25, 154]

129 Because they are asking for the three sacraments of initiation, the elect must have the intention of achieving an intimate knowledge of Christ and his Church, and they are expected particularly to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance. [155]

130 In order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated. By this means, first of all, the elect are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered and thus saved from its present and future consequences. Second, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water (gospel of the Samaritan woman in the first scrutiny), the light of the world (gospel of the man born blind in the second scrutiny), the resurrection and the life (gospel of Lazarus in the third scrutiny). From the first to the final scrutiny the elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation. [157]

131 In the rite of exorcism (nos. 141, 155, 162), which is celebrated by a priest or a deacon, the elect, who have already learned from the Church as their mother the mystery of deliverance from sin by Christ, are freed

from the effects of sin and from the influence of the devil. They receive new strength in the midst of their spiritual journey and they open their hearts to receive the gifts of the Saviour. [156]

132 The priest or deacon who is the presiding celebrant should carry out the celebration in such a way that the faithful in the assembly will also derive benefit from the liturgy of the scrutinies and join in the intercessions for the elect. [158]

133 The scrutinies should take place within the ritual Masses ‘Christian Initiation: The Scrutinies,’ which are celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent; the readings with their chants are those given for these Sundays in the Lectionary for Mass, Year A. When, for pastoral reasons, these ritual Masses cannot be celebrated on their proper Sundays, they are celebrated on other Sundays of Lent or even convenient days during the week.

In every case the ritual Masses ‘Christian Initiation: The Scrutinies’ are celebrated and in this sequence: for the first scrutiny the Mass with the gospel of the Samaritan woman; for the second, the Mass with the gospel of the man born blind; for the third, the Mass with the gospel of Lazarus.

We continue to pray for our elects who are going through the three scrutinies in these three Sundays (3rd, 4th and 5th) of Lent; a time of reflection and intense spiritual preparation, that God remove from the elects, any remaining impediments to the Gospel. We pray for living water, like the Samaritan Woman, embodied in the Baptism we will soon celebrate. We pray for sight for all Christians, like the blind man, and for the elects, we pray that God may open their eyes in faith. We pray for victory over death, as with the raising of Lazarus, and sharing in the triumph of the resurrection.

PARISH NEWS

THE LITURGIES OF HOLY WEEK

No Penitential Service

20 Mar - Palm Sunday Masses as usual.

24 Mar - Holy Thursday: 7.00pm (English; Tentage), 7.00pm (Mandarin; Chapel) (Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper)

25 Mar - Good Friday: 11.15am (Mandarin Way of the Cross); 12.00pm (Mandarin Service), 2.15pm (English Way of the Cross), 3.00pm (English Service) (Good Friday Services)

26 Mar - Holy Saturday: 8.00pm (English, with Baptism) (Easter Vigil Mass)

27 Mar - Easter Sunday: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 4.30pm (English) (Easter Sunday Masses)

[SPP FORMATION SERIES]

CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY: A Two-Part Series on St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

11 Mar ‘6 (Fri): An Introduction to the Saint

18 Mar ‘16 (Fri): Merciful Love

Time: 7:30pm - 9:30pm. Venue: SPP Chapel Level 3. Speaker: Fr. Edward Lim, OCD. Attendance by Registration only. 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 Jan ‘16 amounted to \$3,542.00 and Donations amounted to \$2,250.00. Expenditure for the month was \$6,674.90. We support 83 Friends-In-Need (FINs). Majority of them are elderly poor living in Chinatown and Beach Road/North Bridge Road areas. We appeal to your generosity in caring for the poor and needy through our SSVP, St Peter’s Conference.

WAY OF THE CROSS - held every Friday during Lent at 5.30 pm except Friday 4 Mar ‘16. Evening mass will follow after prayers.

TICKET SALE for the Dedication Thanksgiving Dinner - 2 Jul ‘16 at Raffles City Convention Centre Members of SPP Ministries can purchase the tables for the Dedication Thanksgiving Dinner from the Church Office from 1 January 2016. Public

Sale will start in Feb ‘16. Tickets are priced at \$1500 per table of 10 persons. Please check with your Ministry Leader or the Church Office 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.

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

JESUS YOUTH gladly announces ‘Crucis Singapura 2016’ - a unique ‘Way of the Cross’ prayed while walking barefoot across the Island marking the sign of the Cross. We invite all the faithful to join this intercession event to pray for Singapore which will be on Saturday the 19 Mar ‘16. Participants will walk in pairs across 9 pre-defined routes, longest being 25.1km and shortest 3.08km. As part of the Year of Mercy, each participant will get a chance to visit one of the five Holy Doors in Singapore. Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation email with route map, ‘Way of the Cross’ prayer and other useful information.