

14 Nov 2015 (Sat). Time: 8.30am – 1.00pm. Venue: Agape Village, 7A Toa Payoh Lorong 8. Registration: <http://bit.ly/livingwithautism2015> (deadline: 10 Nov) Contact: Teresa 93200640 / autism.symposium.2015@gmail.com. All are welcome! Free admission. Registration required.

A WEEKEND RETREAT for Catholic working adults (facilitated by Kingsmead Centre for Ignatian Spirituality and Counselling) Praise@Work will be organizing a weekend retreat for Catholic working adults from Sat, 21 November 8.45am to Sun, 22 November 4.30pm at the FMM House of Prayer and Formation at Holland Road. With the theme ‘Whose Am I?’, the retreat reflects on this question to examine this longing in us and how it affects our lives. Individual spiritual direction (one-to-one) will be available during the retreat to explore where God is in our lives and how He may be speaking to us. Participants need

only pay \$70, inclusive of overnight accommodation and meals. Please register at praiseatwork.wordpress.com. For queries, please contact Ms Abigail Arabit at praiseatworksg@yahoo.com or 9018 7914.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC) For couples intending to get married. 1st Quarter Course Starts: 14 Feb ‘16 Allocation of places is on a first-come-first-served basis Application forms obtainable in church office or our website @ www.catholic.org.sg/mpc. Enquiries: 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 253 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 256
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My soul, give praise to the Lord.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 9 November - SAT 14 November 2015
MON: EZ 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, JN 2:13-22 **TUE:** WIS 2:23-3:9, LK 17:7-10 **WED:** WIS 6:1-11, LK 17:11-19 **THU:** WIS 7:22B - 8:1, LK 17:20-25 **FRI:** WIS 13:1-9, LK 17:26-37
SAT: WIS 18:14-16; 19:6-9, LK 18:1-8

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
– 8 November 2015**

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: God speaks through the prophet and brings his words to fulfillment, bestowing blessing. The prophet is the spokesman, but it is God who acts. We see the dawning of a universalism in which God extends a hand of compassion and mercy to draw in all people, demonstrating the love of the one who is Creator of all.

Responsorial Psalm 146 acknowledges and repeats the teaching of the preceding passage: our Creator and God cares for all, the work of divine hands. This psalm expresses so well God’s care for the oppressed, the hungry, prisoners, the blind, the stranger and the widow and orphan. This is understood as divine justice, affirming the right relationship that underlies authentic righteous behaviour.

Second Reading: This passage in Hebrews tells us that Jesus, our perfect and blameless High Priest, has now taken his own blood and entered the heavenly sanctuary to bring about our forgiveness and reconciliation. He has become the mercy seat of the new law, from which has come our eternal

redemption. Another important allusion to the Old Testament is found in the final verse of this passage where it reads, “offered once to take away the sins of many”. In the fourth song of the servant in Second Isaiah (read on Good Friday), we find reference to the redemptive death of the servant, which brings about the redemptive forgiveness of sins (cf. Isaiah 53:11-12). The author of Hebrews saw Jesus as the fulfillment of both these Old Testament images (the High Priest and the Servant). The author of Hebrews makes the point that this one perfect sacrifice of Jesus need never be repeated, for it has surpassed and completed what the Old Law never envisioned could be accomplished. When Christ appears again, this time it will be to bestow salvation at the end of time.

Gospel: Throughout the Scriptures, the biblical authors portray God as caring for the poor. The widow, the orphan, the foreigner and all who are in need are the concern of God and his people. The Gospel shows Jesus in this same light, having a heart open to the needs of the poor, bringing them healing of body and consolation of spirit. The religious leaders fail to show or appreciate the kind of compassion expected of God’s ambassadors to the poor. Rather, their religious practice is for show and self-

aggrandizement. They understand neither their calling nor their deepest responsibility.

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – 9 November

About this Feast

St. John Lateran is one of the four major basilicas in Rome, with St. Peter, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls. It is unique among the four since it (not St. Peter) is the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope. “Lateran” was the name of the Roman family whose lands were seized for the Church by the Emperor Constantine, and which then became the site of a great basilica dedicated in honour of John the Baptist. For centuries, the old Lateran palace was the residence of the popes. It was only when the popes returned from the Avignon exile in the fourteenth century that they took up residence at the Vatican. The basilica now has a triple dedication in honour of St. John the Baptist, St. John the Evangelist and our Lord. Across the front of the basilica is a Latin inscription that says, “This is the mother and head of all churches in the whole world”. It is a reminder of

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PARISH NEWS

END OF CATECHISM CLASSES FOR 2015 - Please note that catechism classes have come to a close on 8th November 2015. Do look out for the commencement date of catechism classes in 2016 in the bulletin for the month of December.

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 Nov ‘15 at 7.20am and 5.30pm .

“**MUSINGS**”, a colouring book inspired

why the dedication of this one church is celebrated by the universal Church: we are one family, one flock and we are led by one shepherd, the successor of St. Peter.

Some Saints of the Week

St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church – 10 November

As pope and Doctor of the Church, St. Leo the Great († 461) strongly supported the teachings of the Council of Chalcedon, especially on the humanity and divinity of Christ. He advocated papal authority by moving from the traditional approach that the pope is a successor of St. Peter’s chair to the pope as St. Peter’s heir. Under his leadership, uniformity of pastoral practice was encouraged, liturgical and clerical abuses were corrected and priests were sent on a mission to extinguish Priscillianism, a heresy that claimed the human body was evil. St. Leo is recognized as a “protector of the people” because he persuaded Attila the Hun to not invade the city of Rome and later prevented the Vandals (East German invaders) from torching the city of Rome and massacring its people.

by stained glass will be sold on 14/15 Nov ‘15. This book includes quotes for reflection and evangelization, particularly for the upcoming Christmas season. Net proceeds will go to the Canossian Sisters’ missions.

2-DAYS MALACCA PILGRIMAGE - We are organising a two-days pilgrimage to Malacca from Sat/Sun 12 - 13 Dec ‘15 for the Feast Day Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is the final project in aid of Church of Sts Peter & Paul Restoration and Conservation Fund. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at our 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 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

THE LITURGICAL MUSIC COMMITTEE is celebrating the Feast day of our Patron Saint Cecilia on the 21 Nov ‘15, Sat, at The St Francis Xavier Major Seminary in Punggol. 9.15am - 9.30am: Registration, 9.45am - 10.45am: Repertoire (Featuring: The LMC Choir, Schola Cantorum Sancti Gregorii Magni Choir, and Guest organists) 11.15am - 12.15pm: Mass. Please register if you wish to attend. Registration is necessary as there will be refreshments provided. For more information, please check out our facebook or website at <https://lmcsgapapore.wordpress.com/>

LOGOS ENCOUNTER V: Called to Proclaim the Word. This one-day retreat aims to encourage participants to pray with the Scriptures and apply the Living Word to their concrete lives. Sat, 7 Nov ‘15 from 9.00am to 4.00pm at The Church of St Teresa. Cost: \$50 (including tea and lunch) Conducted by: Verbum Dei Missionaries Register at: Website: <https://biblicalapostolate.wordpress.com/logos-encounters/> or Email: logosencounter@gmail.com

ACMI is Hiring - ACMI invites applications for the post of Executive Director. If you have what it takes, good management skills, financial acumen, established networks in the Catholic church, and a passion in working with migrants, send your CV to timothy@acmi.org.sg. Details in www.acmi.org.sg and www.catholic.org.sg/

CHOICE WEEKEND - 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: 27 - 29 Nov 2015 (Friday evening to Sunday evening) Venue: CHOICE Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368 Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537. Register & Info: www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm

CTIS Info Nite on Friday 6 Nov 2015 at 55 Waterloo Street Level 3. Want to know more about Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore’s Certificate and Diploma courses in 2016? We invite you to attend our Info Nite. Registration not required for the Info Nite. Please bring your friends too. For further info, please visit www.ctis.sg or call 64348000.

Living With Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Symposium 2015 Organised by Church of the Holy Spirit, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Singapore Date: