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**JESUS MARY RALLY 2018** - 26 May '18, from 1.00pm - 4.00pm at Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. Organised by: Legion of Mary and Office for the New Evangelisation. All are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through Mary, the first disciple! Programme includes Praise & worship by Jesus Youth, Eucharistic Adoration, and preaching by Fr Luke Fong. Come and discover how God can carry out His mighty works through you as He did with Mary, our Mother.

**'REVIEW OF LIFE WORKSHOP'** by Caritas Singapore Formation Committee. Do you want to learn how to see clearly with eyes of faith, start living the Gospel in your daily lives and grow in faith? Come learn The Review of Life (ROL) Method as a way of formation and a tool for helping you integrate faith and life using the three steps - "See, Reflect, Act" to analyze, reflect and act on an actual life situations. This workshop will be held on (Tue)15 & (Wed)16 May '18 (Sat); 7.30pm - 9.30pm; in Agape Village (7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh).

**CARITAS SINGAPORE – SOCIAL MISSION CONFERENCE 2018** This will be held on 21 Jul '18 (Sat) at the Catholic Junior College (Performing Arts Centre). The theme of the conference is "Whole of Me, All of Us, One in Christ". This conference aims to look at the social teaching of integral human development - where the whole person is developed (i.e. physical, emotional, cognitive and spiritual) and all persons are included in the development of our society. The keynote speaker is His Eminence, Peter Kodwo Appiah Cardinal Turkson, Prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development.

**LABOURERS IN THE VINEYARD RETREAT** - 25 - 29 May '18, at Majodi Retreat Centre, Johor, Malaysia. Cost: S\$200.00 (Includes Accommodation, Meals, Transport). Organised by Office for the New Evangelisation. This is a 5 days 4 nights stay-in retreat open to Catholics above the age of 21. Come away and allow yourselves to be encountered by the Lord! Programme includes daily Eucharistic celebration, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, talks, praise & worship, and spiritual counselling.



**READINGS:** Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 677

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 7 May - SAT 12 May 2018

**MON:** ACTS 16:11-15, JN 15:26 - 16:4A **TUE:** ACTS 16:22-34, JN 16:5-11 **WED:** ACTS 17:15, 22 - 18:1, JN 16:12-15 **THU:** The Ascension of the Lord **FRI:** ACTS 18:9-18, JN 16:20-23 **SAT:** ACTS 18:23-28, JN 16:23B-28

On the Sixth Sunday of Easter, we hear the powerful words that Jesus uses to send us on our mission: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."

On Thursday, around the world and in all but a few parts of the United States, it is the Ascension of the Lord. For those who don't celebrate it Thursday, the Ascension will be on Sunday.

The Ascension readings give us the stories of Jesus being taken up to heaven from the beginning of Acts of the Apostles. Another version is heard through the last chapter of Mark's Gospel.

Our Easter season readings from Acts of the Apostles continue this week. We read of Paul and Silas in jail, and the conversion and baptism of the jailer and his family; Paul's bold speech to the crowd at the Areopagus and his fearless preaching in Corinth, despite the growing threat from the Jews.

In John's Gospel, we realise we are approaching Pentecost in a few weeks as Jesus begins to speak of his leaving the earth and of the coming of the "Advocate" - the Spirit of Truth. The image of the Trinity is clear: "when the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father..." To his disciples, the idea of his leaving fills their hearts with grief but Jesus reassures them, "it is better

for you that I go" so that the Spirit can come to them. The Spirit "will guide you to all truth." "So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you." Jesus encourages them to pray: "whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you."

The Seventh Sunday of Easter shows the Spirit at work in the Acts of the Apostles as a large group of disciples prays for guidance as they choose an apostle to replace Judas. In John's Gospel Jesus offers a moving prayer for those he loves asking the Father to "keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one."

### Daily Prayer This Week

Jesus invites us to remain in his love. That is a powerful freedom. If we can reflect this week on ways we can remain in his love, and not let anything take away our peace, we will grow in great freedom.

Jesus tells us that his one commandment to us is to love one another as he has loved us. The most important word in that command is "as". He wants us to imitate the very "way" he loves us - completely, un-conditionally, in a self-sacrificing way. It can be the focus of our entire week to ask for the grace to love the people in our lives the ways Jesus loves us. But, that begins, if it is to be deep and transformative, needs to begin by reflection on how much Jesus loves us.

<b>Sunset Mass</b>	: 5.30pm
<b>Rosary</b>	: 4.30pm (Saturday)
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
<b>Infant Jesus Devotion</b>	: 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)
<b>Divine Mercy Devotion</b>	: 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)
<b>Sion Adorers - Holy Hour</b>	: 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday)
<b>Hour of Mercy</b>	: 3.00pm daily
<b>Adoration Chapel</b>	: 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm(Sun)
<b>Secretariat's Operating Hours</b>	: 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.
<b>Columbarium Opening Hours</b>	: Mon - Sun: 7.00am - 7.00pm. Closed on Public Holidays.
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b> - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at the confessionals at the baptistery (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass.	
<b>Parish Priest:</b> Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, <b>Asst Parish Priest:</b> Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, <b>Priests in Residence:</b> Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD, Rev Fr GREGORY HON, OCD and Rev Fr JOSEPH KOH, OCD, <b>General-Delegate:</b> Rev Fr JOHN CHUA OCD, <b>Parish Secretary:</b> Ms Martha Loh, <b>Parish Clerk:</b> Ms Jannie Lui, <b>Liturgical Co-ordinator:</b> Alex Wong, alexdominic@gmail.com	
<b>Church Donations - Please make your cheque payable to:</b>	
<b>(i) Church of Sts Peter &amp; Paul</b> - for contributions/donations for on-going maintenance of our Church or parish projects and Mass offerings; <b>(ii) Carmelite Fathers</b> - for contributions/donations to SPP Friars Community, Friars Formation; <b>(iii) Soc of St Vincent de Paul (Conf St Peter)</b> - for donations to the Society of St Vincent de Paul for the poor and needy.	

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All week we can let the Spirit be the helper and the gatherer that our Lord promises will accompany us in our journey. It helps us prepare for the feast of Pentecost, to be asking, “Come, Holy Spirit.”

*Loving Jesus, I'm not sure how to do this. I can feel in my heart an emptiness or longing for something deeper in my relationship, but I don't always know where to begin. Help me to open my heart to you this day, and to carry with me the sense of how much you love me and how much you want this kind of personal relationship with me.*

*Let me feel your Spirit present with me as I face the challenges of the day and let me live my life this day as your follower, in the peace of your love.*

It is a simple prayer and one that we can remember as we go about our day, head to a meeting, stand in the kitchen or fold laundry. It is not complicated to have a closer relationship with God but it takes focus. And always, we can end our day with a simple prayer of thanks for the many blessings of the day.

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

Then the apostles laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Although there have been times in my life when I never had a clear picture of the Spirit’s place in my life, the older I get, the more I can feel the Holy Spirit. I am not a particularly patient person (here I can picture my family nodding vigorously) but if I am in a situation where I need patience and suddenly feel a calm and peace, I think to myself, “Hmm, a sudden patience – that’s a gift of the Holy Spirit.”

In the gospel from John, Jesus promises us, “I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.” The Holy Spirit is the way Jesus carries out that promise. His life on earth was about more than three years of public ministry. Jesus tells us the Advocate, or in Greek – the Paraclete, will be with us and that Spirit will call us together and will speak for us.

The Holy Spirit is an encourager in our lives, advocating, calling us together and supporting us. When we simply don’t have the words to pray, the reading from Romans 8 consoles us, saying that when we don’t know how to pray, the Spirit will pray for us in sighs and groans too deep for words.

All of this support, love and encouragement is wonderful and it feels good to be a follower of Jesus. But what was that line in the gospel? “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” We don’t always want to obey or even listen to what Jesus has to say to us – we want to be independent and do it our own way. So we listen to the world around us and ignore the teachings of Jesus. And we are unhappy and empty. We feel like orphans because we have orphaned ourselves, separating ourselves from a loving God who waits for us to turn back to his open arms. Pope Francis says, “The Spirit blows where it wills, but one of the most common temptations of those who have faith is to bar its path and drive it in one direction or another.”

Jesus is not asking us to earn his love – we are already loved deeply and endlessly – whether we feel we have “earned it” or not. But God’s plan for each one of us as human beings is to realize how loved we are and to be so filled with gratitude that we want to follow Jesus and his way of doing things. It’s counter-cultural and not always understood by those around us, but Jesus asks us to follow him and die to ourselves.

That dying to ourselves, which sounds so dramatic, can be carried out quietly every day in our lives: when we put the needs of another ahead of our own; when we refrain from an angry outburst; when we reach out to those in need or become more merciful to those around us and those in our world whose desperate lives so urgently need our awareness and mercy.

The more we make our hearts like Jesus’ heart, the easier it is to find Jesus in our lives, and the Holy Spirit is simply Jesus’ presence in our lives right now. Pope Francis reminds us that “The Holy Spirit, as Jesus said, will teach us everything” and “is the living presence of God in the Church.”

It’s when we call out to the Holy Spirit with our groans and cries that we will realise we have had that strength, wisdom and love in

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## PARISH NEWS

**PENTECOST** - Choral Reflection on the Holy Spirit with Solemn Vespers, 19 May ‘18, 7.30pm. Venue: Church of Sts Peter & Paul. Please come and join us for an evening of prayer with Sacred Music. Vespers will be presided by Fr. Edward Lim, OCD and music by Ad Orientem Solisti (formerly known as the Risen Christ Youth Symphony) together with the following choirs: St. Cecilia’s Choir, Sts. Peter & Paul Choir, Capella Martialis.

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD** (Day of Obligation) Anticipated Mass - 9 May (Wed), 5.30pm. 10 May (Thu), 7.20am, 12.15pm (Mandarin), 6.00pm. Infant Jesus devotion at 5.30pm.

**INFANT BAPTISM** will be held on 10 Jun ‘18 (Sun) at 11.00am within Mass. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session on 9 Jun ‘18 (Sat) at 3.30pm. Application Forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and must be submitted by Fri, 11 May ‘18.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS** - Registration is now open! Important dates. Date: 18 Aug ‘18 (Sat) at 5.30pm. Classes: 27/7 (Fri), 10/8 (Fri), 17/8 (Fri) at 7.30pm. Rehearsal: 12 Aug ‘18 (Sun) at 12.30pm **Attendance for all sessions is compulsory.** Registration forms may be obtained from the Parish Office. Please note that the following supporting documents are required upon registration: Baptism Certificate, First Holy Communion Certificate and Godparent’s Confirmation Certificate

## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

**CLARITY’S** Introductory Guide to Understanding Anxiety Workshop. 23 Jun, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Agape Village. Fees \$15. Anxiety is a normal emotional response many experiences as part of everyday life. However, some of us experience anxiety in ways that affect our daily lives. Many suffer from anxiety but don’t know what it really means. Do you consistently worry about the same thing? Have persistent fear or feel like you are losing control? We will explore the reasons behind our anxieties, debunk myths and misconceptions and learn different ways to manage our anxieties.

our hearts all along. That, as the Psalm says, is when we “Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.”

Register early as seats are limited. To Register, W: <https://tinyurl.com/TC23Jun> or T: 6757 7990.

**CANA** invites you to “Perfect Joy... is there ever?” - Fr John-Paul Tan, OFM explores what St. Francis of Assisi meant by PERFECT JOY and if it is possible to live it in our world today. Join us! 17 May ‘18 (Thu) @ 7.30pm. Venue: 3rd Floor Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street. Registration: Call - 63384080 or Email - [canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com](mailto:canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com) (Love Offering)

**WORKING WITH OUR DREAMS** - 22 June, 8.00pm to 24 June, 1.00pm @ LifeSprings Spirituality Centre. This weekend programme helps us with our dreams, to understand their symbolic language, listen to and experience them as a way in which the Divine can speak to us. Participants are to bring a significant dream to work on. By: Sr Linda Lizada, rc and Cenacle Mission Team. For enquiries & registration: E: [cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com](mailto:cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com); T: 65652895 or 97223148; [www.cenaclemission.com](http://www.cenaclemission.com)

**CARITAS SINGAPORE YOUNG ADULTS EVENT** - Fully Alive in God’s Love. A social mission event for young adults (aged 18 to 35 years) to discern their own personal mission and get to know more about what our Church is doing to help those in need. Date/Time: 2 Jun ‘18 (Sat), 10.00am - 5.00pm at Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264. Main speaker is Rev Fr Christopher Soh, S.J. For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: [www.caritas-singapore.org/fully-alive-youngadults-event/](http://www.caritas-singapore.org/fully-alive-youngadults-event/) or email to [youngadults@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:youngadults@caritas-singapore.org)

**KICKSTART** - Entering university this year but unsure of where to meet fellow Catholic students? Well, come on down to this year’s Kickstart, an overnight Combined University Freshmen Gathering on 23-24 June, where you’ll definitely get the chance to do so! The Office for Young People invites students who are entering NUS, NTU, SMU, SIM, JCU, SUTD, SIT, Yale-NUS, or other local and overseas universities for a time of worship, fellowship, encounter and more! Date: Sat 23 Jun ‘18, 10.00am to Sun 24 Jun ‘18, 6pm Venue: Office for Young People, 2 Lorong Low Koon, SG 536449. Cost: \$10. So what are you waiting for? Take a leap