

between the two of you? 4. Do you feel disappointed or even despair thinking about your marriage? A Retrouvaille weekend can help you. Weekend date: 24 - 26 Jul '15. For confidential enquiry, Tel: 6711 6774. Online registration: www.helpourmarriage.sg

ME facilitates very special weekends for married couples. It is a beautiful and enriching experience which builds couple intimacy and closer relationship. ME benefits both the young married couples who want to build a strong marriage foundation and also couples who have been married for many years who want to make their marriages even better. There are still limited spaces for the July weekend on 3 - 5 Jul. To register or if you have questions, please contact Vincent & Ju-Lyn at 9670 5390 or visit our ME Website on www.MESingapore.org for more information.

NUS CATHOLIC STUDENTS' SOCIETY would like to invite all incoming freshmen to participate in our freshmen orientation camp

where they can meet fellow Catholic student. The camp will take place on 30 Jun - 3 Jul at the Church of the Holy Cross. Register at tinyurl.com/cssfoc2015 and email cssfoc2015@gmail.com for more information.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC) For couples intending to get married, the commencement date for the 4th Quarter is on 4 Oct '15. Allocation of places is on a first-come-first-served basis. Application forms can be downloaded from our website @ www.catholic.org.sg/mpc. Please refer to our website for further details. For any enquiries, please contact: 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)

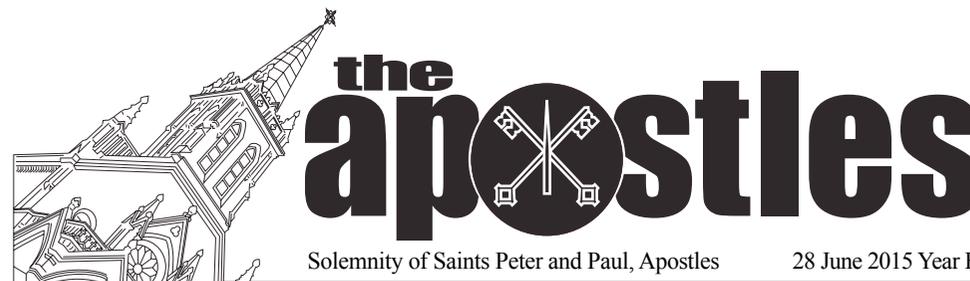
Infant Jesus Devotions
5.30pm (Thu, followed by Mass)
4.00pm (Sun, followed by Mass)
Divine Mercy Devotions
Sun, 12.30pm (Mandarin)
Sion Adorers - Holy Hour
7.45pm - 8.45pm (Sat, Adoration Chapel)
Hour of Mercy (Adoration Chapel)
3.00pm (Daily)
Counselling @ SPP
Every Monday 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Please call 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, 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 284 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 287
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere him.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 29 June - SAT 4 July 2015
MON: Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles **TUE:** Gn 19:15-29, Mt 8:23-27 **WED:** Gn 21:5, 8-20a, Mt 8:28-34 **THU:** Gn 22:1b-19, Mt 9:1-8 **FRI:** Eph 2:19-22, Jn 20:24-29 **SAT:** Gn 27:1-5, 15-29, Mt 9:14-17

Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles – 29 June 2015

About this Solemnity

Today we commemorate Sts. Peter and Paul, martyred around the year 64AD during Nero's persecution following the Great Fire of Rome. Tradition says that Peter fled Rome to avoid arrest and saw Jesus on the road. "Where are you going, Lord?" Peter asked. Jesus replied, "I am going to Rome to be crucified again." Peter turned back and was crucified upside down because he felt unworthy to meet his death the same way as Christ. Paul was arrested in Jerusalem and was sent to Rome, where he was placed under house arrest. He was slain by beheading, because as a Roman citizen, he could not be subjected to the indignity of crucifixion.

The Lectionary for Mass (Vigil)

First Reading: The story of the crippled beggar lying at the gate of the Temple who receives the gift of healing in the name of the Lord Jesus from the hands of Peter and not the alms he expected is the subject of today's First Reading. What better way to give God praise than fully using that which is restored to full health! The man walks and jumps with joy, giving God praise.

Responsorial Psalm 19 declares the "glory

of God" (verse 2) as spoken by creation. In the light of First Reading, "their" (see verse 5) refers not to creation, but to the voice of the Apostles.

Seconding Reading: Paul speaks to the Galatians of his encounter with the risen Jesus, a "revelation" that changed his life. Paul turned from persecutor to missionary of the Gospel, sent by the risen Lord to the Gentiles.

Gospel: The risen Jesus commissions Peter, entrusting him with the care of the sheep of his flock. Jesus also speaks of how Peter will one day follow him, led by another to death, and ultimately to glory.

The Lectionary for Mass (Day)

First Reading: This reading tells of one of Peter's prison escapes. There were some in the early Church who longed for martyrdom as a sign of their love for God. Peter and many of the other early martyrs longed not for martyrdom, but for the spread of the Gospel, and for that, they were willing to pay any price.

Responsorial Psalm 34: This psalm of rejoicing in God's providence invites us to gratefully recall how God has sent "angels" to help us in times of trouble. When we remember our own time of deliverance from need, we are prepared to speak a word of encouragement to the "lowly".

Information is correct at time of publication.

Second Reading: Paul, too, recounts ways in which God has accompanied and preserved him throughout his ministry. Now he sees the end approaching and he can humbly say “I have finished the race.” He invites us to ask what it is that we must do now so that when our day comes we can say the same.

Gospel: This Gospel incident shows Peter in the best light possible as he proclaims faith in Jesus as the Son of God. But, in order to understand the whole picture, we need to read the next four verses which recall how incompletely the disciples understood Jesus and his mission. This Gospel and this feast remind us of champions of our faith and invite us to imitate their courage, knowing that even they had to grow in faith as they faced trials.

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Peter’s Pence - An ancient custom still alive today

The practice of providing material support to those charged with preaching the Gospel, thus enabling them to devote themselves completely to their apostolic mission and to care for those in greatest need, is as old as Christianity itself (cf Acts 4:34, 11:29).

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PARISH NEWS

SPP FEAST DAY- SOLEMN VESPERS AND MASS Celebrated by the Archbishop. In anticipation of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the Parish will celebrate *Solemn Vespers with the Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, the 27 Jun ‘15 at 4.30pm*. The text is from Evening Prayer I of the Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul. The Te Deum will also be sung. All are invited to experience this Solemn Celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours. His Grace, Archbishop William Goh, will celebrate our *Feast Day Mass on Sunday, 28 Jun ‘15, at 11am*. There will be a soft launch of the Parish Website after the mass. All attending that mass are requested

By the end of the eighth century the Anglo-Saxons felt so closely linked to the Bishop of Rome that they decided to send a regular annual contribution to the Holy Father. It was thus that the Denarius Sancti Petri (Alms of Saint Peter) originated and spread throughout Europe.

Like other practices of its kind, this custom underwent many changes in the course of the centuries, until in 1871 Pope Pius IX gave it his approval in the Encyclical Letter *Saepe Venerabilis* (5 August 1871).

At present the collection is taken throughout the Catholic world either on 29 June, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, or on the Sunday closest to this Solemnity.

The Peter’s Pence Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In ninth-century England, King Alfred the Great collected money, a “pence”, from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter’s Pence Collection supports the Pope’s philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression and disease.

to stay for the launch of the website, which will last for about 10 minutes. Opportunities to approach the Archbishop for blessings or conversations will be offered after the launch of the website.

SPP CATECHIST RECRUITMENT - We are looking for 8 Primary and 4 Secondary Catechists to assist with the faith formation and development of the children and teenagers at SPP. No prior experience is needed. Guidance and training will be provided. Please call/SMS Jeremy at 96843475 or Alycia at 91773461 for more information.

PERANAKAN PLAY - Peranakan Siblings proudly present “*BUKAK CHERITA*” from 2 to 5 Jul ‘15 at 8.00pm 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.

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

FAMILY LIFE SOCIETY (FLS) will present an *expresso* breakfast talk, ‘Building Bridges with Your Teens’, from 9.30am - 11.30am on Sat, 4 Jul ‘15 at The Catholic Welfare Centre, Waterloo Street. Want to know how to relate better with your teens? Register now with Doris, 64880278 for this FREE breakfast talk. Breakfast provided!

REPORTER / SUB-EDITOR FOR CATHOLICNEWS: CatholicNews, the newspaper of the Singapore archdiocese, is looking for a fulltime REPORTER/SUB-EDITOR to report on local Church news and help edit/lay out stories. He/she should have journalism experience or a diploma/degree in journalism, and knowledge of the Catholic Church. Please send full resume, expected salary and samples of published work to: encareer@catholic.org.sg

RETROUVAILLE - A Lifeline for Troubled & Hurting Marriages 1. Has your marriage become unloving and uncaring? 2. Has your marriage grown cold and distant? 3. Has there been little or no meaningful communication