

Law, Fr David Garcia, OP, 14 Jul '18 **3**. The New Natural Law, Dr Jude Chua, 21 Jul '18 **4**. *Humanae Vitae*, Divine Law? Andrew Kong, 28 Jul '18. Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Venue: Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, 02-01, S 187954. FREE, All are Welcome Details and Registration at www.catholic.sg/act For enquiries only: (Andrew) SMS 96493893

CLARITY'S Introductory Guide to Understanding Anxiety Workshop. 7 July, 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. Register early as seats are limited. To Register, W: <https://tinyurl.com/TC7Jul> or T: 6757 7990.

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. For more information and registration, pick up a brochure from your parish or register at www.caritas-singapore.org/smc2018

JOURNEYING INTO LOVE & HEALING. Date: 20 July to 22 July, 2018 (Fri – Sun). Time: Fri, 8:00 pm - Sun., 1:00 pm. Venue: Montfort Centre - 624 Upper Bukit Timah Road. S-678212. Description: “Where is God in my pain?” A weekend of journeying within, which opens to healing, love and inner growth. It offers you time to look at ways of prayerfully embracing hurts, trials and struggles of life, and find the healing love of God. Contribution: \$300.00. By: Sr Francisca Tan and Ms. Gerry Szeto –Registered Counsellor Contact: Tel. Nos. 65652895; 9722-3148. Email: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com

Sunset Mass : 5.30pm
Rosary : 4.30pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses : 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
Weekday Masses : 7.20am and 5.30pm
Intercessory Prayer : 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
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)
Hour of Mercy : 3.00pm daily
Adoration Chapel : 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm(Sun)
Secretariat's Operating Hours : 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.
Columbarium Opening Hours : Mon - Sun: 7.00am - 7.00pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - 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.

Parish Priest: Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, **Asst Parish Priest:** Rev Fr THOMAS 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 JOHN CHUA 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 general maintenance of our Church and Mass offerings; **(ii) Carmelite Fathers** - for contributions/donations to SPP Friars Community, Friars Formation; **(iii) 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 744

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 2 July - SAT 7 July 2018

MON: AM 2:6-10, 13-16, MT 8:18-22 **TUE:** EPH 2:19-22, JN 20:24-29 **WED:** AM 5:14-15, 21-24, MT 8:28-34 **THU:** AM 7:10-17, MT 9:1-8 **FRI:** AM 8:4-6, 9-12, MT 9:9-13 **SAT:** AM 9:11-15, MT 9:14-17

Reflection - Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 4: 32 tells us that the community of believers were of one heart and mind and that is how the apostles themselves are generally believed to have been, and –I surmise– that is also why Peter and Paul are celebrated together as pillars of the Church forming a harmonious dyad. Pillars they were all right and I have no doubt they were of one heart. But of one mind? They were that too, at least when the first Council of Jerusalem discussed essentials. However, oneness of mind in essentials did not necessarily mean oneness of mind in every single issue.

Even when enlightened by the Spirit, Peter's mind remained ultimately the mind of a good fisherman: down to earth, but not necessarily sophisticated, at least not in comparison to Paul's. Peter himself seems to admit to that much, as we read in his second letter: ...our beloved brother Paul... wrote to you, speaking of these things in all his letters. In them there are some things hard to understand... [2Pet. 3: 16]. One in heart they were, but oneness of mind was not to be taken for granted on Peter's side.

Or on Paul's side for that matter. It was not often that the two of them were together in the same place, but it did happen in

Antioch. There Peter seems to have been backtracking on his conviction that associating with Gentiles was not forbidden to the followers of Jesus. Paul remembers that encounter very well: ...when Cephas came to Antioch, then I did oppose him to his face, since he was clearly in the wrong. Before certain people from James came, he used to eat with Gentiles; but as soon as these came, he backed up and kept apart from them for fear of the circumcised [Gal. 2: 11-12]. Not of one mind in that issue. Was Paul afraid that –out of fear– Peter could be sliding back into the dissembling that led him to deny –also out of fear– that he even knew Jesus?

Oneness of mind and heart speaks of unanimity (uni-animity or one-spirit-ness), not necessarily of uniformity. The apostolic faith planted by both Peter and Paul remained the same in its essentials, but in its details it was not cloned in every one of the many faith communities that sprang from their proclamation. Each exhibited its own identifying characteristics without being perceived as a threat to unanimity, a growth that in its diversity was seen as guided by the Holy Spirit. Today's Church extends over clearly diverse societies and cultures and, taking a clue from Peter and Paul, it strives to preserve unanimity. Micromanaging the growth of each local church over the

planet may achieve the external impression of uniformity, but, in disregarding what is legitimately proper to the local church, it could hurt unanimity. Unanimity is a gift of the Spirit, uniformity is not. We need Paul's freedom to disagree with Peter and Peter's honest acknowledgment that there are levels of sophistication and depth in the grasping and articulation of our common faith, levels Peter was not always in a position to understand.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/062918.html>

On the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear the wonderful story of the healing of Jairus' daughter. In the middle of that story is the beautiful story of the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.'" Jesus tells Jairus, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When the girl was healed the people "were utterly astounded."

Tuesday is the Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle.

The first readings this week are from the **Book of the Prophet Amos**. Amos was a shepherd who was called to deliver God's word to the northern kingdom, Israel.

Matthew's Gospel takes us through several stories about Jesus' ministry. We begin as Jesus demonstrates that following him requires a radical change in life: "Follow me, and let the dead bury their dead." Jesus calms the storm at sea. Then he drives demons out of two men living among the tombs. When a paralyzed man is brought to him, Jesus has compassion on the man and forgives his sins, which causes a controversy. Jesus then heals the man's paralysis. He calls Matthew to leave his customs post and follow him, and the many tax collectors and sinners who come to have dinner with Jesus cause a controversy with the religious leaders. "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of

the words, I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners." When Jesus' disciples are criticized for not fasting, Jesus talks about the difficulty of combining the old and the new. He is calling for something radically new. Not a patch, but new wine in new wineskins.

On the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time we read that Jesus was not able to work miracles in his home town. In their eyes, he was just the person they'd seen grow up. This distressed him and he couldn't work many miracles at home.

Daily Prayer This Week

One of the blessings of reading passages that describe Jesus' ministry is that they can help us become more and more attracted to him. We can become fascinated by his pastoral care for those on the margins of Society or his courage in the face of opposition. The more we watch Jesus, the easier it is for us to fall in love with him. Being drawn to Jesus with growing affection will ultimately lead us to want to be with him and like him.

So each morning this week we can begin our day with a very brief prayer. "Lord, let me see you, love you and desire to follow you more closely today." We might say, "Drive away the demons that tempt my spirit today" on one day and repeat that prayer at various times, especially when we are tempted to look good, or to escape into over-indulgence with food or drink or fantasies, or when we are tempted to let anger get the better of us. On another day, we might pray, "Dear Lord, I get paralyzed sometimes - just stuck and unable to move. Free me today, by reminding me of your love and mercy." Still another day, we might ask, "Let me respond to your call with the freedom Matthew had." We might turn to the Lord some day and simply say, "Lord, I know you desire mercy and not sacrifice, please free me from the judgments I will be tempted to make today." Finally, I

might pray, "Lord, pour your new wine into me. Let me be a new wineskin to receive it. Give me the freedom today to let your word transform how I act and how I choose today."

The key to finding intimacy with our God in the midst of our busy lives is to let God's Word interact with the real events and people who are there. No matter what our responsibilities are today, no matter how unrelated they seem to be to faith or devotion, and no matter how busy we might be, we can all let God's Word

PARISH NEWS

INFANT BAPTISM – The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Sunday 12 August 2018 at 11.00am within Mass. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session on Saturday, 11 August 2018 at 3.30pm. Application Forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and must be submitted by Monday, 16 July '18.

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL will be celebrated in our Parish on 15 Jul and 16 Jul '18. On Sun 15 Jul, there will be 4.00pm Mass, Candlelight Procession of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the Investiture of the Brown Scapular after the Mass. On Mon 16 Jul, the Investiture of the Brown Scapular is after 7.20am and 5.30pm masses. Time of Masses on Mon 16 Jul at Carmelite Monastery: English masses at 7.30am, 4.30pm and 6.30pm (with Archbishop), Chinese Mass at 2.30pm.

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING (All are welcome, no registration needed) 7 Jul '18 (Sat) Church of Sts. Peter and Paul (main church) 2.00pm - Praise and Worship. 2.20pm - 4.00pm – Mass celebrated by Fr. Tom Curran, followed by prayers for healing. For enquiries, please email praiseatworksg@yahoo.com or call 9747 2467. Organised by Praise@Work and supported by SACCRE.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS – Date: 18 Aug '18 (Sat) at 5.30pm. Classes on Fridays: 27 Jul '18, 10 Aug '18, 17 Aug '18 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. Closing date: 1 Jul '18. Please note that the following supporting documents

into the background, in brief moments of connection, conversation and intimacy. All it takes is desire and focus.

As we practice using the background moments of our days, we will grow in experiencing that this intimacy is possible. And, when we sense it and enjoy it, and see what a difference it makes, let's not forget to give thanks each evening for the gifts we have received.

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.

are required upon registration: Baptism Certificate, First Holy Communion Certificate and Godparent's Confirmation Certificate.

RCIA (CANTONESE) 2018/19 commenced on 6 Jul '18, (every Fri), 7.45pm to 9.30pm at Meeting Room 8 (Level 2, Parish Building). For further enquiries, please contact 63372585 (Parish Office)/96717083 (David).

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

Giving is the Best Therapy! Help Build A Convent! All are welcome to the Pauline Bazaar (where there is something for everyone) in aid of the **DAUGHTERS OF ST PAUL BUILDING FUND**. Sat 7 July 8.00am to 6.00pm, Sun 8 July 8.00am to 2.00pm Novena Church grounds.

THE FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION (6 AUG) & THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY (15AUG). Featuring: Prayerful reflections by Monsignor Philip Heng, S.J. Musical presentation by Vita Voxa (Voice of Life) from Indonesia. Date: 4 Aug '18 (Sat). Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Venue: Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Free Admission – a love offering will be appreciated. For more information, contact: Angelika Sundari (+65 91112030 angelika.sundari@hotmail.com) or Catholic foundation (+65 6338-0348 cf@catholic.org.sg)

THE APOSTOLATE FOR CATHOLIC TRUTH (ACT) would like to publicise the forthcoming talks in Jul '18 in your parish bulletin and also request your kind assistance to print and post the attached poster A3 on your notice board(s) for the benefit of your parishioners: **1.** Theology of the Body, Andrew Kong, 7 Jul '18. **2.** The Natural