

CANA presents **MY SOUL PROCLAIMS** - an evening of stories and songs by Fr Valerian Cheong, Fr Edward Lim OCD, Fr Derrick Yap OFM, Fr Eugene Lee CSsR and Bro Nicholas Lye. 4 Sep '17, 7:45 pm @ Church of the Holy Family. Tickets (\$30) available at Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, 2nd Floor (Mon-Sat 11:00am – 5:00pm), Tel. 63384080 or email canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com (A fund raising event for the Cenacle Mission).

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY - The Archdiocese has designated 10 September 2017 as Catholic Education Sunday. The theme is “Celebrating 165 years of Catholic Education in Singapore – Passing on the Light”. Besides a prayer of blessing for all Catholic teachers, the screening of a 2-minute video montage and the distribution of prayer cards in all parishes, school students will join the congregation in worship during one mass that weekend in 18 parishes.

FEAST OF ST PIO OF PIETRELCINA - It will be celebrated on Friday 22 Sept '17 from 6.00pm at Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Theme: St. Pio, true servant of Jesus, Prince of Peace. Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Albert Ng. Enquiries: Maria 98561975, Joseph 98248941, Maria 96168328.

THE WATCHMEN RETREAT is a 4 days 3 nights stay-in retreat open to Catholics above the age of 21. This retreat is about being on watch until the Lord returns and being alert to the dangers to your spiritual life. Date: 09 to 12 Nov '17 at Majodi Retreat Centre, Johor, Malaysia. Cost: SGD 160 (Includes Transport, Accommodation, Meals). Retreat Master: Rev Fr Terence Pereira. Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation (ONE). For more info and to register: Visit www.one.org.sg/events

BRINGACATHOLICHOME - Our mission is to help reconnect the ‘away’ Catholic back to Church in a non-judgemental and compassionate space. Will that be you? Or someone you know? Last run of this year begins 28 Aug for 11 Mondays at Church of the Holy Spirit. Contact Leonard Ong (93692100)/ Tricia Tay (98631590). Find out more about Landings at www.landings.org.sg



READINGS: Sunday Missal Pg 550

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 28 August - SAT 2 September 2017

MON: 1THES 1:1-5, 8-10, MT 23:13-22 **TUE:** 1THES 2:1-8, MK 6:17-29 **WED:** 1THES 2:9-13 MT 23:27-32 **THU:** 1THES 3:7-13, MT 24:42-51 **FRI:** 1THES 4:1-8, MT 25:1-13 **SAT:** 1 THES 4:9-11, MT 25:14-30

One of the main reasons that the Parish is participating in Night Festival 2017 is for evangelisation. Here are some thoughts on that:

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELISATION (Part 2 of 2)

Success?

Evangelisation is not something that can be measured on a success/failure scale. Our “success” is determined by our obedience to God’s direction, “Go and make disciples of all people.” It is not determined by whether people change immediately when we share our faith with them. In fact, it often takes several different hearings of the Good News before someone actually makes of new commitment to or renews their commitment to Jesus and His Church. Scripture reminds us that “one plants, another waters.” Are you about the work of planting? Are you adding water to the seeds someone else planted?

Called and Sent

Just as Jesus was sent by the Father to proclaim Good News of Salvation, so we are called to be imitators of Christ in spreading His word: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (John 20:21) YES ~ YOU! God is sending you – home, to your place of work, to your neighborhood, to your family and friends to live and share Good News. Jesus is sending you to be His hands, and feet and mouth in all the places to which you are being sent so that others may know of the Good News of Salvation.

Faith Comes From Hearing – and Speaking

“How can they believe unless they have heard of

him? And how can they hear unless there is someone to preach? Faith, then, comes through hearing, and what is heard is the word of Christ.” (Romans 10: 14-17) Studies have shown that most people do not believe simply because of the shining example of others. It takes the oral sharing of the word of God. You already know the One who is that Word. You know Him in the Scripture and you know Him from His presence in your life. Are you serving as a transmitter of the Word of Christ to help others hear and believe?

Harvesting the Crop of God

Jesus chose the 72 and sent them out ahead of him. “There is a great harvest,” Jesus said, “and the labourers are few.” (Luke 10:1-2) The Lord Himself has prepared a great harvest. He has planted the seeds of His Word into the soil of people’s hearts and spirits, watered them with His grace, shined His Light on them. Will you be a labourer for the Lord, “harvesting” someone for the Lord by sharing with him or her, the good things that the Lord has done in your life and by inviting them to attend Mass with you?

Witnesses of God

Pope Paul VI wrote: “People today listen more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if they listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.” The most effective witnesses communicates what they saw with their own eyes, heard with their own ears, touched with their own hands, known to be so from their own experience. What have you seen and heard, touched and experienced of the goodness of the Lord? Be a witness of these things to others.

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at confessional (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass

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Church Donations - Please make your cheque payable to:

- Church of Sts Peter & Paul - for contributions/donations for General Operations & Maintenance of the Church;
- Carmelite Fathers - for contributions/donations to the SPP Friars Community, Friars Formation;
- 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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Such witnesses cannot be refuted. Good witnesses of the Good News are also those whose lives reflect the words they speak, who “walk the talk,” who practice what they preach. Live the peace of Christ, the love of Christ, the mercy of Christ. Then your words about Christ will be even more believable.

Evangelising As I Go

It's not so much that I need to “Go and Evangelise” as I need to “Evangelise as I Go.” That is, I don't have to wait to go to some other place before I can share my faith. I am already going to many places; as I go I can look for opportunities to share my faith. Think of all the places you are going in the next week: to work, to the mall, to school, walking around the neighborhood, to a party, to a meeting, to the hospital...? How can you carry the Light of Christ with you wherever you are already going so that others may know warmth and glow of His presence?

What Difference?

Someone once asked a group of churchgoers, “What difference would it make in your life if, suddenly at midnight, you ceased to believe in Jesus Christ?” How would things be different in your life? How has faith in Jesus Christ and participation in the life of the Church made a difference in your life? Share the hope, the joy, the peace, the new life ~ share the difference that Jesus has made in your life with someone who finds life hopeless, painful, stressful, who feels like life is over. Then they will know where they can turn to have a different life.

Be Prepared

St. Peter says, *“Always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks the reason for the hope that is in you, but do it with gentleness and reverence.”* (1 Peter 3:14-16) Why do you have hope? Joy? Peace? Courage? Faith? Love? Remember all the ways that the Lord has touched your life, remember those specific and unmistakable and unforgettable moments of His grace for you. How would you tell someone about these? Are you ready ~ and willing ~ to share these with others so that they can have hope, joy, peace, courage, faith, love? Are you ready ~ willing ~ to share with them the difference that God has made in your life? And can make in theirs?

Stepping Into The Open Door

Review the conversations that you have had over the past few weeks. Has anyone asked you to tell him or her about Jesus? Probably not ~ in those words. But haven't you heard recently, “I don't know what I'm going to do about...?” “Sometimes I have fears and worries about...” “There are days when I wonder if it's all worth it.” In saying these things people are opening their lives. And not just to have you see a struggle. They are looking for a way out or looking for strength in the middle of their pain. They are telling you these things because they think you have an answer. And you do! After listening and offering support, why not point them to Jesus whom you know can provide the hope, life, peace and meaning for which they are looking?

I'll Pray For You

It happens a lot. People tell you about something difficult that they are going through – health concerns, job situation, family troubles, worries and fears. Like a good friend you listen and then say, “I'll pray for you.” Have you ever forgotten to pray? Why not pray right there and then. Why not take the opportunity to bring the person to Jesus whom you know is the source of all help? The prayer could be simple: “Dear Lord, (the person's name) needs Your help with (the person's concern). We ask that you be present right now with Your peace, Your strength, Your love. Amen.” Your prayer gives them a model for their own prayer. Your faith in Jesus lets them know they can trust Him too. And, don't forget to pray for them later as well.

What Did You Do Yesterday?

Jesus declared, “I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angles of God. But whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God.” (Luke 12:8-9) Has someone ever asked on Monday morning, “So, what did you do this weekend?” Is “I went to Mass yesterday and heard a great homily.” or “I spent an hour in our Adoration Chapel.” ever a part of your response? Such simple statements can be door-openers to let others say something about their faith. Or about some need in their life. How are you readily and publicly owning up to Jesus as your Saviour and Lord?

Ambassadors for Christ

Saint Paul asked the Ephesians to pray for him, *“I am an ambassador; pray that I may be bold in speaking about the Gospel as I should.”* (Ephesians 6:19-20) Ambassadors represent the homeland in a foreign country. Seeing the ambassador you should get a good idea of what the people of his/her land are like. Ambassadors live in embassies, a piece of the homeland on foreign soil. Enter the Singapore Embassy in Paris and you are no longer in France but in the Singapore.

PARISH NEWS

NIGHT FEST @ SPP - 26 Aug (7:00pm to 10:30pm). Our church will be open for visits and various pieces of liturgical art will be showcased. There will also be display boards explaining the significance of the various elements of our church building. The nights will end with Night Prayer at 9:45pm. Guided tours around the exterior of the Church will be available. There will be limited parking in the church for all three nights, so drivers are advised to park their vehicles elsewhere.

INFANT BAPTISM - 26 Aug '17 (Sat) at 2:30pm. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session to be conducted by the Priest at 2:30 pm before the baptism. Application Forms to be obtained from the Parish Office. The Forms must be submitted by 22 Aug '17 (Tues).

CONFIRMATION MASS - on the 27 Aug '17 at 11:00am. A total of 25 children, 10 from SPP and the rest from Church of the Sacred Heart, will be confirmed on that day. Do come and participate this joyful occasion.

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING - (All are welcome) 2 Sep '17 (Sat). Church of Sts. Peter and Paul (main church) 2.00pm - Praise and Worship 2.25pm to 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 SACCRE and Praise@Work

As believers in Jesus Christ, we have our citizenship in heaven. Let's represent our “homeland” in such a way that everyone will want to immigrate. Live in “moveable embassies,” being a little patch of heaven wherever you are so that by stepping into your life others may step into the peace of God's Kingdom. Will you serve as Christ's ambassador? And represent Him boldly to others?

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SPP FATIMA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS - There will be Five First Saturday Devotion Sessions until 7 Oct '17 led by various SPP Ministries: The next one is on 2 Sept '17 by Legion of Mary and 7 Oct '17 - English Prayer Group, at 4:30pm at the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (Parish Building). Do come and join in the prayers. For more information please refer to the article in Bulletin or obtain a copy of the booklet “FATIMA AND ITS MESSAGE” from the Church Office.

CONCERTS TO RAISE FUNDS - Sat 2 Sep '17 for Cenacle Sisters and Sat 9 Sep '17 for Daughters of St Paul. Time: 8 pm Venue: Church of Sts Peter & Paul (main church). Tickets are available for each night at \$30 & \$50 from Parish Office.

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 Fri, 22 Sep '17 at 7:20am and 5:30pm.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (ME) facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples. By transforming the way husband and wife communicate, the enriching experience forges greater intimacy and a closer relationship. ME benefits both young couples who want to build a strong marital foundation as well as those who have clocked many years together and strive to keep the flame burning strong. Next English weekend will be held from 1 Sep (Friday) to 3 Sep (Sunday). For registration or enquiries, call Joseph & Reenie on 9670-5390, e-mail mewkend@gmail.com or visit www.MESingapore.com.