

## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

**VERBUM DEI COMMUNITY** is organising a scripture-based day of recollection for young adults. Theme: You are willed, loved and necessary Date and Time: Sat, 4 Nov '17, 9.00am-5.30pm Venue: Verbum Dei House (4 Sommerville Road. S358228) Fee: \$50 (incl. lunch, snacks, materials) Register at <https://goo.gl/forms/HlozLm1hLZzBoL1f1> or email [verbumdeispore@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:verbumdeispore@yahoo.com.sg) or call 62740251. Deadline of registration: 28 Oct 2017

Appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund - **CHARIS** is making its annual appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund to support the Archdiocese's overseas humanitarian work and disaster response. You can also send a crossed cheque payable to "Humanitarian Aid Fund" with your name and contact information to: CHARIS, #07-02 Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954. Please contact Victoria Lim 6337-4119 or [info@charis-singapore.org](mailto:info@charis-singapore.org) for further information.

**PIETA MEMORIAL MASS FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE DIED** - Mass on Fri 10 Nov '17 at 7.00pm (venue to be advised).

The child bereavement support group PIETA is organising a Memorial Mass for children who have died (including unborn and adult children). Parents, families and friends are welcome to attend and celebrate the gift of their children who are now in heaven. If you wish to include mention of your child in this mass, please REGISTER via email with your Name, Telephone and Email details before 15 Oct '17 at [pieta.Singapore@gmail.com](mailto:pieta.Singapore@gmail.com). [www.facebook.com/pg/PietaSingapore/events](http://www.facebook.com/pg/PietaSingapore/events)

**THE GOD OF MANY CHANCES** - A prayer weekend by Sr. Linda Lizada and Team (Cenacle Sisters). Date: 10-12 Nov '17, Fri 8pm to Sun 1pm, at Monfort Spirituality Centre. Contribution: \$250 per person. For information, contact 65652895 or email [cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com](mailto:cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com)

It takes that 1 weekend to 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: 24 - 26 Nov 2017 (Fri evening to Sun evening) Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368 Enquiries: Hillary (9790 0537) or Francesca (9710 9680) Register & Info: [http://www.choice.org.sg/?page\\_id=8](http://www.choice.org.sg/?page_id=8)

<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>Intercensory 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.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at the makeshift confessional at the baptistry (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](mailto:alexdominic@gmail.com)

### Church Donations - Please make your cheque payable to:

(i) Church of Sts Peter & Paul - for contributions/donations for General Operations & Maintenance of the Church; (ii) Carmelite Fathers - for contributions/donations to the 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 A) Pg 577

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Give the Lord glory and power.**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 23 October - SAT 28 October 2017**

**MON:** ROM 4:20-25, LK 12:13-21 **TUE:** ROM 5:12, 15B, 17-19, 20B-21, LK 12:35-38

**WED:** ROM 6:12-18, LK 12:39-48 **THU:** ROM 6:19-23, LK 12:49-53 **FRI:** ROM 7:18-25A, LK 12:54-59 **SAT:** EPH 2:19-22, LK 6:12-16

Message of Pope Francis for World Mission Day 2017

### Mission at the Heart of the Christian Faith

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again this year, World Mission Day gathers us around the person of Jesus, "the very first and greatest evangelizer" (Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 7), who continually sends us forth to proclaim the Gospel of the love of God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. This Day invites us to reflect anew on the mission at the heart of the Christian faith. The Church is missionary by nature; otherwise, she would no longer be the Church of Christ, but one group among many others that soon end up serving their purpose and passing away. So it is important to ask ourselves certain questions about our Christian identity and our responsibility as believers in a world marked by confusion, disappointment and frustration, and torn by numerous fratricidal wars that unjustly target the innocent. What is the basis of our mission? What is the heart of our mission? What are the essential approaches we need to take in carrying out our mission?

### Mission and the transformative power of the Gospel of Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life

1. The Church's mission, directed to all men and women of good will, is based on the transformative power of the Gospel. The Gospel is Good News filled with contagious joy, for it contains and offers new life: the life of the Risen Christ who, by bestowing his life-giving

Spirit, becomes for us the Way, the Truth and the Life (cf. Jn 14:6). He is the Way who invites us to follow him with confidence and courage. In following Jesus as our Way, we experience Truth and receive his Life, which is fullness of communion with God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. That life sets us free from every kind of selfishness, and is a source of creativity in love.

2. God the Father desires this existential transformation of his sons and daughters, a transformation that finds expression in worship in spirit and truth (cf. Jn 4:23-24), through a life guided by the Holy Spirit in imitation of Jesus the Son to the glory of God the Father. "The glory of God is the living man" (Irenaeus, *Adversus Haereses IV*, 20, 7). The preaching of the Gospel thus becomes a vital and effective word that accomplishes what it proclaims (cf. Is 55:10-11): Jesus Christ, who constantly takes flesh in every human situation (cf. Jn 1:14).

### Mission and the kairos of Christ

3. The Church's mission, then, is not to spread a religious ideology, much less to propose a lofty ethical teaching. Many movements throughout the world inspire high ideals or ways to live a meaningful life. Through the mission of the Church, Jesus Christ himself continues to evangelize and act; her mission thus makes present in history the kairos, the favourable time of salvation. Through the proclamation of the Gospel, the risen Jesus becomes our contemporary, so that those who welcome him with faith and love can experience the

transforming power of his Spirit, who makes humanity and creation fruitful, even as the rain does with the earth. "His resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force" (Evangelii Gaudium, 276).

4. Let us never forget that "being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a Person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction" (Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, 1). The Gospel is a Person who continually offers himself and constantly invites those who receive him with humble and religious faith to share his life by an effective participation in the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection. Through Baptism, the Gospel becomes a source of new life, freed of the dominion of sin, enlightened and transformed by the Holy Spirit. Through Confirmation, it becomes a fortifying anointing that, through the same Spirit, points out new ways and strategies for witness and accompaniment. Through the Eucharist, it becomes food for new life, a "medicine of immortality" (Ignatius of Antioch, *Ad Ephesios*, 20, 2).

5. The world vitally needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through the Church, Christ continues his mission as the Good Samaritan, caring for the bleeding wounds of humanity, and as Good Shepherd, constantly seeking out those who wander along winding paths that lead nowhere. Thank God, many significant experiences continue to testify to the transformative power of the Gospel. I think of the gesture of the Dinka student who, at the cost of his own life, protected a student from the enemy Nuer tribe who was about to be killed. I think of that Eucharistic celebration in Kitgum, in northern Uganda, where, after brutal massacres by a rebel group, a missionary made the people repeat the words of Jesus on the cross: "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?" as an expression of the desperate cry of the brothers and sisters of the crucified Lord. For the people, that celebration was an immense source of consolation and courage. We can think too of countless testimonies to how the Gospel helps to overcome narrowness, conflict, racism, tribalism, and to promote everywhere, and among all, reconciliation, fraternity, and sharing.

### **Mission inspires a spirituality of constant exodus, pilgrimage, and exile**

6. The Church's mission is enlivened by a spirituality of constant exodus. We are challenged "to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the peripheries in need of the light of the Gospel" (Evangelii Gaudium, 20). The Church's mission impels us to undertake a constant pilgrimage across the various deserts of life, through the different experiences of hunger and thirst for truth and justice. The Church's mission inspires a sense of constant exile, to make us aware, in our thirst for the infinite, that we are exiles journeying towards our final home, poised between the "already" and "not yet" of the Kingdom of Heaven.

7. Mission reminds the Church that she is not an end unto herself, but a humble instrument and mediation of the Kingdom. A self-referential Church, one content with earthly success, is not the Church of Christ, his crucified and glorious Body. That is why we should prefer "a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security" (ibid., 49). Young people, the hope of mission

8. Young people are the hope of mission. The person of Jesus Christ and the Good News he proclaimed continue to attract many young people. They seek ways to put themselves with courage and enthusiasm at the service of humanity. "There are many young people who offer their solidarity in the face of the evils of the world and engage in various forms of militancy and volunteering... How beautiful it is to see that young people are 'street preachers', joyfully bringing Jesus to every street, every town square and every corner of the earth!" (ibid., 106). The next Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, to be held in 2018 on the theme Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment, represents a providential opportunity to involve young people in the shared missionary responsibility that needs their rich imagination and creativity.

### **The service of the Pontifical Mission Societies**

9. The Pontifical Mission Societies are a precious means of awakening in every Christian community a desire to reach beyond its own confines and security in order to proclaim the

Gospel to all. In them, thanks to a profound missionary spirituality, nurtured daily, and a constant commitment to raising missionary awareness and enthusiasm, young people, adults, families, priests, bishops and men and women religious work to develop a missionary heart in everyone. World Mission Day, promoted by the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, is a good opportunity for enabling the missionary heart of Christian communities to join in prayer, testimony of life and communion of goods, in responding to the vast and pressing needs of evangelization.

### **Carrying out our mission with Mary, Mother of Evangelization**

#### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **ALL SAINTS' DAY (DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

- Tues, 31 Oct, 5.30pm, Eng Anticipated Mass. Wed, 1 Nov, Masses at 7.20am, 5.30pm, 7.30pm (Mandarin)

#### **ALL SOULS' DAY - Thu, 2 Nov. Masses celebrated**

in Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed at 7.20am, 5.30pm, 7.30pm (Mandarin). There will be Blessing of the Niches in the columbarium after the 5.30pm mass and the 7.30pm mass (Mandarin). No Infant Jesus devotion.

#### **SPP MARIAN PROCESSION - 29 Oct '17, Sun,**

10.30am. To close the Centennial Celebrations of Our Lady of Fatima, there will be a bilingual Rosary Procession celebrated by Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli. Please note that there will be limited parking on that day. Selected areas will be cordoned off for procession use. For safety reasons, the car park will be closed from 10.00am to 11.00am to prevent cars from entering the compound during the procession. The car park will be opened thereafter.

#### **SPP Year End Thanksgiving Celebrations - 31 Dec '17.**

There will be a special Thanksgiving Mass at 5.30pm with renewal of marriage vows and blessings for all married couples. Couples who got married in 2007 (10yrs), 1992 (25yrs), 1977 (40yrs), 1967 (50yrs) and 1957 (60yrs) may apply for a Papal Blessing to commemorate your wedding anniversaries. Please obtain a form from the Parish Office and submit it by 22 Oct '17. Terms and conditions apply. Please note that there is NO 4.00pm Mass on this day. There will be a Parish Dinner following the Mass. Details will be provided soon.

#### **MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED -**

10. Dear brothers and sisters, in carrying out our mission, let us draw inspiration from Mary, Mother of Evangelization. Moved by the Spirit, she welcomed the Word of life in the depths of her humble faith. May the Virgin Mother help us to say our own "yes", conscious of the urgent need to make the Good News of Jesus resound in our time. May she obtain for us renewed zeal in bringing to everyone the Good News of the life that is victorious over death. May she intercede for us so that we can acquire the holy audacity needed to discover new ways to bring the gift of salvation to every man and woman.

*From the Vatican, 4 June 2017, Solemnity of Pentecost*  
**FRANCI**

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, 27 Oct '17 at 7.20am and 5.30pm.

#### **PRAYER INTENTION FOR SOULS - Our**

parish will be specially praying for souls in the month of November. Everyone is welcome to write the names of their deceased friends and/or loved ones in the book placed near the Infant Jesus shrine. Souls whose names are in the book will be prayed for at all public parish masses in the month of November.

#### **INFANT BAPTISM - The next Infant Baptism**

service will be held on Sat 25 Nov '17 at 2.30pm in the main church. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session to be conducted by the Priest at 2.30pm before the baptism. Application Forms for Infant Baptism can be obtained from the Parish Office and must be submitted by Tue, 31 Oct '17.

#### **MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

(All are welcome and no registration is needed), 4 Nov '17 (Sat). Church of Sts. Peter and Paul (main church). 2.00pm - Praise and Worship. 2.25pm to 4.00pm - Mass celebrated by Fr. Thomas Curran, followed by prayers for healing. For enquiries, please email [praiseatworksg@yahoo.com](mailto:praiseatworksg@yahoo.com) or call 9747 2467 Organised by SACCRE and Praise@Work

#### **GIFT - This being the third Sunday of the month,**

there will be a collection for the GIFT programme. The GIFT or "Giving in Faith and Thankfulness" programme seeks to support the archdiocese's 10-year pastoral plan for a more vibrant, missionary and evangelistic Church. Details of the funds needed and the GIFT programme can be found in the GIFT booklet and on the Foundation's website.