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## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

**GIFT 2017** - 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. The Catholic Foundation will have to raise \$238 million over the next seven years for the operating costs of various archdiocesan organisations involved with families, youth, evangelisation, etc, and building projects such as Bethany East and the Seminary and Formation Building. Details of the funds needed and the GIFT programme can be found in the GIFT booklet and on the Foundation’s website.

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Next English weekend will be held from 1 Dec (Fri) - 3 Dec (Sun) 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. There are still slots for the next ME Weekend from 1 Dec to 3 Dec (Eng). For registration or enquiries, call Joseph & Reenie on 9670-5390, e-mail mewkend@gmail.com or visit www.MEsingapore.org

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 for further information.

<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.

**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 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 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 590

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON** 20 November - **SAT** 25 November 2017

**MON:** 1 MC 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63, LK 18:35-43 **TUE:** 2 MC 6:18-31, LK 19:1-10

**WED:** 2 MC 7:1, 20-31, LK 19:11-28 **THU:** 1 MC 2:15-29, LK 19:41-44 **FRI:** 1 MC 4:36-37, 52-59, LK 19:45-48 **SAT:** 1 MC 6:1-13, LK 20:27-40

## Message of His Holiness Pope Francis (Part 2 of 2) First World Day of the Poor

*Let us love, not with words but with deeds.  
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5. We know how hard it is for our contemporary world to see poverty clearly for what it is. Yet in myriad ways poverty challenges us daily, in faces marked by suffering, marginalization, oppression, violence, torture and imprisonment, war, deprivation of freedom and dignity, ignorance and illiteracy, medical emergencies and shortage of work, trafficking and slavery, exile, extreme poverty and forced migration. Poverty has the face of women, men and children exploited by base interests, crushed by the machinations of power and money. What a bitter and endless list we would have to compile were we to add the poverty born of social injustice, moral degeneration, the greed of a chosen few, and generalized indifference!

Tragically, in our own time, even as ostentatious wealth accumulates in the hands of the privileged few, often in connection with illegal activities and the appalling exploitation of human dignity, there is a scandalous growth of poverty in broad sectors of society throughout our world. Faced with this scenario, we cannot

remain passive, much less resigned. There is a poverty that stifles the spirit of initiative of so many young people by keeping them from finding work. There is a poverty that dulls the sense of personal responsibility and leaves others to do the work while we go looking for favours. There is a poverty that poisons the wells of participation and allows little room for professionalism; in this way it demeans the merit of those who do work and are productive. To all these forms of poverty we must respond with a new vision of life and society.

All the poor – as Blessed Paul VI loved to say – belong to the Church by “evangelical right” (Address at the Opening of the Second Session of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, 29 September 1963), and require of us a fundamental option on their behalf. Blessed, therefore, are the open hands that embrace the poor and help them: they are hands that bring hope. Blessed are the hands that reach beyond every barrier of culture, religion and nationality, and pour the balm of consolation over the wounds of humanity. Blessed are the open hands that ask nothing in exchange, with no “ifs” or “buts” or “maybes”: they are hands that call down God’s blessing upon their brothers and sisters.

6. At the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy,

I wanted to offer the Church a World Day of the Poor, so that throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those most in need. To the World Days instituted by my Predecessors, which are already a tradition in the life of our communities, I wish to add this one, which adds to them an exquisitely evangelical fullness, that is, Jesus' preferential love for the poor.

I invite the whole Church, and men and women of good will everywhere, to turn their gaze on this day to all those who stretch out their hands and plead for our help and solidarity. They are our brothers and sisters, created and loved by the one Heavenly Father. This Day is meant, above all, to encourage believers to react against a culture of discard and waste, and to embrace the culture of encounter. At the same time, everyone, independent of religious affiliation, is invited to openness and sharing with the poor through concrete signs of solidarity and fraternity. God created the heavens and the earth for all; yet sadly some have erected barriers, walls and fences, betraying the original gift meant for all humanity, with none excluded.

7. It is my wish that, in the week preceding the World Day of the Poor, which falls this year on 19 November, the Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time, Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance. They can invite the poor and volunteers to take part together in the Eucharist on this Sunday, in such a way that there be an even more authentic celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, on the following Sunday. The kingship of Christ is most evident on Golgotha, when the Innocent One, nailed to the cross, poor, naked and stripped of everything, incarnates and reveals the fullness of God's love. Jesus' complete abandonment to the Father expresses his utter poverty and reveals the power of the

Love that awakens him to new life on the day of the Resurrection.

This Sunday, if there are poor people where we live who seek protection and assistance, let us draw close to them: it will be a favourable moment to encounter the God we seek. Following the teaching of Scripture (cf. Gen 18:3-5; Heb 13:2), let us welcome them as honoured guests at our table; they can be teachers who help us live the faith more consistently. With their trust and readiness to receive help, they show us in a quiet and often joyful way, how essential it is to live simply and to abandon ourselves to God's providence.

8. At the heart of all the many concrete initiatives carried out on this day should always be prayer. Let us not forget that the Our Father is the prayer of the poor. Our asking for bread expresses our entrustment to God for our basic needs in life. Everything that Jesus taught us in this prayer expresses and brings together the cry of all who suffer from life's uncertainties and the lack of what they need. When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, he answered in the words with which the poor speak to our one Father, in whom all acknowledge themselves as brothers and sisters. The Our Father is a prayer said in the plural: the bread for which we ask is "ours", and that entails sharing, participation and joint responsibility. In this prayer, all of us recognize our need to overcome every form of selfishness, in order to enter into the joy of mutual acceptance.

9. I ask my brother Bishops, and all priests and deacons who by their vocation have the mission of supporting the poor, together with all consecrated persons and all associations, movements and volunteers everywhere, to help make this World Day of the Poor a tradition that concretely contributes to evangelization in today's world.

This new World Day, therefore, should become a powerful appeal to our

consciences as believers, allowing us to grow in the conviction that sharing with the poor enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel. The poor are not a problem: they are a resource from which to

Source: [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/papa-francesco\\_20170613\\_messaggio-i-giornatamondiale-poveri-2017.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/papa-francesco_20170613_messaggio-i-giornatamondiale-poveri-2017.html)

## PARISH NEWS

### CITY DISTRICT ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES (8.00 pm):

11 Dec (Mon) Church of Our Lady of Lourdes  
12 Dec (Tue) Church of St Teresa  
13 Dec (Wed) Church of St Bernadette  
14 Dec (Thu) Church of Sts Peter & Paul  
15 Dec (Fri) Church of the Sacred Heart  
18 Dec (Mon) Novena Church  
19 Dec (Tue) Church of St Michael

**CAMP FEARLESS** Looking for God in a refreshing way? Or just want to know a few more familiar faces in church? Come join the SPP youth in a 3D2N stay-in camp centred around God with fun and games. Date: 12-14 Dec '17 (Tue-Thu). Venue: Church of SPP. Cost: \$15. Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/sppcampfearless2017> or contact Tricia 98233922 for more details.

### MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

(All are welcome and no registration is needed)  
2 Dec '17 (Saturday) 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**

### SPP YEAR-END THANKSGIVING CELEBRATIONS

- Date: 31 Dec '17, (Sun **A**) *Special Thanksgiving Mass* at 5.30pm with renewal of marriage vows and blessings for all married couples. Please note that there is NO 4pm Mass on this day. **B**) *A Kampong Nite @ SPP*, 7.30pm, SPP Compound. Join in our Parish Dinner after the Thanksgiving Mass at 7.30pm. Lots of fun and laughter awaits with programmes throughout the evening till we welcome 2018 together! Cost: \$300 per table. Sale of tickets will start on 4 November '17 at the Church Office! Come with your family and celebrate as a Parish family!

draw as we strive to accept and practise in our lives the essence of the Gospel.

*From the Vatican, 13 June 2017  
Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua*

**CARMELITE MYSTICS** - Study on "The Interior Castle" by St Teresa of Avila. We are a group who meets monthly (every 2nd Sat) to share on Carmelite Spirituality/Writings. The session consists of a sharing on the writings which we read, followed by prayer at the Adoration room and fellowship/tea after the session. You are invited to join us for sessions on "The Interior Castle" starting Saturday 11 November 2017 onwards from 2.00pm to 4.00pm Room 8, 2nd level of Parish Building. Contact us at [carmelitemystics@gmail.com](mailto:carmelitemystics@gmail.com) to let us know or for any clarification.

### CATECHISM CLASS REGISTRATION

- 2018 Level 1 (Pri 1) Catechism Class is open for registration. Please obtain a registration form from Parish Office for more details.

### INFANT BAPTISM

- The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Sat, 23 Dec '17 at 2.30 pm in the main church. 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 can be obtained from the Parish Office and must be submitted by Thurs, 30 Nov '17.

### 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.

### CATHOLIC LAWYERS GUILD ("CLG") PRO BONO MEDIATION

- You can resolve your disputes without going to Court. An accredited Mediator can assist disputants to enter into a legally enforceable Settlement Agreement which provides a win-win situation for both sides. The service is free, for eligible applicants. Please email the CLG at [admin@clgsingapore.com](mailto:admin@clgsingapore.com).