

**TRUTH (ACT)** would like to publicise the forthcoming talks in May '18 in your parish bulletin and request your assistance to print and post the attached poster on your notice board(s) for the benefit of your parishioners: **(1)** Exorcism, Deliverance & Demons, Fr James Yeo, 5 May '18 **(2)** Explaining Purgatory, Statues, etc, Kelvin Chia, 12 May '18 **(3)** The Truth behind the Crusades, the Inquisition & Galileo, Nick Chui, 19 May '18 **(4)** The Holy Face of Jesus Christ, Andrew Kong, 26 May '18. Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Venue: Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, 02-01, S 187954 **(Except Talk 1 (Exorcism ...)) which will at Good Shepherd Place, 9 Lor 8 Toa Payoh, S319253.** FREE, All are Welcome. Details and Registration at [www.catholic.sg/act](http://www.catholic.sg/act) SMS 96493893 for enquiries (Andrew)

**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.

**LABOURERS IN THE VINEYARD RETREAT - 25 - 29 May '18**, at Majodi Retreat Centre, Johor, Malaysia. Cost: S\$200.00 (Includes Accommodation, Meals, Transport). Organised by Office for the New Evangelisation. This is a 5 days 4 nights stay-in retreat open to Catholics above the age of 21. Come away and allow yourselves to be encountered by the Lord! Programme includes daily Eucharistic celebration, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, talks, praise & worship, and spiritual counselling.



**READINGS:** Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 674

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** You, Lord are my praise in their great assembly.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 30 April - SAT 5 May 2018

**MON:** ACTS 14:5-18, JN 14:21-26 **TUE:** ACTS 14:19-28, JN 14:27-31A **WED:** ACTS 15:1-6, JN 15:1-8 **THU:** 1 COR 15:1-8, JN 14:6-14 **FRI:** ACTS 15:22-31, JN 15:12-17 **SAT:** ACTS 16:1-10, JN 15:18-21

“I am the vine. You are the branches.” On the Fifth Sunday of Easter we have the wonderful reading from John’s gospel about Jesus as the vine. We are the branches that are pruned to bear more fruit. The powerful invitation is to remain connected with Jesus, that we might make our home in him, and bear much fruit.

Thursday is the Feast of St. Philip and St. James, Apostles, with its own special readings.

In the continuing weekday readings from the Acts of the Apostles, we see Paul and Barnabas preaching to the Gentiles. They encounter some who want to make them gods; others who want to stone them. A major discussion is held about whether a Gentile had to become a Jew before becoming a Christian. Peter declared that God granted Gentiles “the Holy Spirit just as he did us” and urged them not to burden Gentiles with the difficult Jewish laws. The group turned to the Holy Spirit and prayed for guidance and decided that Gentiles did not have to adhere to Jewish laws. Paul followed the Spirit to expand his travels, ending with his decision to go to Macedonia.

John’s Gospel continues the “Last Discourse” of Jesus, taking chapters 14 and 15 of the Fourth Gospel during the weekdays. These gospels offer a layered and poetic look at the kind of inseparable love we share with God. “Whoever loves me will be loved by my

Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” He promises the Holy Spirit who “will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” He offers us peace and encourages us “not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.” He tells his followers, “It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.” Saturday, Jesus reminds us that if the world didn’t like his announcing and living of this good news, then it won’t like our announcing and living it either.

On the Sixth Sunday of Easter, we hear the powerful words that Jesus uses to send us on our mission: “This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.

### Daily Prayer This Week

We can hold the words of Jesus in our hearts all week. As we do, we will discover their attractiveness and invitation. We will also encounter resistance in ourselves and in others.

It takes practice to stay focused in the background of our daily life. We all have years of habit to overcome. However, we can practice letting this consoling message of Jesus find a

<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 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 on-going maintenance of our Church or parish projects 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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## Our Hope for Everlasting Life

At Easter time we are prepared to address some of the imaginative questions which usually only come to us at funerals.

What is the gift of everlasting life? How can we imagine it?

We only have a few images from Jesus about heaven. He tells us it is like a wedding banquet. He says that he goes to prepare a place for us - a place in his Father's house, which has many rooms.

One of the nicest things about going out of town for a wedding, or going on vacation and staying with friends or family, is to hear them say that they have a room ready for us. And, part of the fun is to look forward to the visit and the hospitality they prepared for us. Sometimes, it is wonderful to find a flower in a simple vase. Sometimes, there are special "guest towels" and a new bar of soap, and if the weather is cold, there is an extra blanket. When we see our room, we are likely to thank our host and to say, "You thought of everything. I feel so at home here."

Of course, at family and friends' weddings, there is great anticipation at seeing our loved ones and friends whom we hadn't seen in a while. It's the best part of the party. The bonds and connections that are renewed fill us with such joy. Often we have a sense that "We just picked up right where we left off." We discover how the relationships are still there. And, at the best weddings, we have such great fun telling stories and laughing and dancing. We can look across the room and the difficulties, anxieties and the troubles of our everyday life seem very far away.

Whatever we might imagine the Easter promise of eternal life, it seems that we can use images like these, of true human

place in our conscious awareness at various points in our day, whether it is in the shower, while getting dressed, or simply whenever we are on our way from one place to another. Sometimes it will take a conscious effort to let these thoughts replace the thoughts that are there already. In the background of our day is where our worries reside. It's where we carry anxiety and stress. Sometimes it is where we carry on imaginary conversations with others or "replay" past conversations. Often a song or piece of music just replays over and over.

This is a great week to get in touch with our deepening desires and to let my conversations with Jesus grow in friendship. The easiest way to do this is to simply say simple ordinary things -- the very way I would say them to a close friend. Some examples might offer words that will inspire our own conversation with the Lord who loves us.

*"Jesus, every time I hear you say I don't have to let my heart be troubled, I pause. I sense you are pointing to the 'troubles' I'm working through today. You're asking me to let go of them, aren't you? I'd like to, Jesus, but some of this is big stuff. It scares me. I know some of what I need to do, but I put it off. I know what I'm avoiding. It helps to focus on your love for me this week. I guess what I really need to ask you for today is that you let me trust you more completely. It is really nice these days to feel that you are so close to me, and that I'm not alone today."*

*"I haven't been very connected to you, Jesus. This conversation is difficult because it reminds me the embarrassing stuff I keep doing - even though right now, I'm ashamed to talk about it in your presence. Please forgive me. Some of this I want to bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that I can be re-connected with you again. I need a 'turning point,' Jesus. Thank you for being there."*

*"Good night, Jesus. Thank you for today. Let me put everything aside tonight. I know you will be with me all day tomorrow."*

hospitality and joy, raised to the level of divine life. Because we can't know now what divine life is like, and we can't even get close to imagining a "place" or a "time" without space and time - in eternity - we use human images to comfort ourselves and to help us anticipate what is "more than we can ask or imagine." (Ephesians 3:20)

If the purpose of the funeral rites is to help us enter into a new relationship with those we have lost, then part of the purpose of the Easter season is to help us anticipate, even to long for, the realization of the promise

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## PARISH NEWS

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD** (Day of Obligation) Anticipated Mass - 9 May (Wed), 5.30pm. 10 May (Thu), 7.20am, 12.15pm (Mandarin), 6.00pm. Infant Jesus devotion at 5.30pm.

**INFANT BAPTISM** - The next Infant Baptism service will be held on 10 Jun '18 (Sun) at 11.00am within Mass. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session on Saturday, 9 Jun '18 at 3.30pm. Application Forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and must be submitted by Friday, 11 May '18.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS** - Registration is now open! Important dates. Date: 18 Aug '18 (Sat) at 5.30pm. Classes: 27/7 (Fri), 10/8 (Fri), 17/8 (Fri) 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. Please note that the following supporting documents are required upon registration: Baptism Certificate, First Holy Communion Certificate and Godparent's Confirmation Certificate

The 5 May Mass with Prayers for Healing is **CANCELLED**. The next one will be on 2 Jun '18 (Sat). We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. For

of eternal life. We can reflect on all our efforts to get closer to our Lord in this life, but it is wonderful to imagine complete communion with Jesus. We can remember the best of times which we had with friends and loved ones, but it is a deep and powerful experience to let ourselves anticipate the joys of a renewal of the bonds and affection - without the barriers of divisions, worries, sin or death.

This week, let us give ourselves to the real joy of the promise, and to imagining its fulfillment, forever.

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## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

**CENACLE WOMEN'S CIRCLE** invites you to UNFOLDING THE ROSE "...The desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose." (Isaiah 35:1) Women gathering to create a safe space for inner reflection and conversation, nurturing and encouraging each other in their spiritual journey. By Cenacle Sisters and team. Conversations over 4 weeks - Thurs: May 10, 17, 24 & 31, Time: 9.00am - Noon. Venue: LaSalle Retreat House (at premises of St Patrick's School, East Coast Road) Registration: [cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com](mailto:cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com) or call Mary Rose 85228428 -Love Offering

**'REVIEW OF LIFE WORKSHOP'** by Caritas Singapore Formation Committee. Do you want to learn how to see clearly with eyes of faith, start living the Gospel in your daily lives and grow in faith? Come learn The Review of Life (ROL) Method as a way of formation and a tool for helping you integrate faith and life using the three steps - "See, Reflect, Act" to analyze, reflect and act on an actual life situations. This workshop will be held on (Tue)15 & (Wed)16 May 2018 (Sat); 7.30pm - 9.30pm; in Agape Village (7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh).

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