

limited, you are encouraged to secure your place early by emailing [theology.sg@gmail.com](mailto:theology.sg@gmail.com). You can call Nick at 97843682 for inquiries

**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. Appeal flyers and envelopes are available in the parish. Alternatively, you can send a crossed cheque payable to "CHARIS HAF" with your name and contact information to: CHARIS, #07-02 Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954. Please contact us at 6337 4119 or [info@charis-singapore.org](mailto:info@charis-singapore.org) for further information.

**'LIVE THE GOSPEL IN THE WORLD'.** This is a 2-part Formation Series facilitated by Fr David Garcia, OP. This retreat and the follow up sessions bring participants on a journey of discovery of how we are called to live our faith more intentionally in our daily lives. **Part 1: Weekend Retreat** Dates: 27 - 28 Oct '18. Venue: San Damiano Spirituality Centre, 5 Bukit Batok East Ave 2. **Part 2: 3 Evening Sessions.** Dates: 9, 16 & 23 Nov '18. Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Venue: Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh.

For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: [www.caritas-singapore.org](http://www.caritas-singapore.org) or email to [formation@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:formation@caritas-singapore.org).

**THE COR NOVUM CHOIR** is back to raise funds for Caritas Singapore under the auspices of Holy Family Church. Join us for Lux Nova: New Light, for a night of sacred music and contemporary favourites. At \$15 a ticket, 100% of proceeds will benefit Caritas Singapore. Lux Nova: New Light. 21 Oct '18 (Sun), 8:00pm. Church of the Holy Family. For tickets, please make your donation at <https://www.giving.sg/campaigns/luxnova> and drop us an email at [cornovum8@gmail.com](mailto:cornovum8@gmail.com) to confirm your donation and number of tickets needed. E-tickets will be provided via Whatsapp or Email. Clergy and Religious Orders enter for free.

**FAMILY MISSION TRIP - 1-7 Dec '18.** Always wanted to have a meaningful holiday with your family? Join the Verbum Dei Missionaries on a family mission trip to Tagaytay, Philippines, specially designed for families with children aged 7 years and above. For details, please contact Diana Ho @ 9689 0919.

<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.

**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 **Parish Secretariat:** Jannie Lui, Teresa Wong Sok Mun, **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 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.

Church of Saints Peter & Paul: 225-A Queen Street, Singapore 188551  
Tel: +65 6337 2585 Fax: +65 6334 5414 email: [sts\\_peterpaul@singnet.com.sg](mailto:sts_peterpaul@singnet.com.sg) [www.spchurch.org.sg](http://www.spchurch.org.sg)



**READINGS:** Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 781

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 17 September - SAT 22 September 2018

**MON:** 1 COR 11:17-26, 33, LK 7:1-10 **TUE:** 1 COR 12:12-14, 27-31A, LK 7:11-17 **WED:** 1 COR 12:31-13:13, LK 7:31-35 **THU:** 1 COR 15:1-11, LK 7:36-50 **FRI:** EPH 4:1-7, 11-13, MT 9:9-13 **SAT:** 1 COR 15:35-37, 42-49, LK 8:4-15

On the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear in Mark's Gospel as Jesus tell his disciples about his passion, death and resurrection to come in Jerusalem. Peter tries to prevent him from going there. Jesus rebukes him and tells the disciples and us that to be a disciple is to follow him, not trying to save one's life, but by dying to ourselves and losing ourselves for his sake and that of the Gospel. That is the only path to real life.

Thursday is the Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Taegön, priest and martyr and Saint Paul Chông Hasang, martyr, and their companions, martyrs. Friday is the Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and evangelist, with its own special readings.

In our first reading, Paul's wonderful First Letter to the Corinthians continues to feed us with powerful messages about good community behavior, the Eucharist and the mystery of the Resurrection.

We experience more of the beauty of Luke's Gospel this week. Jesus heals the slave of a Roman officer, praising the officer's faith. He encounters a widow whose only son had died. "He was moved with pity" and raises the son from the dead. Jesus tells the people how inconsistent their responses are. At a dinner, Jesus encounters a weeping, sinful woman who washes his feet with her tears. "So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence,

she has shown great love." We hear that Jesus is accompanied by a group of women "who provided for them out of their resources." Jesus tells the parable of the sower and breaks it open for a large crowd of listeners.

On the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear Jesus tell his disciples about his passion, death and resurrection a second time. It is clear to him that they didn't understand the first time. He knew that, along the way, they had been arguing about who was the greatest. He gathers the Apostles and says to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

### Daily Prayer This Week

This is a good week to imagine how much we are like Jesus' disciples. We clearly want to be his follower, and we do follow him. The humbling reality is that we are inconsistent. At the very time that Jesus is telling us that he wants us to find ourselves by losing ourselves, we are too often being competitive and trying to be on top somehow. Fortunately, he keeps telling us about the real meaning of discipleship. Paul lays it all out in this week's first readings. The parable of the sower is quite helpful this week. How healthy and rich is the soil of our own souls? Can we feel the longing we have to make our hearts more receptive to the message of Jesus?

Each morning, as soon as we can after

waking up, perhaps associated with some automatic behaviour like putting on slippers or a robe or getting a cup of coffee, we begin the day in the presence of our Lord. We can get into the habit of greeting our Lord, “Good morning, Lord. Thank you for this day.” Even if we didn’t have a good night’s sleep and we are waking up fairly tired, this habit can part of our routine. Naming our desire for the day can become the way we begin our day with the Lord. Repeating it, with more details, as we encounter the people and responsibilities of our day, will deepen our relationship with the Lord. Brief “prayers” (which are really just conversations) sustain the connection all day.

In one circumstance this week, I might say, *“Lord, here I am being that very hard ground. Please get through to me in the part of me that is still ‘receptive soil.’”* Another day, I might catch myself trying to make myself look good and I can say, “Dear Jesus, your reminder helps me right here. Let me be a servant in this situation, with these people - forgiving, listening, compassion and freer.” Sometime this week we might encounter someone who needs us to be like Jesus - healing something that is broken, or even deadly and we can say, *“Lord, let me do your will, imitate your faith in God here. Thank you for being with me.”*

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.

## Reflection - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 14 September

As the Church approaches the midpoint of September, and plunges into the final weeks of Ordinary Time, it inserts a Feast that emerged in the Medieval Church as a kind of autumnal Easter. When it began the Church was largely still located in the Northern Hemisphere of the planet, so the end of summer, harvest time, and the dying of the light began to be noticeable (near the autumn equinox). In this late summer agrarian season, the Church meditated on the approaching darkness and posed the faith statement that by his death on the Cross, Christ, the light, overcame the

darkness. The Cross, then, became a symbol of victory of life over death and grace over sin. The Cross stands as the doorway through the darkness to the fullness of light.

With the Scripture texts assigned the feast proclaims that the mystery of the defeat of death is by submission to its power in confidence that God’s greater power will defeat the very finality of death itself – because God’s power simply destroys sin. It is the mystery that we consider when we think of the power of love to overcome hatred, of hope to overcome despair.

The first reading from Numbers tells of one of the times when the people were being formed by the long sojourn in the desert after leaving the slavery of Egypt. The people are “bitten” by a longing for the security of slavery the reality familiar to them. It is like one who has been ill for a time not really wanting to fully recover because she has learned to live with illness. Dealing with health would mean changing his habits. I recall learning that one of the hardest things a recovering alcoholic has to contend with are spouses or children who have become accustomed to dealing with the addictive behavior, and don’t know how to respond to sobriety in their partner or parent, they unconsciously support the old addictive patterns.

Thus, the Israelites were “bitten” by the serpents of fear, laziness, willful refusal to mature; until faced with the natural outcome of death by such a lifetime of escapism, they pleaded with Moses and God to help them. God instructs Moses to place their sins (in the form of a serpent) on a pole and “lift it up in front of them.” To enable them to see what is destroying them.

Similarly, Jesus, “who did not know sin” chose to take on the sin of all humans (to even “become sin itself”) and is lifted up in front of us so that we can see the truth of sin in our own lives and in the world. The sins of violence we contribute to by taking more than our share of the earth’s goods, of demeaning other humans for any reason whatsoever,

of despair and infidelity, until finally, sin is placed, with all the horror of unintended or intended consequences, in front of our consciousness and we see the Truth.

It is no accident that St. Ignatius insists that one cannot engage the Spiritual Exercises that free us to really follow Christ, until we see something of the truth of our sin. This is hardly a popular topic, and on a lovely September day with all of nature stretching toward its winter death, it may be the last thing we want to face. But IF we desire life, IF we desire the poisoned bite of the serpent to be healed, THEN we must take on the pattern of Christ, “Who though he was in the form of God did not deem equality with God

## PARISH NEWS

**THE FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY**, 30 Dec ‘18, during the 11.00am mass, there will be the renewal of matrimonial commitment and a blessing by Fr Edward Lim. The papal blessings will be conferred for couples celebrating 10, 25, 40, 50 & 60 years of marriage. Please obtain a form from the secretary office. **Deadline is 14 October 2018.**

**PLEASE NOTE** that the Adoration Room will be closed from 01 October 2018 to prepare for the Parish Building renovations.

## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the **GIFT** (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign. GIRO forms, cheques or cash can be sealed into GIFT envelopes and dropped into the collection bags that will go around. Spare GIFT envelopes are available in the church pews, and at the parish office. Please give generously for the vision of the archdiocese. More info is available at [gift.catholicfoundation.sg](http://gift.catholicfoundation.sg).

**CANA FILM FESTIVAL.** Cana invites you to the premiere of “**POPE FRANCIS: A MAN OF HIS WORD**” - a personal journey with Pope Francis put in a film released in May 2018 by Academy Award nominee Wim Wenders in collaboration with the Vatican - a rare production indeed! Thursday 13 September 2018 at 7.00pm or Saturday 22 September 2018 at 3.00pm. Venue: Golden Village, Vivocity. Tickets@ \$15 available at

something to be stolen.”

The Exaltation of the Cross invites us to desire God’s Will above our own. It challenges us to become what we most desire but cannot accomplish for ourselves – to be utterly free to love and to be loved perfectly. Only in God is such a gift possible. We were made for this, we long for it, but we allow ourselves to be satisfied with life with a snake in our bosom . . . the enemy of our flourishing who will engage any lie that we will listen to in order to prevent us from knowing the love of God perfectly revealed in Jesus’ death on a cross that forms the doorway between life and death.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/091418.html>

Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, 2nd Floor, Tel. 63384080 or email [canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com](mailto:canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com)

This year’s job fair will take place at Agape Village, we seek your kind help to publish the information into your parish bulletins. There will be jobs in various vicinity. As this is a wholesome event, applicants can look to attending workshops like Ace that Interview and SkillsFuture Advice. There’ll even be roving career counsellors and HR personnel to do mock Interviews. Do note that registration has gone live online, a pre-registration will facilitate faster service. They may call 6474 0606 to register or go online to <https://evente2i.com.sg/web/Agape> (2018). Do note that phone lines will open from 9am-6pm (Mon-Fri) 9.00am-1.00pm (Sat) Online registration will close on 24 Sep at 12.00pm. Rest assured those without internet access will still be able to register when they walk in that day.

**CAN WE DO EVIL TO ACHIEVE GOOD?** After Vatican ii, certain Catholic theologians have proposed that in certain circumstances, it is permissible to do evil because “moral heroism is not for the average Christian”. Understand the response of John Paul ii in his landmark encyclical “the splendor of truth. Date: 18 Sep’ 18. Time: 7.30pm-9.00pm. Venue: CANA the Catholic Centre. About the speaker: Nick Chui is president of the Catholic Theology Network. He has a masters in theological studies and an undergraduate degree in history. He is currently teaching in a Catholic secondary school and has over a decade of experience in catechetics and adult faith formation. As seating may be