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WATCHMEN RETREAT '18 - A 4 days 3 nights stay-in retreat open to Catholics above the age of 21. The Watchmen Retreat is about being on watch until the Lord returns, and being alert to the dangers to your spiritual life. When: 09 - 12 Aug '18. Where: Majodi Retreat Centre, Johor, Malaysia. Costs: S\$160 (Includes Transport, Accommodation, Meals) Retreat Master: Rev Fr Terence Pereira. Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation. For more information and to register: www.one.org.sg/events

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.

PERSONAL MORAL COMPASS COURSE 2018 - Module 4: Ethics of Love, Sex and Marriage (7 sessions, starts on 12 Jul '18) by Rev Fr David Garcia, OP. The Personal Moral Compass Course is for all Catholics and all people of goodwill interested in formation in the foundations of Ethics and Moral Theology. It is a one-year-long systematic course in Moral Theology consisting of 6 individual modules. This course is organized under Caritas Singapore. This workshop will be held weekly on Thursdays, 7.30pm - 9.30pm, in Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh. For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore.org or email to formation@caritas-singapore.org

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.
Columbarium Opening Hours	: 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, 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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READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 737

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 18 June - SAT 23 June 2018

MON: 1 KGS 21:1-16, MT 5:38-42 **TUE:** 1 KGS 21:17-29, MT 5:43-48 **WED:** 2 KGS 2:1, 6-14, MT 6:1-6, 16-18 **THU:** SIR 48:1-14, MT 6:7-15 **FRI:** 2 KGS 11:1-4, 9-18, 20, MT 6:19-23 **SAT:** 2 CHR 24:17-25, MT 6:24-34

Daily Prayer This Week

Most of us know that having faith is more about confidence and trust in the Lord than it is about theological understanding or assent to truths. The biggest barrier to our more complete following of our Lord in faith is fear. This is a wonderful week to ask our Lord to heal us so that we cannot be afraid and just have faith in him as we place our faith in his calming presence.

We can begin each day, sitting or standing at the edge of our bed and, in 30 seconds, simply name our desire. "Lord, thank you for this day. Please heal my fears. I want to place my trust in you more completely. Be with me in the tough stuff today." When we are in the shower or while getting dressed, as we are heading to work or doing laundry, when we are walking down a hall to a meeting or even at a store shopping, we can expand on our prayer - again, briefly and in a friend to friend conversation with our Lord. "Dear Lord, I'm going to be facing several things today that feel like storms at sea. Don't let me lose sight of your presence with me today. Give me courage and an inner peace to do what you call me to do."

The phrases from Matthew's Gospel can work their way into our week so easily in this context. "Lord, let me know your love and mercy, that I might treat those I'm now judging with more of the love and mercy you show me." "Lord, it feels like you are inviting me to take a narrower path today than the one I usually take, following the

way everyone around me goes. Help me choose your way with greater freedom and peace."

There is a real and sustaining joy that accompanies this sense of intimacy with our Lord, in the midst of our daily, busy lives. It seems right to take a few moments each night to express our thanks to the Lord for the gifts of the day.

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

It's spring where I live. Actually it feels like summer. We sort of went right from winter to summer with no spring in between. I live in the forest and it seems like one day my back yard was bare trees and the next it was a jungle, with no spring in between. I was out yesterday with some garden nippers cutting any branch I could reach to make a path through the yard. I can't see the back of the yard. I feel like the guy in the gospel who sows a seed and the next morning has a big plant. I didn't even technically sow the seeds but I sure have the big plants. The miracle that is my backyard is sort of overwhelming for me right now, but it's still a miracle.

God created the world and all the plants. He takes the branch from the Cedar and creates the new tree. Planting a seed makes a new plant whether we do anything else with it or not. My back yard grows from seeds that fall from the trees already there. There are also squirrels that plant seeds and those can grow into new trees.

Information is correct at time of publication.

I go to sleep one night and wake up the next morning in a jungle. Of its own accord, the land yields fruit.

If I were singing Mass today I would sing Dan Schutte's lovely song "Like Cedars They Shall Stand." It's taken from today's Psalm. How good it is to thank and honour God. And the just people are like cedar trees, upright and fruitful, and rooted in God. The kingdom of God is like the flora. The small seed grows into the large plant. It only takes a speck to grow into something vast. The mustard seed is tiny, but the plant is like a tree. It starts small then blossoms and grows into something amazing, all the people like a forest loving and praising God.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/061718.html>

Prayers for Fathers and Husbands

In gratitude for my Father

Dear God, the Father of us all, I thank you for my father. Along with my mother, through the marvel of your creation, my father gave me the gift of life itself. He was such a good teacher and mentor, such a wonderful example of how to live a life of faith. Please take care of him now and be generous with him as you prepare him for the rewards of eternal life you have prepared for him.

For a Father who has died

Father of Life, I thank you for my father. He was such a blessing to me while he was still with us. I still miss him so much. I thank you for what he left me as gifts of love and faith. I pray that he has enjoyed your embrace and that the relationship he and I have now might someday be renewed with you in heaven. Until then, I entrust him to your love and ask you to let him look out for me and to assist me to stay on the path to you.

For a Father who is carrying lots of burdens

Most loving, God and Father, I turn to you today to thank you for my father and to ask you to be with him.

He is such a wonderful man and I love him with all my heart. Thank you for the gift he has been in my life.

Right now, he is struggling so much and has so many burdens to carry. I simply ask that you protect him from the pressures he's facing. If it is possible, relieve some of those pressures so that he can live with more peace and with so much less stress. Above all, I ask you to give him courage and hope. Let him keep it all in perspective and not lose his priorities. Let him have some fun and help him to stay close to those who love him and want to support him in all of this. Strengthen his faith in you so that he can be a living example of service, dedication, commitment and love to all the people with whom and for whom he works.

In gratitude for my Husband

Dear God, I thank you for my husband. I thank you for letting this man come into and complete my life. I delight in making him happy and caring for him. I am so grateful for how he loves me and cares for me. You know that there are days that we get on each other's nerves, but today, I'm so grateful that this man completes my life and that you have given him to me to love and cherish all the days of my life.

For a loving husband

Lord, you know my husband and you have blessed him. I thank you for his gifts and for his love for me and for our children. I love him so much. And, I worry about him so much. Keep him in your care and help us to stay close. Help us face the difficulties we must face together. Help us live a long life together, if that is your will. I ask you this, in Jesus' name.

For a husband who is difficult to live with

Oh, Lord, I am weary. Just weary. And, fairly angry, too. There are days I simply have no hope, and some days I have no desire at all to continue in this marriage. So, I turn to you and beg your help. First of all, I beg you to help me. Don't let me give up. I am the only one I can change, so please help me change me. Protect my spirit. Take away my anger. It's just cancer on my spirit. Give me courage and enough love to try again. Help me try to heal what is broken in my husband. Help me to love him so he isn't so insecure and afraid. When he barks, let me only hear his inner fears protecting himself. Now I pray for him,

Lord. Please love him and do what you can to heal him. Allow this struggle he's in to open his heart to being loved, to being softened. Protect him from sin, from the temptations of

PARISH NEWS

SPP FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS 2018 - FEAST DAY TRIDUUM: *The Cost of Discipleship*. Day 1: 28 Jun '18 (Thu), 7.00pm. **CHASTITY – “One Heart For One Lord”** Celebrant: Rev Fr. Francis Vijayan, CSsR. **Day 2:** 29 Jun '18 (Fri), 7.00pm **POVERTY – “Giving All For The Lord And His Kingdom”**. Celebrant: Rev Fr. John-Paul Tan, OFM, JCL. **Day 3:** 30 Jun '18 (Sat), 5.30pm. **OBEDIENCE – “Thy Will Be Done”**. Celebrant: Rev Fr. Gregory Tan, SJ. **FEAST DAY MASS - 1 Jul '18 (Sun)**, 11.00am. Celebrant: Archbishop William Goh, D.D., S.T.L.

INFANT JESUS DEVOTION - 28 Jun '18 (Thu), Time: 6.30pm (**NOT 5.30pm**)

SPP FEAST DAY CARNIVAL - Date: 1 Jul '18 (Sun). Time: 10.00am-6.00pm. Venue: Church of SPP. Join us for a free buffet lunch after the 11.00am mass and performances by our very own SPP talents. Explore our food stalls, flea market and free game stalls throughout the day. Highlights include a dunking machine where you can vote for your favourite targets! Also, we are calling all superheroes! Sign up for The SPP Superhero Battle to reveal your super powers. Refer to the carnival flyer for more details.

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Next 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 Friday, 22 Jun '18 at 7.20am and 5.30pm.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

– Date: 18 Aug '18 (Sat) at 5.30pm. Classes on Fridays: 27 Jul '18, 10 Aug '18, 17 Aug '18 at 7.30pm. Rehearsal: 12 Aug '18 (Sun) at 12:30pm. **Attendance for all sessions is compulsory.** Registration forms

the Evil One. Let him know and respond to the love I will, with your grace, show him. I ask you this, trusting you can still bless this marriage gave to us.

may be obtained from the Parish Office. Closing date: 1 Jul '18. Please note that the following supporting documents are required upon registration: Baptism Certificate, First Holy Communion Certificate and Godparent's Confirmation Certificate.

RCIA (CANTONESE) 2018/19

– commences on Fri, 6 Jul '18, every Friday from 7.45pm to 9.30pm at Meeting Room 8 (Level 2, Parish Building). For further enquiries, please contact 63372585 (Parish Office) / 96717083 (David).

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

RETURNED! A night of heartfelt homecoming stories with Landings. 6 July '18, 7.30pm - 9.30pm at CANA, The Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954. RSVP via internet: bit.ly/Returned-Landings. Facebook: Landings - Singapore. Email: returning@landings.org.sg

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.

HEART OF WORSHIP - Musical Eve,

Date: 1 Jul '18. Jesus Youth ("An International Catholic lay movement approved by the Holy See") gladly announces 'Heart of Worship' - a unique way of experiencing God through music that brings love and joy to your heart. The musical event starts at 6.30pm and extends until 9.00pm. on 7 July '18 at Agape Village, Toa Payoh. Register for free @ www.singapore.jesuyouth.org