

I WISH YOU ENOUGH – A movement by Crossings Café in collaboration with the South Central Community Family Service Centre which promotes neighbours sharing with neighbours, especially with those who do not have enough, so that Everyone Has Enough. From 16 Oct to 3 Nov '17, support the movement by buying an extra meal(s) at Crossings Café for someone who cannot afford it. Approach the staff for more information or Tel: 63366203 or email manager@crossingscafe.com.sg

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.

PIETA MEMORIAL MASS FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE DIED – Mass on Fri 10 Nov '17 at 7pm (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. 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

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 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. Closed on Public Holidays.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at confessional (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 Pg 574

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 16 October - SAT 21 October 2017

MON: ROM 1:1-7, LK 11:29-32 **TUE:** ROM 1:16-25, LK 11:37-41

WED: 2 TM 4:10-17, LK 10:1-9 **THU:** ROM 3:21-30, LK 11:47-54

FRI: ROM 4:1-8, LK 12:1-7 **SAT:** ROM 4:13, 16-18, LK 12:8-12

In the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear the story from Matthew about the King who gave a banquet for his son and invited many guests. It is a powerful story about rejecting Jesus' own invitation and about God's universal invitation to a new group of "chosen" people.

This week we celebrate the Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, the Feast of St. Luke, and the Memorial of the North American Martyrs, the Jesuit Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions.

We begin reading Paul's Letter to the Romans for our first reading this week. After a powerful introduction, Paul writes this community in Rome about God's righteousness (mercy or kindness) and justification (making us holy or one with God) which comes to us, not through the law but through faith in Jesus.

Each day we move through Luke's gospel as people gather around Jesus. He declines to give a sign other than the sign of Jonah. At a Pharisee's house Jesus calls for authenticity: "give alms and everything will be clean for you." He challenges the religious practices of the Pharisees which miss the heart of fidelity to God and mercy toward others. Jesus tries to get them to see that, while they honour the prophets, they are no better than their ancestors who ignored and killed the prophets. Instead of hearing him, the religious leaders plot to trap Jesus. Warning

his disciples about imitating religious hypocrisy, Jesus tells them not to be afraid, even of death, but to only fear losing their souls. Acknowledging Jesus is enough to save us. When we make our defense of our faith and way of life, the Holy Spirit will teach us what to say.

On the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time we see Matthew's gospel tell us of the Pharisee plot to set a trap for Jesus. This time they use politics to see if he will offend either Rome or the people. Should they pay Rome's census tax? Jesus pushes the challenge back to them: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." What is it they must repay to God that is God's? Their trust in Jesus – God's gift to them.

Daily Prayer This Week

From Sunday to Sunday there is so much here for us about authenticity. Jesus invites us to simplicity - to let go of the things that bind us and "come, follow me." He wants to take us beyond obedience to the law or acts of piety. These are not bad in themselves but they can hold a particular vulnerability to in-authenticity or hypocrisy, unless they are rooted in deep reliance upon God and faith in Jesus as our Saviour. Mere cleanliness on the outside or placing burdens on people's shoulders leaves us still far away from an experience of God's love that overflows into love and mercy for others.

information is correct at time of publication.

This week, let's wake up each day and ask God for the grace to be more authentic. While putting on our slippers, standing next to the bed for just 30 seconds, let's give this special focus to our day. While washing up or getting dressed, on the way to work, while doing laundry or walking down the hall to a meeting, saying a brief grace before even a quick meal, we can remind ourselves of this desire in our hearts. Choosing humility is simply choosing honesty in very small ways. Throughout our days, each of us can find words to express to God our desire to be more honest and transparent with ourselves and with others. "Lord, let me be just who I am today. I know that in your eyes I'm a loved sinner. In grateful humility, don't let me be harsh or judgmental with my family, with friends or co-workers. Let me give up bragging, shading the truth, any kind of falsehood. I want to abstain today from even thoughts that take me down a road of cheating on my relationships, my commitments and my relationship with you."

This is all about focus and choosing to place our attention on our relationship with Jesus in the most ordinary moments of our day. As we end each day, we can give thanks that our desire was given to us - that whenever we open our hearts, our God is always there, ready to bless our desires.

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

In today's readings, the theme of invitation draws us into the freedom that Jesus offers us.

The first reading from Isaiah promises the beleaguered people of Israel that not only will their lives be filled with food and comfort but "the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face." This offered the hope that Israel would someday be able to say to God, "let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

Psalms 22(23) is universally beloved with God as our shepherd, carrying us with gentle

love, guiding us through green valleys and refreshing waters. It paints a picture of a life with God where "only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life."

Paul's letter to his close friends in the Philippian community is a counterpoint to the abundance of the Isaiah reading. Here, Paul assures them that he knows "how to live in humble circumstances." He writes that he has learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. And in a poignant personal note he adds, "Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress." His secret for bearing any suffering is his faith that "my God will fully supply" whatever we need, "in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

In Matthew's Gospel we hear the parable of the king who gave a wedding feast for his son but his invitations were spurned. When he extended the invitation to the people in the streets, "they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests." But one of the guests did not dress in a wedding garment - perhaps as insulting to the host as today coming to a wedding in a bathing suit. When he refuses to answer questions about his dress, the king orders, "Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

I couldn't help thinking that this king's response to his guest was a parallel to the way Jesus cares for us and invites us through the story of Lazarus. His beloved friend had died and Jesus stood in the doorway of the tomb comforting Lazarus' sisters. Then he called, "Lazarus, come out!" and Lazarus responded immediately to Jesus' invitation. He came out from the tomb.

Where the king in today's gospel ordered the guest's hand and feet be bound and he be cast into the darkness, with wailing and grinding of teeth, Jesus does the opposite with Lazarus - and with us. He calls for Lazarus to have his hands and feet unbound from the burial cloths and to come out of the darkness of the tomb into the light with Jesus. Rather than a wailing in the darkness, Lazarus was met

with the rejoicing cries of his sisters and all of those who loved him as he came to life again.

Jesus invites us to that summoning back to life, the invitation to unbind ourselves from the things that tie us up. Today we can become aware of how much God longs for a deeper relationship with us, one where we

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 10am to 11am to prevent cars from entering the compound during the procession. The car park will be opened thereafter.

SPP YEAR END THANKSGIVING CELEBRATIONS

- Date: 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 4pm Mass** on this day. There will be a Parish Dinner following the Mass. Details will be provided soon.

realise that God is not in our minds, but deeply settled in our hearts, just waiting for us to notice. And if we really take the time today to listen, we will hear Jesus say deep in our hearts, "Untie him and let him go. Untie her and let her go."

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/101517.html>

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- 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.

INFANT BAPTISM - The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Sat 25 Nov '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 for Infant Baptism can be obtained from the Parish Office and must be submitted by Tuesday, 31 Oct '17.

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.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

CLOSING OF CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF

FATIMA IN CATHEDRAL - 13 Oct '17, Fri. Mass at 7.30pm, followed by candlelight procession of Our Lady of Fatima statue, rosary, healing session with blessings of Blessed Sacrament and Centennial Celebration Supper. All are welcomed.

MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS - Sun, 29 Oct '17, 2.00-5.00pm at Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. Organised by the Office of Catechesis. Call 68583011 or email: sn@catechesis.org.sg for more info.