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**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT OF DISCUSSION – CREED ON THE STREET (COTS 10)**

The purpose of the Creed On The Street (COTS) session is to invite young adults to join in a conversation with each other, to lend perspective of their faith on social issues. This session will be on 5 September 2018 (Wednesday); 7:30pm. to 9:30pm.; level 3, Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264. Topic: “Education - how level is the playing field?” For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: [www.caritas-singapore.org](http://www.caritas-singapore.org) or email to [youngadults@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:youngadults@caritas-singapore.org)

**READY TO GO ON A WALK TO REMEMBER?** Join the Franciscan Camino Pilgrimage to Italy from 5-15 Oct ‘18. Organized by the San Damiano Spirituality Centre, experience life and God as Francis did

amidst the stirring beauty of nature in Assisi, Rieti, Gubbio and La Verna. Prices as low as \$3,500 for twin sharing single. Register by writing o [ryan@enquiries@sandamiano.sg](mailto:ryan@enquiries@sandamiano.sg). Deadline 20 Aug ‘18.

**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.

**SEXUAL RISKS GROWING IN OUR MIDST – HOW TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN**

A forum that brings together experts, parents, teachers, youth workers and youths to discuss the sexual risks surrounding the children today and what parents, teachers, and youth workers can do to protect the children from the many sexualised influences in their midst. Date & Time: 22 Sep ‘18 (Sat), 9.30am-12.30pm Venue: Lifelong Learning Institute (near Paya Lebar mrt) Fee: \$10. To register: <https://sexualityforum.peatix.com/> Enquiry: 64880278.

<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.
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b> - 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.	
<b>Parish Priest:</b> Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, <b>Asst Parish Priest:</b> Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, <b>Priests in Residence:</b> Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD, Rev Fr GREGORY HON, OCD and Rev Fr JOSEPH KOH, OCD, <b>General-Delegate:</b> Rev Fr JOHN CHUA OCD, <b>Parish Secretariat:</b> Jannie Lui, Teresa Wong Sok Mun, <b>Liturgical Co-ordinator:</b> Alex Wong, alexdominic@gmail.com	
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<b>(i) Church of Sts Peter &amp; Paul</b> - for contributions/donations for general maintenance of our Church and Mass offerings; <b>(ii) Carmelite Fathers</b> - for contributions/donations to SPP Friars Community, Friars Formation; <b>(iii) Soc of St Vincent de Paul (Conf St Peter)</b> - 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 767

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 20 August - SAT 25 August 2018

**MON:** EZ 24:15-23, MT 19:16-22 **TUE:** EZ 28:1-10, MT 19:23-30 **WED:** EZ 34:1-11, MT 20:1-16 **THU:** EZ 36:23-28, MT 22:1-14 **FRI:** RV 21:9B-14, JN 1:45-51 **SAT:** EZ 43:1-7AB, MT 23:1-12

On the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time the key question the people are asking in John’s Gospel is: “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” Jesus tells us the eating his flesh and drinking blood is real food and drink. It gives us life, eternal life. We are one with him and he is one with us.

Monday is the Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church; Tuesday the Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope and Wednesday the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Friday is the Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle, with its own special readings.

We continue reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel. We are treated to some of the best of Ezekiel’s prophesy this week. He is sharp and biting in his calls for conversion and comforting in his prophesy about God’s fidelity and mercy, especially in the field of dry bones that come to life. We miss that reading this year because of Feast of St. Bartholomew.

Matthew’s Gospel this week includes some favorite parables, like the rich young man and introduces the counter-cultural idea that riches may make it more difficult to be saved. Those are followed by stories of the Master of the vineyard who leaves us with the phrase “The last will be first and the first, last.” Jesus tells the parable of the landowner who hires workers throughout the day, including the last hours. When he pays them all the same, those who worked all day grumbled. “Are you

envious because I am generous?” He offers the parable of the guests who are too busy to attend the wedding feast of the king’s son. On Friday in non-feast readings Jesus tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Saturday, Jesus says, “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

On the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, we continue with John’s Gospel and the Bread of Life discussion, with many of the disciples finding Jesus’ call to be nourished on his body and blood as tough to swallow. And they leave him. Peter speaks for the others: “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

**Daily Prayer This Week**

We pray through our everyday life this week, with the image in the background of our consciousness: Jesus offers us intimacy with him and gives us life, as shown in our relationship with him in the gospels.

Each day, we begin our day with the practice of briefly pausing, at our bedside to focus the day with a 15-30 second prayer. It is so helpful to develop this habit by simply doing it three or four days in a row. Even if we say that we are half-awake at this time, we can discover what a difference this way of beginning the day can be. With practice, it gets easier to say, “Thank you for this day, Lord. Please, be with me today, especially when I do \_\_\_\_\_ this

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morning and this afternoon as I \_\_\_\_\_. Give me more patience, love and trust in you.” While washing up and dressing, we can expand this prayer, in a simple friend-to-friend conversation with our Lord. This kind of connecting or checking-in with our Lord at the beginning of the day lets a background connection with our Lord develop and grow, while I’m doing many things. It changes our consciousness and connects and integrates this fundamental relationship I desire with the things I’m doing, whether they are pleasant, routine or quite difficult.

Throughout the week I might be thinking of what it would mean for me to sell what I have, give it to the poor, and really follow Jesus. What is preventing me from following the Lord more completely? Are there “riches” that I know are barriers to my surrendering to God’s will more freely? What seems to possess me? Recognising our lack of freedom in this area or that is the first step in being able to ask our Lord for the grace of freedom in that area.

We might also ask the Lord to show us what he desires that we be “free for.” “Freedom from” is the first part of our relationship. Then, we are free to be sent. What am I being freed for? What loving am I being freed for? What new generosity, what type of self-giving? What neighbour, in my family, or the poor of the world, am I being called to notice and serve? We might ask the Lord to reveal to us this week how we are called to be servant.

We will still do what is on our schedule, respond to all our commitments. The difference will be that we will do it more in touch with the Lord. Staying focused and connecting with our Lord throughout the day is at the heart of prayer, “Raising our minds and hearts to God.” And, at the end of each day, we give thanks for this gifted presence that 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.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

The Parish will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on 18 August 2018, at 5.30pm.

We congratulate all Confirmands, parents and godparents on this joyful occasion.

*“Remember, then, that you received a spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear. Keep safe what you received. God the Father sealed you, Christ the Lord strengthened you and sent the Spirit into your hearts as the pledge of what is to come.” — St. Ambrose*

## Extract from Pope Francis, General Audience 29 Jan 2014.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning,

In this third catechesis on the Sacraments, we pause to reflect on Confirmation or “Chrismation”, which must be understood in continuity with Baptism, to which it is inseparably linked. These two Sacraments, together with the Eucharist, form a single saving event — called “Christian initiation” — in which we are inserted into Jesus Christ, who died and rose, and become new creatures and members of the Church. This is why these three Sacraments were originally celebrated on one occasion, at the end of the catechumenal journey, normally at the Easter Vigil. The path of formation and gradual insertion into the Christian community, which could last even up to a few years, was thus sealed. One travelled step by step to reach Baptism, then Confirmation and the Eucharist.

We commonly speak of the sacrament of “Chrismation”, a word that signifies “anointing”. And, in effect, through the oil called “sacred Chrism” we are conformed, in the power of the Spirit, to Jesus Christ, who is the only true “anointed One”, the “Messiah”, the Holy One of God. The word “Confirmation” then reminds us that this Sacrament brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace: it unites us more firmly to Christ, it renders our bond with the Church more perfect, and it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith, ... to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of his Cross (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1303).

For this reason, it is important to take care that our children, our young people, receive this sacrament. We all take care that they are baptised and this is good, but perhaps we do not take so much care to ensure that they are confirmed. Thus they remain at a midpoint in their journey and do not receive the Holy Spirit, who is so important in the Christian life since he gives us the strength to go on. Let us think a little, each one of us: do we truly care whether our children, our young people, receive Confirmation? This is important, it is important! And if you have children or adolescents at home who have not yet received it and are at the age to do so, do everything possible to ensure that they complete their Christian initiation and receive the power of the Holy Spirit. It is important!

Naturally it is important to prepare those being confirmed well, leading them towards a personal commitment to faith in Christ and reawakening in them a sense of belonging to the Church.

Confirmation, like every Sacrament, is not the work of men but of God, who cares for our lives in such a manner as to mould us in the image of his Son, to make us capable of loving like him. He does it by infusing his in us his Holy Spirit, whose action pervades the whole person and his entire life, as reflected in the seven gifts that Tradition, in light of the Sacred Scripture, has always highlighted.

## PARISH NEWS

**MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
- 30 Sep ‘18 at 8.30am (Sun) Mandarin Mass. Kindly note the following Canonical Conditions for Anointing: Can. 1004 §1. The anointing of the sick can be administered to a member of the faithful who, having reached the use of reason, begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age. §2. This sacrament can be repeated if the sick person, having recovered, again becomes gravely ill or if the condition becomes more grave during the same illness. For the sick who satisfy the Canonical Conditions and wish to receive the Anointing, please approach the Parish Secretary’s Office to furnish the details. Deadline: 16 Sept ‘18 (Sun)

These seven gifts: I do not want to ask you if you remember the seven gifts. Perhaps you will all know them.... But I will say them on your behalf. What are these gifts? Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord. And these gifts have been given to us precisely with the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. I therefore intend to dedicate the catecheses that follow those on the Sacrament to these seven gifts.

When we welcome the Holy Spirit into our hearts and allow him to act, Christ makes himself present in us and takes shape in our lives; through us, it will be he — Christ himself — who prays, forgives, gives hope and consolation, serves the brethren, draws close to the needy and to the least, creates community and sows peace. Think how important this is: by means of the Holy Spirit, Christ himself comes to do all this among us and for us. That is why it is important that children and young people receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us remember that we have received Confirmation! All of us! Let us remember it, first in order to thank the Lord for this gift, and then to ask him to help us to live as true Christians, to walk always with joy in the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Source: [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2014/documents/papa-francesco\\_20140129\\_udienza-generale.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2014/documents/papa-francesco_20140129_udienza-generale.html)

## MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

(All are welcome and no registration is needed). 1 Sep ‘18 (Sat). Church of Sts. Peter and Paul (main church) 2.00pm - Praise and Worship. 2.20pm to 4.00pm – Mass celebrated by Fr. Tom Curran, followed by prayers for healing. For enquiries, please email [praiseatworksg@yahoo.com](mailto:praiseatworksg@yahoo.com) or call 9747 2467. Organised by Praise@Work and supported by SACCRE.

## 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