

Jesus, Death Has Lost Its Sting - Preparing for Death. Speakers: Fr. Edward Lim, OCD and Ms Liao Kehua, Registered Nurse (Gerontology Nursing and Palliative Care Nursing). 10 May (Fri), 7.30-9.30pm. at Caritas Singapore-Agape Village (7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh S 319264). Fr. Edward Lim will share on the Christian understanding of death, and the various spiritual aids available to the Christian to prepare for death, and Ms Liao Kehua will explain the need of Advance Care Planning. Register early as seats are limited! Email agapevillage@caritas-singapore.org | tel 6801 7400 (10am-6pm, Mon-Fri)

EVANGELISATION (ONE) warmly invites you to the Lectors' Workshop on 4 May '19. Why do we need to pray together? How do we pray as one community? These questions and more will be touched on in this workshop to equip your Ministry to gather together in communal prayer. Invite your fellow Ministry members to experience a guided prayer session using the Word of God. Lectors' Workshop, 4 May '19 (Sat) Time: 1.30pm to 4.30pm at St Peter's Auditorium, Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre (CAEC), 2 Highland Road, S549102. Those who wish to attend, you may register as a Parish / Ministry or as an individual via <http://bit.ly/Lectors4May>. Closing Date: 23 Apr '19

THE OFFICE FOR THE NEW

SPP Columbarium - To all the niche applicants & other persons concerned. The Parish Building is closed to the public for extensive renovation works which will include the columbarium. For the safety of the public, the columbarium will be closed, the next period when it will be accessible for visits is on **All Souls' Day period: 27 Oct - 10 Nov '19. Visiting Hours: 9.00am to 5.00pm.** Subsequent niche blessings and interment of urns will take place on Saturdays (1.00pm to 3.00pm), on appointment basis only. For your safety, a maximum of 2 family members will be allowed to witness the niche blessing and interment (with the priest and the niche contractor), and will be required to put on personal protection gears when they enter the columbarium.

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
Interspersory 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
Secretariat's Operating Hours : Mon - CLOSED, Tues to Fri - 10.00 m to 7.30pm, Sat & Sun - 9.30am to 1.30pm
 Lunch hours: 11.45am - 12.45pm. Closed on Public Holidays.
Columbarium Opening Hours : Please refer to SPP Columbarium announcement stated above.

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, **Liturgical Co-ordinator:** Alex Wong, alexdominic@gmail.com

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- (i) **Church of Sts Peter & Paul** - for contributions/donations for general maintenance of our Church and Mass offerings;
- (ii) **Carmelite Friars (S) Ltd** - for contributions/donations to the Friars Formation and Community;
- (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 C) Pg 423

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 22 April 2019 - SAT 27 April 2019

MON: ACTS 2:14, 22-33, MT 28:8-15 **TUE:** ACTS 2:36-41, JN 20:11-18 **WED:** ACTS 3:1-10, LK 24:13-35 **THU:** ACTS 3:11-26, LK 24:35-48 **FRI:** ACTS 4:1-12, JN 21:1-14 **SAT:** ACTS 4:13-21, MK 16:9-15

EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT OF EASTER

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

Vatican Basilica

Holy Saturday, 31 March 2018

We began this celebration outside, plunged in the darkness of the night and the cold. We felt an oppressive silence at the death of the Lord, a silence with which each of us can identify, a silence that penetrates to the depths of the heart of every disciple, who stands wordless before the cross.

These are the hours when the disciple stands speechless in pain at the death of Jesus. What words can be spoken at such a moment? The disciple keeps silent in the awareness of his or her own reactions during those crucial hours in the Lord's life. Before the injustice that condemned the Master, his disciples were silent. Before the calumnies and the false testimony that the Master endured, his disciples said nothing. During the trying, painful hours of the Passion, his disciples dramatically experienced their inability to put their lives on the line to speak out

on behalf of the Master. What is more, not only did they not acknowledge him: they hid, they escaped, they kept silent (cf. Jn 18:25-27).

It is the silent night of the disciples who remained numb, paralysed and uncertain of what to do amid so many painful and disheartening situations. It is also that of today's disciples, speechless in the face of situations we cannot control, that make us feel and, even worse, believe that nothing can be done to reverse all the injustices that our brothers and sisters are experiencing in their flesh.

It is the silent night of those disciples who are disoriented because they are plunged in a crushing routine that robs memory, silences hope and leads to thinking that "this is the way things have always been done". Those disciples who, overwhelmed, have nothing to say and end up considering "normal" and unexceptional the words of Caiaphas: "Can you not see that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed?" (Jn 11:50).

Amid our silence, our overpowering

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silence, the stones begin to cry out (cf. Lk 19:40)[1] and to clear the way for the greatest message that history has ever heard: “He is not here, for he has been raised” (Mt 28:6). The stone before the tomb cried out and proclaimed the opening of a new way for all. Creation itself was the first to echo the triumph of life over all that had attempted to silence and stifle the joy of the Gospel. The stone before the tomb was the first to leap up and in its own way intone a song of praise and wonder, of joy and hope, in which all of us are invited to join.

Yesterday, we joined the women in contemplating “the one who was pierced” (cf. Jn 19:36; cf. Zech 12:10). Today, with them, we are invited to contemplate the empty tomb and to hear the words of the angel: “Do not be afraid... for he has been raised” (Mt 28:5-6). Those words should affect our deepest convictions and certainties, the ways we judge and deal with the events of our daily lives, especially the ways we relate to others. The empty tomb should challenge us and rally our spirits. It should make us think, but above all it should encourage us to trust and believe that God “happens” in every situation and every person, and that his light can shine in the least expected and most hidden corners of our lives. He rose from the dead, from that place where nobody waits for anything, and now he waits for us – as he did the women – to enable us to share in his saving work. On this basis and with this strength, we Christians place our lives and our energy, our intelligence, our affections and our will, at the service of discovering, and above all creating, paths of dignity.

He is not here... he is risen! This is

the message that sustains our hope and turns it into concrete gestures of charity. How greatly we need to let our frailty be anointed by this experience! How greatly we need to let our faith be revived! How greatly we need our myopic horizons to be challenged and renewed by this message! Christ is risen, and with him he makes our hope and creativity rise, so that we can face our present problems in the knowledge that we are not alone.

To celebrate Easter is to believe once more that God constantly breaks into our personal histories, challenging our “conventions”, those fixed ways of thinking and acting that end up paralysing us. To celebrate Easter is to allow Jesus to triumph over the craven fear that so often assails us and tries to bury every kind of hope.

The stone before the tomb shared in this, the women of the Gospel shared in this, and now the invitation is addressed once more to you and to me. An invitation to break out of our routines and to renew our lives, our decisions and our existence. An invitation that must be directed to where we stand, what we are doing and what we are, with the “power ratio” that is ours. Do we want to share in this message of life or do we prefer simply to continue standing speechless before events as they happen?

He is not here... he is risen! And he awaits you in Galilee. He invites you to go back to the time and place of your first love and he says to you: Do not be afraid, follow me.

Source: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2018/documents/papa-francesco_20180331_omelia-veglia-pasquale.html

PARISH NEWS

CATECHISM CLASS - No Catechism Class on 21 April '19 as it is Easter Sunday.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

AbBA: Abundant and Better Life Abroad a 4-part values formation series organised by the Archdiocesan Commission for Migrants and Itinerants (ACMI) and Couples for Christ (CFC), for Foreign Domestic Workers (FDWs) to discover their true self-worth, and hopefully lead to personal development and better work performance. The series will run on 5, 12, 26 May and 2 June from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at Agape Village 7A Toa Payoh Lorong 8. To register: <http://bit.ly/AbBA2019> or call Daniel Yeo at 8600 3584

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope through prayer and reflection on the WORD OF GOD. Our next monthly session (every 4th Tuesday of the month) is on Tue 23 April 2019, 7:30pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8. Contact us via email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com or facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

PRAYING OUR LIFE'S QUESTIONS: A VOCATION RECOLLECTION What will I do with my life? Is this all there is to life? Does God have a plan for me? These are a few of the most common questions that young people ask. This weekend will teach them how to pray and discern the questions that unfold their life purpose. It will also offer them a glimpse of one life option, which is religious life in the Cenacle, by providing them with information and experiences about the life of a Cenacle Sister. (Open only to single women aged 19-33 years old). By Cenacle sisters. 11 May 9.00am - 12 May 1.00pm. Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West St 42.

Contribution: Love Offering. Please register at www.cenaclemission.com

YOUTH CONVERSION EXPERIENCE RETREAT #16 (YCER) Calling all youths and young adults aged 18 to 29 years! Come as you are. Our hope is that the YCER will allow you to experience the unconditional love of God in an intimate and tangible way and empower you to face difficult challenges and live a life driven by God's purpose and meaning. Conducted by His Grace Archbishop William Goh. 13 - 16 Jun '19 (Thu-Sun) @ Catholic Spirituality Centre. Registration will be done via balloting. More details can be found at <http://www.csctr.net/retreats-events/youth-cer/>

GRIEVING: A WAY TO HEALING This retreat will offer ways of dealing with unfinished business of the past, to discover the grace coming from past hurts. Participants learn how healing comes through grieving and saying goodbye to these experiences of the past. By Sr. Mel Benedictos & team. 17 May 8.00pm - 19 May 1.00pm. Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West St 42 Contribution: \$250. Please register at www.cenaclemission.com

CANA invites you to PIMBY KAMPONG BAHRU which will take you on a walk around the vicinity of St Teresa's Church listening to stories of the wonderful MEP Fathers who laboured hard to spread the good news to us. See how St Teresa became a beacon of light on top of the hill for sailors, port workers, etc. Visit the Sisters at Carmel. 28 Apr '19 (Sun) at 2.15pm. Registration required: Email - canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com.sg or call 63384080. Love Offering

CARITAS SINGAPORE is organising a talk in Mandarin as part of our Talks @ Agape Village series. **Title: In You, Lord**