

APOSTOLATE FOR CATHOLIC TRUTH (ACT) is organising the following 3 talks: (1) Our Lady of Fatima's Message & the Fall of Communism on 6 Oct (2) Are the Pillars of the Protestant "Reformation" Crumbling? on 20 Oct (3) My Journey Home to the Catholic Faith on 27 Oct. Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm at St. Joseph Church (Victoria St) Conference Room. Free. All are welcome. Enquiries: www.catholic.sg/act or call 96493893 (Andrew).

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. 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 WATCHMEN RETREAT - a 4D3N stay-in retreat open to Catholics above 21 years old. Date: 09 - 12 Nov '17, Majodi Retreat Centre Johor, Malaysia. Cost: S\$ 160 (Includes Transport, Accommodation, Meals). Retreat Master: Rev Fr Terence Pereira. Organised by: ONE. For more info and to register: Visit www.one.org.sg/events



READINGS: Sunday Missal Pg 570
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 09 October - SAT 14 October 2017
MON: JON 1:1-2:1,11, LK 10:25-37 **TUE:** JON 3:1-10, LK 10:38-42
WED: JON 4:1-11, LK 11:1-4 **THU:** MAL 3:13-20, LK 11:5-13
FRI: JL 1:13-15, 2:1-2, LK 11:15-26 **SAT:** JL 4:12-21, LK 11:27-28

A parable about tenants who were entrusted with their master's fields is at the centre of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. We hear Jesus really challenge the religious leaders with this story of the tenant farmers who refused to listen to the master's servants (the prophets) and abused and killed his son (Jesus) in an attempt to usurp his inheritance. Jesus tells them, "Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

The first readings this week offer again a sampling of several different Old Testament sources including the reluctant prophet, Jonah; then Malachi ("But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays"); and Joel, ("Then shall you know that I, the LORD, am your God, dwelling on Zion, my holy mountain; Jerusalem shall be holy, and strangers shall pass through her no more.")

Luke's Gospel continues during the weekdays with some of our most familiar and beloved stories. The Good Samaritan teaches us about loving. In the Mary and Martha story, Jesus nudges his dear friend Martha to calm her spirit and choose carefully what she spends time on. Luke offers a look at Jesus praying alone before

sharing his prayer with us. With the story of the friend banging on the door in the night, Jesus encourages us to "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." When his opponents try to confuse the people about Jesus' authority, he says, "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters." We end the week with Jesus emphasising his relationship with the Father as being stronger than earthly relationships.

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.

Daily Prayer This Week

Jesus is so full of surprises. This week, we can let his surprising ways interact with our daily lives. All of us, in some ways, tend to want to trap - or at least intensely resist - the prophets who call us to conversion. We are all asking our Lord to tell us what we need to do to have eternal life. We might all know the ways we don't like his answer. The invitation to love our neighbour, the way the lowly Samaritan did, can be a

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	
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(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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revealing question for us this week. Who is the neighbour or stranger or enemy whom I'm called to help, care for their wounds, and provide for their recovery? Or, we can reflect upon whether we are too busy, and not focused enough on what really matters - spending some time just listening to Jesus. Perhaps, we have some desire, need, struggle that we very much want to turn to the Lord with. This could be the week we ask, seek and knock - persistently and confidently. All week, we can ask for the grace to be "with" Jesus and to "gather" with him, perhaps especially alert to ways we are "against" Jesus or "scatter" in different things we do or attitudes we take.

All it takes for us busy people is a little focus. We will get into the habit of beginning each day by bringing our attention to these strong desires with practice. At first, it may work best to rely on a line from one of these Guides - letting it be our expression of what we need and returning to it consciously throughout the day.

With practice, we will grow in comfort with naming our own desires more precisely. For example, I might already be more like Mary than Martha. I might want to be asking our Lord, "Help me keep listening to you, Lord, throughout this day." It may be that I haven't said the Rosary with devotion in years. This may be a week to rediscover that powerful prayer, a decade at time, throughout the day, reflecting much more deliberately on the traditional mysteries or the reflections of this week.

Every night, we can all express our thanks to the Lord for the faithful way we are being invited to a closer relationship, in the midst of our busy, daily lives.

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

Having three readings using the same image –vineyard– can actually confuse the message, misleading us to consider them superficially as repetitious, when in reality they are not. In fact each reading has a significantly different focus on the vineyard image.

The first reading is focused on the vineyard itself: it is the vineyard that fails, and Isaiah tells us: the Lord's vineyard is the house of Israel. Vatican II is telling us that we –the Church– are the people of God, the vineyard of the Lord, and this invites us to ask ourselves two important questions. First: are we, as persons, yielding an acceptable harvest? Second: are we, as Church, helping to bring about God's reign? It was the vineyard –we?– that failed.

In the Psalm the focus is on the vineyard's owner, God, who is seen by the psalmist as having "failed." The previous theme is repeated: the vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. The psalmist expresses the hurt of feeling abandoned by God: why have you abandoned your vineyard? Do we not, at least as individual persons, at times feel also abandoned by God? Jesus on the cross did.

The gospel's parable is focused on the tenants: it is they, who have failed, not the vineyard and not the owner. The owner did care for the vineyard: he planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it and built a tower. The vineyard itself did yield a harvest that truly belonged to the owner, who was entitled to claim his part of the harvest. But the tenants grew greedy. They knew that, if the owner were to die without an heir, the law would give them the vineyard. So they killed the heir.

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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 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.

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL

DEPARTED- 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 7.20 am and 5.30 pm.

But it is also addressed to us as stewards of our received giftedness, which we may be tempted to hoard for our own benefit, disregarding God's claim on it.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/100817.html>

INFANT BAPTISM - The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Sat 28 Oct '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.

2-DAYS MALACCA - KRUBONG PILGRIMAGE – A two-day pilgrimage to Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Krubong, Malacca from Sat/Sun 16 - 17 Dec '17. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at Church of Sts Peter & Paul Secretariat Office.

GIFT - Next weekend, 14/15 Oct, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges and contributions to the Catholic Foundation's GIFT programme. GIFT (Giving in Faith and Thankfulness) is to fund the numerous organisations involved in families, youths, evangelisation, and building projects in the archdiocese. Please bring your contributions or pledge envelopes to drop into the collection bags or visit gift.catholicfoundation.sg to donate online.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

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. Register at <https://goo.gl/forms/HEJ8BFiVF13JaDQ03> or call: 68583011 or email: sn@catechesis.org.sg