

MY CHILD IS MADE FOR MORE - Family Life Society presents My Child is Made for More on 26 October 2019 from 9:00am to 1:30pm & 2 November 2019 from 9:00am to 4:30pm (covered in 2 sessions). For parents and All who work with children. Learn about the sexuality issues facing youth on premarital/casual sex and pornography, and equip yourself to be the primary sexuality educator. Register now bit.ly/mfm_bt or call 64880278! Only \$50 per pax and \$80 per couple.

COUPLE DATE NITE - KISS MISS BLISS IN YOUR MARRIAGE- Family Life Society presents Kiss Miss Bliss on 14 November 2019 from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. For couples married 1 to 5 years. Spend an enjoyable evening together. Enhance your couple relationship. Register now: bit.ly/kmb_bt or call 64880278! Only \$20 per pax

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT OF DISCUSSION - CREED ON THE STREET (COTS11) The purpose 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 21 November 2019 (Thursday); 7:30pm. to 9:30pm.; level 3, Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954.

Topic: "From Stigma to Solidarity – What more can we do to address the stigma of mental health issues?" Please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore.org or email to youngadults@caritas-singapore.org

MAKE YOUR MARRIAGE A PRIORITY!

"Marriage is a project to be worked on together ... and a process of growth." - Pope Francis (Amoris Laetitia, no. 218, 221).

Good marriages can always be made better. To deepen and refine your couple relationship, sign up for one of the upcoming Marriage Encounter Weekends: 1 - 3 Nov & 6 - 8 Dec 2019 and 3 - 5 Jan 2020. Contact David & Clara @ 96705390 or mewkend@gmail.com

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
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
Secretariat's Operating Hours : Mon - CLOSED, Tues to Fri - 9.30am to 6.30pm, Sat & Sun - 9.00am to 1.00pm
 Lunch hours: 1.15am - 2.15pm. Closed on Public Holidays.

Columbarium Opening Hours : Please refer to SPP Columbarium announcement stated above.

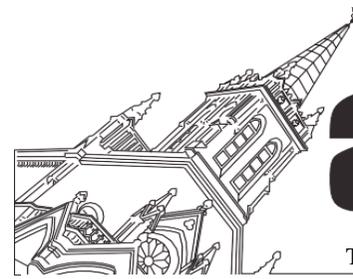
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at the confessionals at the baptistery (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass.

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

Church Donations - Please make your cheque payable to:

- (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

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the apostles

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 October 2019 Year

READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 1004

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 21 October 2019 - SAT 26 October 2019

MON: ROM 4:20-25, LK 12:13-21 **TUE:** ROM 5:12,15, 17-21, LK 12:36-38 **WED:** ROM 6:12-18, LK 12:39-48 **THU:** ROM 6:19-23, LK 12:49-53 **FRI:** ROM 7:18-25, LK 12:54-59 **SAT:** ROM 8:1-11, LK 13:1-9

Introduction to the Prophets (Part 9 of 15)

Ezekiel (continued)

In either case, the same imposing figure emerges from the book. Ezekiel was a priest, 1:3. The Temple was his ruling interest; whether the Temple of the present defiled by impure rites, ch. 8, and deserted by the glory of Yahweh, ch. 10, or the Temple of the future, the plan of which he describes in meticulous detail, ch. 40-42, and to which he sees God returning, ch. 43. For those days to come, he defines the function of the Temple ministers, the details of public worship, the sacred calendar, ch. 44-46. He holds the Law in veneration, and the accusation of 'profaning the sabbaths' is the constant refrain of his indictment of Israel, ch. 20. He detests legal impurity, 4:14; 44:7, and is scrupulous in distinguishing the sacred from the profane, 45:1-6; 48:9f. As a priest he was responsible for deciding cases of law and morals, hence the casuistic tendency of his teaching, ch. 18. His outlook and vocabulary are akin to the Law of Holiness in Lv 17-26; this he knew and meditated, but he goes beyond it and paves the way for the final codification of the Pentateuch. His work belongs to the 'priestly' tradition just as that of Jeremiah belongs to the 'deuteronomic'.

But this priest is also a prophet of action. More than any other he resorts to symbolic gestures. He mimes the siege of Jerusalem, 4:1-5:4, the departure of the exiles, 12:1-7, the king of Babylon at the parting of the ways, 21:23f, the union of Judah and Israel, 37:15f. Even in his own personal trials sent him by God he is a 'sign' to Israel, 24:24, as Hosea and Isaiah and Jeremiah had been. The elaborateness of his symbolic actions is in marked contrast to the simplicity of those of his predecessors.

Ezekiel is primarily a visionary. His book contains only four formal visions but these occupy a substantial part of it: ch. 1-3; 8-11; 37; 40-48. They admit us to a fantastic world: the four living creatures of Yahweh's chariot, the monstrous performance of worship in the Temple with its swarms of beasts and of idols, the dry bones that come to life, the blueprint of a future temple from which and imaginary river flows through a geographic Utopia. This lively imagination he also applied to his allegories: Oholah and Oholibah, ch. 23; the Shipwreck of Tyre, ch. 27; Pharaoh the Crocodile, ch. 29 and 32; the Giant Tree, ch. 31; the Descent into Hell, ch. 32.

In contrast to this gift of pictorial imagination, and possibly as the price paid for it (as though the eye had robbed the tongue of power), Ezekiel's style is monotonous and without colour, frigid, feeble, astonishingly poor when compared with the classics of prophecy: the strong simplicity of Isaiah and the compelling warmth of Jeremiah. The art of Ezekiel excels by its evocation of size and depth, projecting an atmosphere of awe before the mysteries of God.

Ezekiel therefore, though having much in common with his predecessors, breaks new ground. This is also true of his doctrine. He makes no appeal to the past history of this people. Recalls to the promises made to the patriarchs and to the Sinaitic covenant occur occasionally, but even if God has so far preserved a nation that was defiled from birth, 16:3f, this is not to fulfil the promises but to vindicate the honour of his name, ch. 20. Similarly, the substitution of an everlasting covenant for the old one, 16:60; 37:26f, is not described as a reward for the people's 'return' to God but rather as an act of pure benevolence, what theologians call prevenient grace; it is after this, not before, that repentance comes, 16:62-63.

Information is correct at time of publication

The Messiah of Ezekiel, of whom little is said, is no longer a glorious king; true, he is to be a new David, but as 'shepherd' of his people, 34:23; 37:24, a 'ruler' rather than a king, 34:24; for such a king would be out of place in Ezekiel's vision of a future where God is king, 45:7f. The prophet also breaks with tradition when he asserts the principle of individual and not collective retribution, ch. 18; cf. 33. This theological solution to the problem of sin will prove to be a temporary one, and will yield eventually to the pressure of facts and gradually lead to the idea of retribution in another world. Ezekiel breaks too, as Jeremiah does, with the tradition that God is inseparable from his Temple – this despite Ezekiel's own priesthood and affection for the sanctuary. Priest and prophet, often divided in Israel, are united in him; ritual remains, but derives its value from the dispositions of the participants. Ezekiel's entire teaching centres on inner conversion: men must achieve a new heart and a new spirit, 18:31, or rather God will himself bestow 'another', a 'new' heart, and infuse a 'new' spirit, 11:19; 36:26.

PARISH NEWS

NO EVENING MASS on 28 Oct '19 (Mon) being a Public Holiday as Deepavali falls on Sunday 27 Oct '19. Please note that the columbarium will also be closed on 28 Oct '19.

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – 30 Oct '19 (Wed) at 7.20am and 5.30pm, Mass dedicated to the souls of those whose remains are placed in our columbarium.

ALL SAINTS' DAY (Day of Obligation)

Mass times: 31 Oct '19 (Thu): 5.30pm (English Anticipated Mass), 1 Nov '19 (Fri): 7.20am (Eng), 12.15pm (Mandarin), 5.30pm (Eng)

ALL SOULS' DAY – 2 Nov '19 (Sat)

No Mass at 7.20am. Office of the Dead: 8.30am

Mass in English: 9.00am

Mass in Mandarin: 11.00am

Mass in Latin: 1.00pm

There will be no blessing of niches in the columbarium as the Parish Building is undergoing extensive renovations. The columbarium will be accessible for visit from 27 Oct to 10 Nov '19, 9.00am to 5.00pm.

Here, as with the free divine gift that precedes repentance, we are very near to the theology of grace later developed by St. John and St. Paul.

The elements of Israelite religion are thus all raised to a high spiritual level; this is Ezekiel's great contribution. He is called 'the father of Judaism', often only with reference to his separation of sacred from profane, to his concern for legal purity and for ritual detail, which anticipates Pharisaism. This is quite unjust. Like Jeremiah, yet in his own way, Ezekiel initiates a tradition of unworldly spirituality persisting through Judaism and emerging in the New Testament. Jesus is the Good Shepherd foretold by Ezekiel, and the founder of the worship 'in spirit' that Ezekiel had preached.

Ezekiel, in another mood, stands at the source of the apocalyptic tradition. His elaborate visions prepare us for those of Daniel, and it is not surprising that his influence is so often perceptible in the Book of Revelation.

Source: The Jerusalem Bible, 1966

THE LOURDES EXPERIENCE 2019 -

organised by the Order of Malta Singapore once in every 5 years, will be held at the Singapore Indoor Stadium on Saturday 7 Dec '19 from 2.00pm to 7.00pm. Due to the stadium's capacity, limited tickets are allocated to each parish. Parishioners who are interested to attend this event are requested to register at the SPP Church Office by 15 Nov, subject to a maximum of 2 tickets per person. If demand exceeds the tickets available, there will be a ballot. Only successful applicants will be notified to collect their tickets. Unclaimed tickets within a week of notice will be allocated to the next person in the queue on waiting list and who will be notified accordingly. For more details, please refer to the notices at the front of the Church.

PAPAL BLESSING FOR MARRIED COUPLES

- on 29 Dec '19 at the 11.00am Mass, also the Feast of Holy Family. During this Mass, there will be a renewal of marriage vows and a blessing by Fr Edward Lim, OCD. The papal blessings will be conferred for couples celebrating 10, 25, 40, 50 & 60 years of marriage. Please obtain a form from the church office. Deadline is 27 Oct '19.

SPP150 EVENTS

ADVOCATA NOSTRA - Praying Anew With Mary – In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Church of Sts. Peter & Paul, we invite you to two evenings of prayer and songs in honour of Our Lady presented by Fr Derrick Yap OFM and Fr Edward Lim OCD, and centering on the four Marian dogmas. Dates: 1 and 2 Nov '19, 7.45 pm. Church of Sts. Peter & Paul. Contribution: \$6 per evening. Enquiry: canaevents2019@gmail.com.

"BEHOLD I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW" with the Carmelite Saints by Fr. Augustine Mulloor, OCD. Details: 4 to 7 Nov '19 (Mon to Thu), 7.30pm to 9.30pm, Catholic Centre Level 3. Contribution: \$50 (include light refreshments). Please register and pay at SPP Church Office. Attendance by registration only. Please email spphappenings@gmail.com for any enquiries.

"BEHOLD I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW" with SAINT PAUL

by Sr. Theresa Lim, FSP
Part 1: Chosen & Loved - 9 Nov '19 (Sat), 2.30pm to 4.00pm, SPP Main Church. Part 2: Saint Paul and His Communities – 25 Nov '19 (Mon), 7.30pm to 9.00pm, SPP Main Church. All are welcomed! Please email spphappenings@gmail.com for any enquiries.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

GIFT - This weekend, there will be a second collection for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign to build a more vibrant, evangelising and missionary Church. GIFT funds the Office for Young People (OYP), which seeks to raise up a generation for Christ. Watch the video on <https://youtu.be/t0SdKJr83tw> to see how they create opportunities for young people to encounter the Lord. Please give generously for the vision of the archdiocese."

LET'S TALK ABOUT ANGELS by Sr Elizabeth Lim RGS - ever been curious about your guardian angel? Is there really one? Do they fly? What does the Bible say about angels? Date: Friday 25 Oct '19, 10.30am -12 noon, Space@UBT. 618 Upper Bukit Timah Road.

CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL has Purchased a Gift For You!. Enjoy a free subscription to formed.org - an incredible online gateway to the best Catholic resources for children and adults! It's EASY and FREE to Register! Go to sppchurch.formed.org. See that the name of Church is stated there. Click "Next". Enter your name, email address and click "Sign Up". You're ready to enjoy the inspiring and engaging content on FORMED!

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION – Behold, The Servant of the Lord, Be it done to me according to your word – Living Mary's words with St. Thérèse's Little Way by Fr. Ferdinand Purnomo, OCD. Details: 23 Nov '19 (Sat), 9.00am to 4.00pm (Lunch at own expense), Catholic Centre Level 3. Please register at email: spphappenings@gmail.com or at SPP Church Office. Attendance by registration only.

SPP150 MASS – CHOIR REGISTRATION

The Parish Liturgical Committee is glad to announce that we are opening up registration for participation in the Choir for the #SPP150 Mass on 28 June 2020. Interested participants may register through this link:

<https://forms.gle/r9sYcZV6fZdAkKDW9>.

More details available in the form itself. Let us come together as a Parish Community for this once-in-a-generation event to give Praise and Thanks to God!

NOTES FROM TALK ON PLENARY INDULGENCE

by Fr. Edward Lim, OCD on 27 July 2019 is now available at the SPP 150th Anniversary microsite. Please visit SPP150.com/formation.

Registration: canaevents2019@gmail.com or call 63384080 / 69068447

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invite you to - OF MARTYRS, MIGRANTS & MYSTERIES - have you ever been curious about your Catholic ancestors who left their homeland and came here to plant roots in the settlements of Mandai, Aukang and elsewhere? Join us for a thrilling journey with CYPRIAN LIM as he unravels his ancestral roots where ordinary heroes fight for their faith and home is no less than the TEOCHEW CATHOLIC VILLAGE OF BETHLEHEM. Date: Saturday 26 Oct '19 @ 618 Upper Bukit Timah Road, Time 10 am. Registration canaevents2019@gmail.com or call 91768909 or <https://tinyurl.com/y3ehuukj>