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**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.

**THE GOSPEL OF MARK** by Msgr Ambrose Vaz. Registration is open for Part II of the Scripture Series. 11 weeks from 7 Aug - 30 Oct, 8.00pm - 10.00pm. St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah). Part II Registration Fee : \$20. Please register at: <https://bit.ly/2JpzfzU>

**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.

**CATHEDRAL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD** participates in Singapore Night Festival. Promoting the theme of Peace & Harmony for Singapore and the world. Be enthralled by lighted angels and thousands of candles and glow sticks Light a candle in new Peace & Harmony cups. Collect specially designed EZ-link card stickers and show your support for Peace & Harmony Watch heartwarming videos on Peace. Attend heritage tours. Pipe organ demonstration. 17-18 and 24-25 Aug '18, from 7.00pm till midnight. Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, 'A' Queen Street. The Cathedral Choir of the Risen Christ will present a free concert on Peace & Harmony on Sunday, 26 Aug '18 at 7.30pm. ALL ARE WELCOME! For more information, contact Cathedral's office: 6337 2036

<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.

**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, 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](mailto: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 Fathers** - for contributions/donations to 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 (Year B) Pg 764

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 13 August - SAT 18 August 2018

**MON:** EZ 1:2-5, 24-28C, MT 17:22-27 **TUE:** EZ 2:8—3:4, MT 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 **WED:** Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary **THU:** EZ 12:1-12, MT 18:21—19:1 **FRI:** EZ 16:1-15, 60, 63, MT 19:3-12 **SAT:** EZ 18:1-10, 13B, 30-32, MT 19:13-15

For this Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time we finish our third Sunday with the Bread of Life readings from the 6th chapter of John's Gospel, meditating on the words of Jesus who reveals that he is the bread of life. Some of his hearers grumble about these shocking words. Jesus says, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr. Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with its own special readings.

This week we begin reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel. Ezekiel was a prophet to the people in exile in Babylon. He uses dreams and powerful symbolic visions - at first denouncing their infidelity and then offering hope for restoration and new life.

In Matthew's Gospel this week we reflect upon God's mercy and our call to imitate God's love. Jesus predicts his passion and miraculously resolves a conflict over temple tax. It is not the temple tax for which he will be executed, but for what he reveals about God's love and mercy to sinners. Jesus tells us we should "become like children": innocent, loving, trusting, humble. Jesus tells us the hard work we should go through to reconcile with a sinner. He says that whenever we are gathered together, in his name, he is with us. He tells us to forgive - over and over again - and tells the parable of the servant who is

forgiven but won't forgive a fellow servant. Jesus speaks about the permanence of the marriage commitment. Children were not regarded very highly and the disciples tried to bar them from bothering Jesus. Jesus welcomes them - and all the powerless they represent: "for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

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.

### Daily Prayer This Week

Finding intimacy with our God is not limited to people who can go away on a retreat. We can all be contemplatives in action, if only we can focus on our relationship with the Lord in the background, every day. This week we can feed on the words of life which Jesus gives us. And, we can ask for the graces we need, in the midst of our busy lives.

Throughout this week, we can wake up and go through our morning routine asking for the grace that God's mercy might flow through us this day. One day, I might take notice of those in my life who need my forgiveness. I might pay attention to the one who frustrates me or has hurt me or has hurt those I love - real people I know (living or dead) or the anonymous people who represent the systems, institutions and structures

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that seem unjust or sinful. There are people who benefit from war, the poverty or slavery of others, the sacrilege against the dignity of life itself, the drug trade and the destruction of the environment. I can actually take the grace filled moments of brief intimacy with Jesus this week to forgive! This week of mercy can be a powerful blessing for our whole lives.

This can be a wonderful week for us to remember how many times we are called to forgive. And, we might want to take a few extra moments to reinforce this by re-reading the parable of the servant who has been forgiven himself but refuses to forgive. If we are really stuck in our struggle to forgive, we can find times to beg for the grace: "Dear Lord, you keep forgiving me, please let me experience the intimacy of forgiving as you have forgiven me."

Throughout this week, we'll be embracing little children and other "little ones" because we will be delighting in being one with him and his being one with us. And, we'll give thanks and praise.

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 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 15 August

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.*

For those of us who are Catholics, this celebration of Mary in heaven is so very natural. For those of us who are not Catholics, it might seem uncomfortable. There is always the question: "Aren't you raising Mary to the same level as Jesus?" Please bear with me, as I try to reflect upon what this feast can mean for all of us who believe in the saving power of Jesus' death, resurrection and gift of the Spirit, especially if I do so from my Roman Catholic enthusiasm and affection for Mary.

I think it has always been a mis-reading of the Catholic devotion to Mary, to see it as worship of Mary. I think one of the riches of the Christian spirit is to find every human, natural, tangible, emotional means available to support our faith. Down through history, as the form of the celebration of the Eucharist became

more and more "distant" or "transcendent", I think the people used a variety of devotions to achieve an intimacy with our Lord. I believe that the Spirit keeps finding ways to inspire us with desires for intimacy with our God.

One of the very real human scenes that is wonderful to imagine is that time in the life of the early community, when Mary died. I have buried a number of very close relatives and I have a deep sense of what it is to say "farewell" to a loved one. Just imagine what a special person Mary was. Not only did she receive the extraordinary gift of conceiving and giving birth to Jesus, she raised him, and followed his public life. And, she was there at the foot of the cross, experienced him as alive in a new way, and was there on the day of Pentecost. Imagine the words exchanged between Mary and whatever disciples were around her as she approached her death. I remember vividly how my family caressed the body of my father and mother after they died. I can only imagine the very special devotion her friends and care givers had for her very special body at the time of her death.

As we reflect upon the meaning of the resurrection for us - as we do every time we celebrate a funeral - we are caught in the mystery of what happens to us after we die, after there is no more life in the body, when we pass into eternity and time is irrelevant. How does Christ's victory over sin and death touch and transform our mortal bodies? Part of why we pray for those who have died is to pray for God's mercy on our loved ones, in the faith-filled hope that God will forgive their sins and that "the angels will carry them to paradise". I imagine that it was easy for believers down through the centuries to be certain that Mary, of all people on this earth, the one "full of grace", would be the first to be carried home to the loving embrace of God. "The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians." [Catechism of the Catholic Church, #966]

*Dear Lord, help us to live our lives with true hope in your gift of eternal life. Take away our fears, comfort us in the trials and crosses of our daily life. Help us to imagine the joy of a great reunion at the Banquet of Heaven. And, please,*

*let our anticipation of that joy free us from the worries and anxieties we face today. Let Mary assist us and guide us on our path to that life in you.*

*Hail, Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with you.*

## PARISH NEWS

**MASS TIMES FOR ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** - 14 Aug '18 (Tue), 5.30pm, 15 Aug '18 (Wed), 7.20am, 12.15pm (Mandarin), 5.30pm

**SPP Night Festival 2018** - The Parish will be participating in the Night Festival 2018 by opening our doors to welcome and reach out to people who want to know more about our Church. Details: Date/Time: 18 Aug (7pm to 10pm), 19 Aug (7.30pm to 10pm), 24 Aug (7pm to 10pm), 25 Aug (7pm to 10pm). On 19 Aug, in celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there will be a time of Sacred Music at 8pm by Cappella Martialis and Creatus Chamber, followed by Compline (Night Prayer) at 9.30pm. Car Park Notice: For all drivers attending the evening Masses on these dates, please remove your car IMMEDIATELY AFTER MASS as a car-free compound is required and the car access gates will be closed for the event. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

**ST CECILIA'S CHOIR NEW OFFICE BEARERS** - The St Cecilia's Choir welcomes its new committee who will take office from 2018 - 2020. Chairperson - Susan Milford, Vice Chairperson - Elizabeth Teo, Treasurer - Christine Tang, Secretary - Anastasia Patricks, Resources Controller - Geraldine Goh, Social Coordinator, Kit Chan. We thank the outgoing committee for their service to the ministry.

**PARISH BUILDING RENOVATION** - Our Parish Building will be undergoing renovations once the submitted plans have been approved by the authorities. The plans include an additional level of floor space to meet the needs of our parish communities and pastoral activities. We seek the co-operation of all parishioners, especially members of the many Ministries, to clear your existing storage/cupboards in the Parish Building by

*Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus!*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.*

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/081518.html>

16 Aug '18. Items that are not cleared by the deadline will be subject to disposal. We also ask for your prayers for the prompt approval of the plans by the authorities and a safe and smooth renovation project.

**PRAYER THE WAY TO HOLINESS** by Fr. Gregory D'Souza - SPP Church and OCDs invite you to a series of talks according to the teachings of St John of the Cross. Date: 13 - 17 Aug '18. Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm Venue: St. Teresa's Church Auditorium, Parish House Lvl 3 Contribution: \$50 Please register with SPP Church Office. For enquiries, email [spphappenings@gmail.com](mailto:spphappenings@gmail.com)

There is a special 3 days **MALACCA SANTA CRUZ** plus a visit to the new Carmelite Friars' House from 1 - 3 Sep '18. For details, please refer to the brochure. Only limited seats left. For reservation, please bring along your passport and make full payment in cash at the Parish Office.

## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

Next weekend, 18/19 Aug '18, being the 3rd weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges and contributions for the **GIFT** (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign. Contributions to GIFT will help others encounter the love of Christ through numerous archdiocesan organisations and building projects of the archdiocese. More info is available at [gift.catholicfoundation.sg](http://gift.catholicfoundation.sg).

**SHOUTOUT TO ALL JC/IB STUDENTS!** This coming September break we want to meet you for a time of worship, Mass, and prayer ministry at OYP. Come and experience the truth that GOD IS WITH US at all times and in every circumstance. 8 Sep '18, 10.00am - 1.00pm. Office for Young People, 2 Lorong Low Koon, Singapore 536449. Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/JCIBOutreach2018> - or