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Qualified therapists from **FAMILY LIFE SOCIETY** is providing counselling service on Tuesday & Wednesday nights at Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, #02-01, S(187954). Counselling is strictly by appointment. If you need help on issues like marital, relationship, grief, loss, parenting, anxiety, stress etc, please call 64880278 during office hours.

BRIDGING FAITH AND LIFE IN A DIGITAL WORLD. Sr Rose Pacatte and Sr Nancy Usselman, two Daughters of St Paul from the USA, are presenting workshops on 4 Nov '18 (Sun) Morning session: 9.00am-12.00pm, Afternoon session 2.00pm - 5.00pm and 5 Nov '18 (Mon) 8.00pm-9.30pmat Cana, the Catholic Centre. Topics include Media Literacy and Mindfulness for the New Evangelisation, Digital Discipleship, Meeting Jesus and Growing in Faith at the Movies. More details at www.paulines.org.sg. Open to all. Love offering. Register early paulineeventsSG@gmail.com or [whatsapp 8505 9746](https://whatsapp.com/55059746)

PIETA Memorial Mass for Children who have died. Thur, 8 Nov '18 at 8.00pm at Cathedral of the Good Shepherd @ Queen Street. We come together as bereaved families to remember our children who have died, no matter how recently or long ago, including unborn and adult children. The mass will be celebrated by Msgr Philip Heng SJ, Rector of the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. If you would like to include the name of your child in this mass, please REGISTER by giving us your name and contact details before 21 Oct '18 via email or facebook. Email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/pg/PietaSingapore/events

CLARITY'S YOUTH PUBLIC TALK – Can We Tell You About OCD?: School, socializing, family, even leisure may all seem very daunting if somebody is struggling with OCD. In Singapore, OCD has been found to be the third most common mental condition, affecting about 3% of the population. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from our presenters Dr. Bhanu Gupta and Dr. Jackki Yim. Sat 17 Nov, 10.00am - 12.00pm at Agape Village L3. \$15 per pax. To register: <https://tinyurl.com/OCD17Nov18> or T: 67577990. Closing date 15 Nov.



READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 801

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 29 October - SAT 3 November 2018

MON: EPH 4:32-5:8, LK 13:10-17 **TUE:** EPH 5:21-33, LK 13:18-21 **WED:** EPH 6:1-9, LK 13:22-30 **THU:** Solemnity of All Saints **FRI:** All Souls (The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed) **SAT:** PHIL 1:18B-26, LK 14:1, 7-11

A vision of comfort and healing is offered for the Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time. In Jeremiah, we see the Lord gathering “his people” - the blind, the lame and the helpless innocents, bringing them together to console and guide them. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus, the blind beggar has the courage to beg for healing from Jesus. He is hushed by the crowd but continues to call loudly for Jesus, who hears him and heals him. “Go your way; your faith has saved you.”

Thursday is the Solemnity of All Saints. Friday we remember All the Faithful Departed (All Souls). Both days have special readings.

The Gospel of Luke offers a glimpse of Jesus healing and teaching the people, even as he continues to clash with religious leaders. He cures the “bent woman” on a Sabbath and tells of the tiny mustard seed which develops to become a full grown bush. He repeats that it will not be easy to enter the Kingdom: “For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” He defies those who bring word of threats on his life and defies the silent Pharisees who watch as he cures a man on the Sabbath. Jesus encourages us to be humble: “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

On the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, church of saints peter & paul

in Mark's Gospel a scribe asks Jesus, “Which is the first of all the commandments?” Jesus tells him to love the Lord with all of his heart. The second commandment is: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The scribe agreed with Jesus, saying, “to love your neighbor as yourself” is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” Jesus replied, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

Daily Prayer This Week

Please, Lord, anything but humility! Our instinctive reaction to humility might be the result of a culture that exalts riches, honours and pride. Yet all this week Jesus teaches that the way to salvation is through humility.

The first step might be simply asking for the desire to be humble. As we move through the simplest of moments in our everyday lives, we can stop and ask God to help us want to be humble. As we sit on the edge of the bed in the morning, as we head to work, sort laundry or do our errands, we can keep a running prayer in the background of our consciousness: “Lord, help me to desire the humility that will make me more aware of your saving grace.”

These same background moments offer ways for us to recognise opportunities to practice humility as we go through our days. Perhaps I can stop myself from correcting my spouse. In

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's 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.
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, Teresa Wong Sok Mun, 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 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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a disagreement, I might make an extra effort to listen to the other person's side rather than planning my rebuttal as they speak. I can let a person in line in front of me, hold the door for someone or make an extra effort to recognise and thank those who serve me. Maybe I can even admit that I may not fully understand the opinions of others and that there may be some legitimate points to them. Even these tiny gestures, when done in the spirit of Jesus' teachings this week, offer us a special grace.

All week we can continue to speak to the Lord as we would to a loving friend who listens to us. And always, we can end our day in gratitude, for the merciful God who loves us so compassionately and longs to be in our hearts.

Source: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions/documents/papa-francesco_20180520_giornata-missionaria2018.html

Reflection

Today's gospel offers us a vibrant look at hope. As Jesus and the huge crowds following him began to leave Jericho, Bartimaeus, a blind man, sat by the side of the road begging. In a moment that would change his life, he heard the crowds talking as they walked and realised Jesus would be passing by the roadside. Bartimaeus began calling loudly for Jesus to have pity on him.

Who was this dirty, blind beggar sitting at the side of the road? The crowd was probably uncomfortable by the loudness of his request, seeing him as an embarrassment and a distraction. They tried to hush him. But Bartimaeus, who now had hope burning in his heart, would not be silenced. "Son of David!" he yelled again loudly. "Have pity on me!"

Maybe Jesus wanted to soften the hearts of his followers – the ones who wanted to hush and ignore the blind man. So, rather than addressing Bartimaeus directly, he asked them to call Bartimaeus over to him. Now suddenly speaking kindly to him, they encourage Bartimaeus to take courage and go to Jesus.

A blind man would have to keep his possessions close to himself, within easy reach. But in an extraordinary gesture of confidence in Jesus' healing, he threw aside his cloak and rose to go to Jesus. He believed in Jesus – boldly enough to refer to him as "Son of David" – as if knowing that when he returned, he would be able to see to pick up his cloak. He had the courage to ask for the vision that would change his life.

I pause as I face my own daily blindness and wonder if I really want to ask Jesus to see. Do I want to be healed? I see families in division, government policies that hurt the poor, refugees that begged an unwilling world for help and people betrayed by their own church. If I see all this clearly, then what will I have to do? If I see where I can make a difference, what new challenges does that put in my life? Please, Jesus. Give me the courage to call out to you.

I feel Jesus standing in front of me, loving me and asking, "What do you want me to do for you?"

And then I know that I want Jesus to give me sight and take my hand and lead me. I have the words now: "Lord, I want to see."

Loving Jesus, open my eyes to see what you want me to see. And let me respond with your healing heart to care for those around me. Guide me to remember that you will be with me when I see some of the painful and frightening situations around me and show me how to let them into my heart.

I trust that if you let me see with your eyes of love and feel with the warmth of your heart, then you will give me the grace to respond to you. You know that I really do want to respond your call more freely and without fear in my daily life to my family, to those around me and to this conflicted world where so many are in pain.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/102818.html>

PARISH NEWS

LOOKING FOR CATECHISTS! No experience required. For more info, please contact parish office or sppccdmistry@gmail.com. "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

THANKSGIVING MASS AND DINNER - 31 December 2018. Mass time: 5.30pm. Dinner: 7.00pm. Venue: Grand Banquet Restaurant (Hotel Royal @ Queens). Ticket price: \$500/table. Tickets can be purchased from church office now.

There is a 2D1N **MALACCA-KRUBON PILGRIMAGE** on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe from 15-16 Dec 2018. Please take a brochure for details and for reservation, please bring along your passport and make full payment in cash at the Parish Office

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING (All are welcome and no registration is needed). 3 Nov '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 or call 9747 2467. Organised by Praise@Work and supported by SACCRE

PRAYER INTENTION FOR SOULS. Our parish will be specially praying for souls in the month of November. Everyone is welcome to write the names of their deceased friends and/or loved ones in the book of remembrance. It will be placed in the Parish Office from 15 Oct '18 to 1 Nov '18 and in church (in front of the Infant Jesus Shrine) from 2 Nov onwards. Souls whose names are in the book will be prayed for at all public parish masses in the month of November.

A TALK ON UNDERSTANDING HOMOSEXUALITY. Speaker: Bryan Shen Date: 17 Nov '18 (Sat) Time: 1.00pm to 5.00pm (please note the time change and please be punctual!) Contribution: \$10. Please register and pay at SPP Church Office by 31 Oct '18.

JOIN THE SPP PARISH EMERGENCY RESPONDER (PER) TEAM - If you are physically fit, passionate about the role in life safety and community preparedness, and attend

the same Mass in this Parish most of the time, if not all the time, we welcome you to join the Parish Emergency Responder Team. You do not need to have experience (best if you have). All you need is the willingness to serve the people, and to commit to occasional meetings and trainings conducted by the Parish Emergency Preparedness Taskforce (PEPT). Please leave your name and contact details with the Church Office and the PEPT team will contact you.

BOOKINGS FOR WEDDINGS in the Catholic Church. As of this announcement, dating couples intending to enter into marriage in the Catholic Church will be required to book the date of the Church wedding one-year in advance. The booking will be confirmed upon the couple signing the acknowledgement of the necessary requirements that the priest will explain to them.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

QUIETING THE SOUL - Singapore by Cenacle Sister and Team. Date: 23 Nov '18 (Fri. 7.00pm)- 25 Nov '18 (Sun. 4.00pm), at St. Patrick House (behind St. Patrick's School) Contribution: \$250/person (single room) Registration: www.cenaclemission.com. Enquiries: 9722-3148; Whatsapp 96415651 Email: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com.

JESUS FOR EVERYONE - One way to tell others about Jesus is through stories. Try this: This week, post a short note on social media about a time when you encountered the Lord. Also share this testimony with one of your Catholic friend.

'IS BLIND FAITH A VIRTUE?' The "heart" is often contrasted against "head knowledge" in the Christian faith. Is it actually more virtuous to rely less on the intellect when it comes to matters of religion? What then is faith and what is the role of reason? Explore this issue through the teaching of John Paul II's encyclical Faith and Reason and discover how this is critical in the task of evangelization. Date: 20 Nov '18. Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm Venue: CANA The Catholic Centre (55 Waterloo Street #02-01). Speaker: Mr Kelvin Ng. About the Speaker: Mr Kelvin Ng is a Lector and RCIA sponsor at the Church of the Sacred Heart. He is an educator by profession and has Master's and Bachelor's degrees in History from the University of Oxford. He has published on the history of Singapore and Malaya, but his diverse interests also include