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Give The Special Gift Of A **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (ME)** Weekend, Marriage Encounter facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples. By transforming the way husband and wife communicate, it forges greater intimacy and a closer relationship. Slots are still open for the next ME Weekend from Aug 3-5. E-mail mewkend@gmail.com or visit wwmesg.org

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 24 Jul '18, 7:30pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8. Contact us via email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com or facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

4TH ASIAN APOSTOLIC CONGRESS ON MERCY (AACOM4) will take place in Penang

on the 26- 28 Sep. The theme of the much-awaited event is "Experiencing Mercy Through The Joy of The Gospel in Asia". Held once every three years, AACOM4 is an Asian gathering of Divine Mercy devotees and promoters, among whom are cardinals, bishops, priests, religious and the laity. Each day participants will listen to invited speakers on topics reflecting the theme of the Congress. The objective is to strengthen and promote the devotion to the Divine Mercy while giving deeper insights into the practice and inculturation of DM devotion among the Asian nations. To register: just follow this link on the same page <http://www.cdm.my/4th-asian-apostolic-congress-on-mercy/registration/>. If you would like to know more details, just email aacom4penang.2018@gmail.com.

MARYVALE CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS (MCC) - The MCC course is a 2-year distance learning programme for anyone interested in developing his or her own faith for the sake of explaining it to others. It is jointly offered by Maryvale Institute, UK, and the Office For Catechesis. 2018 Intake Commencement: 10 Nov '18. Application closing date: 31 Jul '18. If interested or for more info please email to michele@catechesis.org.sg

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, 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

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 754

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 23 July - SAT 28 July 2018

MON: MI 6:1-4, 6-8, MT 12:38-42 **TUE:** MI 7:14-15, 18-20, MT 12:46-50 **WED:** 2 COR 4:7-15, MT 20:20-28 **THU:** MT 20:20-28, MT 13:10-17 **FRI:** JER 3:14-17, MT 13:18-23 **SAT:** JER 7:1-11, MT 13:24-30

On the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time we read from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah that God himself will shepherd his people and that a descendant of David will rule with wisdom and justice. Mark's Gospel paints a picture of Jesus trying to gather together his disciples for a rest but the people kept coming to them: "his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things."

Wednesday is the Feast of Saint James, apostle, with its own special readings. Thursday is the Memorial of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The first readings this week are from the Book of the Prophet Micah. Later in the week we move to readings from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, which will continue next week and into the week afterwards.

We continue to read from Matthew's Gospel this week. The scribes and Pharisee ask Jesus for a sign to prove his credentials. He says that the only sign will be his death and resurrection. Jesus says to all who follow him: "Here are my mother and my brothers." He tells his disciples the parable of the sower. When asked why he speaks in parables Jesus answers that those who are simple and those with open hearts will hear and understand. Then Jesus explains the parable and the importance of rich soil. Saturday is another "sower" parable with an enemy planting weeds in a field. "Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning but gather the wheat into my barn."

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time begins five weeks of Sunday reflections on Chapter 6 of John's Gospel on Jesus as the Bread of Life. This Sunday is the miracle of the five barley loaves and two fishes. "Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted."

Daily Prayer This Week

It is helpful to be reminded by Jesus this week that to be his disciple is not about comparing ourselves with each other. It is not about a competition to be greater than another. It is about being servants of each other and being like him, who came to give his life away. As we pray this week, in the background of our daily lives, we can reflect upon all the relationships in our lives and ask for the grace to come to know the needs of each person in my life and for the grace to be servant as Jesus is servant.

The parable of the sower can be a wonderful source of reflection this week. We can do it in a variety of ways, but it might be helpful to just take one kind of soil to reflect on each day. Each day we can begin -- as we first get out of bed, in the shower, while dressing, eating, driving, walking from one place to another, shopping -- by asking for the grace to understand how parts of me are like this soil. Seed sown on the hard path: I can ask to know how the Word is simply stolen away from my heart. What is hard-hearted in me? What hardens me? How am I not open? What saps my spirits, my hope, my faith?

Seed sown on rocky ground: I can ask to know how I sometimes initially receive the Word readily,

even with joy, but my lack of deep roots leads to my losing heart when troubles come. When do I lose courage? How do I believe the Word but fail to pay to price for living it? How can I develop deeper roots?

Seed sown among thorns: I can ask for the grace to know how I initially welcome the Word, but then let anxieties and the lure of riches choke the Word so it can't bear fruit. What kind of worldly anxieties trouble me? What kind of attractions, possessions, addictions affect my freedom and peace? What grace in me isn't bearing fruit? How can I be freer, live more simply, with more surrender?

Seed sown on rich soil. I can ask for the grace to hear the Word and understand it and to bear much fruit. What will help me, prepare me to be more receptive? What environment, activities, service will help?

Each night, we can give thanks for these reflections that help us examine our daily live and grow in love, in freedom and in fruitfulness.

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

A few years ago one of my younger nephews was traveling with his siblings and their mother. While pulling out of a drive-in restaurant, with French fries on his lap, a hamburger in one hand and a drink in the other, he asked his mother, "Mum, where are we going to eat after we eat next." He seemed not to worry about what they were going to eat next, but where after that. The "Good Shepherd" at the steering wheel assured her little lamb that he need not fear, just finish what he had in hand and lap. My sister was feeling less of compassion and more of enjoyment patience.

In our First Reading for today, Jeremiah is feeling neither patience nor compassion, but a certain anger with the religious leaders of Israel at that time. They have been perverting authority into power and self-serving rather than servant-caring. They have been accumulating rather than dispensing. They have been driving their flock away while establishing their little kingdoms.

Jeremiah makes two profound and hopeful statements. God will appoint true shepherds, true leaders for the remnant and will feed them in their own meadows.

The second statement or prophecy concerns the

descendent or offspring of the line of David who will guide God's flock and whose name will be "The Lord Our Justice." He will be the Pastor Shepherd who will reveal the tender tendering of the faithful God.

In our Gospel for today, Jesus takes His tired, little flock for a restful picnic across the lake. When they arrived at the deserted place, they found that it was not deserted any longer. The crowds from around and about were in need of being fed after they had eaten recently. They were hungry for food of all kinds, but especially for healings and teachings. There's always room for a little more. They may not have even known what they were looking for; they were just looking.

When Jesus and His crew disembarked, He look at the crowd gathered like a hungry flock and He received them with "pity"? Not exactly "pity", but the original Greek word was "Moved to His guts". He was deeply touched, because they were gazing at Him as would a large flock of sheep, looking for food. Immediately after these verses from Mark's Gospel, Jesus has them assume postures of receptivity and feeds them as would any good shepherd. I can imagine that this huge crowd has gathered into one, but for different reasons, having different hungers.

As they individually arrived, certain self-appointed ushers asked each of the seekers questions about what each was looking for. The ushers seated persons according to their responses.

Nearest the shore to the left was the group who had replied that they had not much to do that day and everybody seemed to be excitedly heading toward this place. They just went along with the crowd.

Next to that group, seated more toward the center, were those who wanted to get up close and impersonal with Jesus. They intended to question Him about His authority, his obscure family roots and why He seemed sometimes to violate His own religious traditions. They were hungry for a good argument.

To the right of this group were arranged younger folks who had brought their own picnic baskets and were enjoying their own self-sufficiency and smugly ate what they had brought while keeping their provisions for themselves. They came to see, hear and check out whether or not Jesus could provide even better stuff. They intended not to be moved in any way.

The ushers had done a good job arranging groups according to their intentions and desires. Jesus finally arrives with His mates and does not begin questioning each person as did the ushers. He seems to understand deeply that, no matter why they all came, He will receive them personally with deep-down humanly-felt openness. Jesus accepted them all. His heart extended arms around each and all, without separating, excluding, judging.

The human condition in all its forms was united in the one basic hunger. Each was hungry for completion. They represent "longing." They had not found satisfaction in fulfilling themselves. Jesus will miraculously feed their bodies. He knows that this food will not totally satisfy, that they will want more. He taught them before breeding them. He spoke to them about the sacredness of their deeper longings, their truer hungers, their fascination with answers

PARISH NEWS

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 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

PRaise@WORK Mass with prayers for healing (All are welcome and no registration is needed). 4 Aug '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

which result in further questions.

Jesus knew that each would return to their lives again, but just maybe each was comforted in the awareness that this Person Who could teach and do wonderful things, loved them personally and collectively. Perhaps the sceptics, the arguers, the self-isolators were moved to be a little more tender and accepting of their own human insufficiency of all kinds. Perhaps they were able to live more honestly with their doubts, fears, questions and self-poverty.

As they were leaving, trailing near the end, there was a young fellow who kept saying to no one in particular, "Ya, but what is He going to do for us after the next feeding?"

We always want more!

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/072218.html>

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.

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

CANOSSAVILLE CHILDREN AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (Canossaville is guided by The Canossian Daughters of Charity) Calling on you to be part of the community support for Canossaville Children and Community Services which offers a Special Student Care for primary school children, including those with hearing impairment, learning challenges (emotional, physical and other additional needs) and families needing financial assistance. We are selling customized tote bags, priced at \$15 each on 28/29 July at the church's entrances. All proceeds of the donation will support these children and their families. To find out more about Canossaville Children and Community Services, visit us at <https://canossaville.org.sg/> Your support would also be a great encouragement to youths to become social entrepreneurs and community leaders in Singapore.

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