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**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  
**Intercensory 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 - 10.00 m to 7.30pm, Sat & Sun - 9.30am to 1.30pm  
Lunch hours: 11.45am - 12.45pm. 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](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 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 needy.

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**READINGS:** Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 875

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 20 May 2019 - SAT 25 May 2019

**MON:** ACTS 14:5-18, JN 14:21-26 **TUE:** ACTS 14:19-28, JN 14:27-31 **WED:** ACTS 15:1-6, JN 15:1-8 **THU:** ACTS 15:7-21, JN 15:9-11 **FRI:** ACTS 15:22-31, JN 15:12-17 **SAT:** ACTS 16:1-10, JN 15:18-21

The Fifth Sunday of Easter brings us stories from Acts of the Apostles of Paul and Barnabas and their work in the early church. They spread the good news to the Gentiles and then "called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles." John's Gospel returns to the Last Supper. Jesus gives his followers a new way of life: "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

All week, as we read about the inspiring development in the early community - with the acceptance of the good news by the Gentiles - we experience the assurance of Jesus.

The Gospels this week continue the "Last Discourse" of our Lord, taking chapters 14 and 15 of the Fourth Gospel.

In these marvelous chapters we experience Jesus, "the way, the truth and the light." He consoles his disciples with the gift of his peace, which is different than the peace the world offers.

What Jesus gives is a relationship as close as a vine is to its branches. He calls us to remain connected with him so that we can remain fruitful. Without him, we dry up and wither.

When we are so united with Jesus, we can ask him for whatever we need to be fruitful. His invitation is for us to remain in his love, to make our home there. The resulting relationship is that of a friend. And this friendship is his gift to us - not our choosing him, but Jesus choosing us as friends who can open our hearts to him.

Therefore, in this relationship of connectedness and fruitful love flowing to us and through us to others, Jesus says that the one command he gives us is that we love one another - that we stay loving and fruitful.

Finally, Jesus reminds us that if the world didn't like his announcing and living of this good news, then it won't like our announcing and living it either.

John's Gospel offers us comfort and peace in a very direct way for the 6th Sunday of Easter. Jesus says "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

**Daily Prayer This Week**

We can hold the words of Jesus in our hearts all week. As we do, we will discover their attractiveness and invitation. We will also encounter resistance in ourselves and in others.

It takes practice to stay focused in the background of our daily life. We all have years of habit to overcome. However, we can practice letting this consoling message of Jesus find a place in our awareness at various points in our day, whether it is in the shower, while getting dressed, or simply whenever we are on our way from one place to another. Sometimes it will take a conscious effort to let these thoughts replace the thoughts that are there already. In the background of our day is where our worries reside. It's where we carry anxiety and stress. Sometimes it is where we carry on imaginary conversations with others or "replay" past conversations like a song that we can't get out of our heads. This is when we turn those returning anxieties over the God, asking God to heal us.

This is a great week to get in touch with our deepening desires and to let my conversations with Jesus grow in friendship. The easiest way to do this is to say simple ordinary things -- the very way I would say them to a close friend. Some examples might offer words that will inspire our own conversation with the Lord who loves us.

*"Jesus, every time I hear you say I don't have to let my heart be troubled, I pause. I sense you are pointing to the 'troubles' I'm working through today. You're asking me to let go of them, aren't you? I'd like to, Jesus, but some of this is big stuff. It scares me. I know some of what I need to do, but I put it off. I know what I'm avoiding. It helps to focus on your love for me this week. I guess what I really need to ask you for today is that you help me to trust you more completely. It is really nice these days to feel that you are so close to me, and that I'm not alone today."*

*"I haven't been very connected to you, Jesus. This conversation is difficult because it reminds me the embarrassing stuff I keep doing - and even now, I'm ashamed to talk about it in your presence. Please forgive me."*

*Some of this I want to bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that I can be re-connected with you again. I need a 'turning point', Jesus. Thank you for being there."*

*"Good night, Jesus. Thank you for today. Let me put everything aside tonight. I know you will be with me all day tomorrow."*

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.

### **Easter Joy for Everyday Life**

More than just a day, the Church gives us a seven-week Easter season to celebrate. Yet sometimes our everyday lives feel so heavy that celebration is not a part of them. Critical illness in the family, loss of a job, disappointment in a relationship and the burdens of everyday life can make it a challenge to feel particularly joyful – even in the Easter season.

But the joy we are being invited into this season is beyond what we see in our everyday lives. It's true that Jesus says "Come to me and bring me your burdens" but we usually can't believe it. Maybe we don't want to believe it. If I really allow Jesus to come into my heart the way he wants to, will he ask me to change my life in ways that are too hard? How do I share the chaos of my life with Jesus? If I keep him at arm's length, my life might be difficult, but at least my problems are familiar. What would it cost me to let go and change my life?

We know our own faults and failings so well. Too well. We begin to believe that Jesus loves the way we love – with all of our human limits. How could Jesus love us and accept us the way we are right now? Maybe when we fix a few things about our lives, love our spouse a little better, stop being so critical of family members, stop drinking, stop nagging, love a little more... when we are perfect, then Jesus will love us.

If we can overcome our fears, the real power

of letting Jesus into our hearts is how free our hearts will become. Suddenly, we are not afraid, not burdened and simply ready to serve with Jesus.

Jesus loves us - right now. At this moment, Jesus holds each one of us in his warm and loving gaze and loves us so freely at a depth that our human minds can't take in. Whether we comprehend this or not, Jesus loves us endlessly and waits for us with his arms open, ready to hold and support us.

As we receive his embrace and feel the peace and joy of Easter wash over us, we can look over his shoulder, and see beyond to those in need who now wait for us. That's when we realise that the real joy in our lives is putting aside our own faults, challenges

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### **PARISH NEWS**

**NO CATECHISM CLASS** on 10 May '19 as it is a public holiday (Vesak Day)

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD.** Day of Obligation, Wed, 29 May '19 (Anticipated Mass): 5.30pm (English). Thurs, 30 May '19: 7.20am (English), 12.15pm (Mandarin), 5.30pm Infant Jesus Devotion followed by English Mass.

**CANTONESE RCIA** (2019/2020) will be commenced on 28 June '19 at 7.45pm. Please contact our office at 63372585 for registration.

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### **NEWS AROUND THE PARISH**

**JESUS4EVERYONE** - 'Be fearless; speak out and do not keep silence...' (Acts 18:9). Tell others about Jesus.

**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 28 May 2019, 7:30pm at Agape Village, Toa

and difficulties for a while and entering into the lives of others.

Pope Francis said at Easter, we leave ourselves behind and encounter others by "being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast."

We are being missioned as Easter People. We find peace in Jesus' love for us and now we share it with others. We find ourselves standing side by side with Jesus, looking together at those we are being sent to love.

That is where the real joy of Easter waits for us.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/Easter-Joy-Everyday.html>

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**JESUS MARY RALLY 2019** Come and encounter Jesus Christ through Mary our Mother. Program includes Talks, the Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic Celebration, and Consecration to Our Lady. Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation, The Legion of Mary, Gloria Patri Ministries, and IHM. Speaker: Rev Fr Simon Pereira, CSsR. Date: 25 May '19 Time: 2.00pm - 8.00pm at Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 24 Highland Rd. To register visit: [www.one.org.sg/events](http://www.one.org.sg/events)

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