

on the meaning and significance of marriage as per their faith traditions as well as the attendant rituals, rites and customs. Register name, parish/organisation and handphone number latest by 15 July at gerald.accird@catholic.org.sg

JESUS 4 EVERYONE - You're sure to know a family member or friend who doesn't know Jesus Christ. Consider praying and fasting for this person! Choose a day to fast for this person. We fast by limiting our food intake in response to God our Father's call to build His kingdom. Effective prayer should be accompanied by fasting.

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.

CARITAS SINGAPORE – Social Mission Conference 2018. This will be held on 21 Jul '18 (Sat) at the Catholic Junior College (Performing Arts Centre). The theme of the conference is "Whole of Me, All of Us, One in Christ". This conference aims to look at the social teaching of integral human development – where the whole person is developed (i.e. physical, emotional, cognitive and spiritual) and all persons are included in the development of our society. The keynote speaker is His Eminence, Peter Kodwo Appiah Cardinal Turkson, Prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development. For more information and registration, pick up a brochure from your parish or register at www.caritas-singapore.org/smc2018



READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 750

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 16 July - SAT 21 July 2018

MON: IS 1:10-17, MT 10:34-11:1 **TUE:** IS 7:1-9, MT 11:20-24 **WED:** IS 10:5-7, 13B-16, MT 11:25-27 **THU:** IS 26:7-9, 12, 16-19, MT 11:28-30 **FRI:** IS 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8, MT 12:1-8 **SAT:** MI 2:1-5, MT 12:14-21

On the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time we read Mark's version of the call of the Twelve - sending them out in teams of two with his healing power and his authority over unclean spirits. He told them "to take nothing for the journey." God would take care of them.

This week, the first readings are from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. The preaching of the first part of Isaiah contains powerful words about the infidelity of the people and the kings, God's sanctions so as to purify a people who would be faithful. On Saturday, we begin reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah.

In our readings from Matthew's Gospel we read more about the challenge of being a disciple of Jesus. He calls us to a bond with him that is even greater than the bonds of family. "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Jesus reproaches towns where he worked miracles and the people had not repented. Jesus thanks God that, though the wise and the learned remain in unbelief, the childlike are open to God's grace and believe. Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Taking on discipleship we will find that it is easy and we will find rest in him. When controversy comes up about his disciples' picking grain to eat on the Sabbath, Jesus give a startling response to the judgment of the Pharisees: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." Jesus leaves town when the Pharisees want to kill him to fulfill the Prophet Isaiah: "He will not contend or cry out, nor will anyone hear

his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory."

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 his disciples for a rest together 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."

Daily Prayer This Week

This week, we are invited to place our trust in God as we respond more and more deeply to the invitation of Jesus to be his disciples. Being his disciple means being connected with him in a bond stronger than any other bond in our life - one which may set us at odds with others. Seeking self-fulfillment will always be frustrating and unattainable. Letting go of ourselves for Jesus' sake brings a fulfillment beyond our imagining.

It is not enough to be part of a wonderful family or outstanding parish community. We need to make our own commitment. Being smart or clever is not what is required of us. Jesus asks us to be childlike: trusting, dependent, open to learning and receiving. Being his

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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disciples means that we come to Jesus with all our needs, especially for the resources we need to serve him. It is as companions of Jesus' own mission that the burden of our mission will become lighter and quite easy. Coming to Jesus will bring refreshment and peace. A sign of our discipleship will never be self-righteousness or judging others. What he desires is that our hearts become like his: full of mercy and love. His own heart is moved with pity for those who are wandering, without direction, as though shepherd-less.

How can we find intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives, while reflecting on our discipleship? By letting these precious messages of Jesus to us settle into our hearts. If we really hear them, they will become a part of us this week. It doesn't take much time; just more focus. Each day, we can let these words of Jesus' interact with what is going on in our daily lives. The call to be bonded with him might strike a chord in our hearts: I might recognise that my bond with Jesus is weak, and I have a desire for a deeper intimacy. Or, I might hear the invitation to let go of my need for self-fulfillment in order to find real meaning in life and the true self within me. Perhaps I might feel the call to repent or to be more trusting and childlike -- or to be less judgmental and more merciful.

All we need to do is to begin each day simply naming these desires that the readings reveal in us. Then, throughout the day, in the in-between times - dressing, showering, walking from one place to another, finding myself alone here or there - I can have brief conversations with Jesus asking for these graces. In particularly difficult times, or in times when my weaknesses reveal themselves to me, I can recognise that desire more deeply and express that to the Lord, growing in gratitude for the intimacy and grace I am experiencing each day.

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.

A Reflection for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Christopher O'Donnell, O.Carm. 2005.

"The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is truly universal and undoubtedly one of the pious practices which Vatican II described as 'recommended by the Magisterium throughout the centuries'." (Vatican Directory Popular Piety and the Liturgy (2001) n. 205)

There are many "Our Ladys." When we have "Our Lady of somewhere," we usually concentrate on how she is honoured in a place – the Virgin who invites us to repentance and healing at Lourdes, the Virgin of the poor and marginalised at Guadalupe. When we speak of Our Lady of an order or congregation, we are alluding to the way in which she is honoured in that institute.

The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is celebrated on 16 July. It draws our attention to the way in which she is manifested to the Carmelite Order and the way in which Carmelites see her. We know that the hermit brothers on Mount Carmel dedicated an oratory to St Mary early in the thirteenth century. In medieval times that was the equivalent of their declaring that she is their Patron who will look after them, and whom they in turn will serve.

Later when the Carmelites came to Europe and joined the ranks of the mendicant friars, other images of Mary arose among them. They took of course the notion of Mother common to all Christians of the East and West. They also saw her as Sister, and honoured her as the Most Pure Virgin, that is the Virgin of undivided heart. From this time too, Carmelites were much taken by the beauty of Mary, so that a favourite invocation was "Mother and Beauty of Carmel."

A significant Carmelite devotion to Our Lady is through the Brown Scapular. A scapular is part of a religious habit, a wide piece of cloth worn back and front over the shoulders (Latin scapulae—shoulder blades) and reaching to the knees or lower. From the Middle Ages lay people sought some association with religious orders, and a common way was to invest them in part of the habit, frequently a reduced scapular. The Brown Scapular of the Carmelite Order has been very popular since the fifteenth century.

The scapular is a symbol, that is, a sign that carries a deeper meaning. In a letter to the whole Carmelite Order, the Superiors General, J. Chalmers and C. Maccise wrote in 2001:

"reflection on the Scapular symbolism implies that we think out and make our own the fact that Mary is our Patroness, who cares for us as Mother and Sister. Our Mother nurtures the divine life within us and teaches us the way to God. Our Sister walks with us in the journey of transformation, inviting us to make ours her own response: 'Oh let it what you have said be done to me' (Luke 1:38). But patronage is a two-way relationship. We receive Mary's care; in turn we are called upon to imitate her and to honour her through fidelity to her Son."

PARISH NEWS

INFANT BAPTISM – The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Sunday 12 August 2018 at 11.00am within Mass. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session on Saturday, 11 August 2018 at 3.30pm. Application Forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and must be submitted by Monday, 16 July '18.

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL will be celebrated in our Parish on 15 Jul and 16 Jul '18. On Sun 15 Jul, there will be 4.00pm Mass, Candlelight Procession of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the Investiture of the Brown Scapular after the Mass. On Mon 16 Jul, the Investiture of the Brown Scapular is after 7.20am and 5.30pm masses. **Time of Masses on Mon 16 Jul at Carmelite Monastery: English masses at 6.30am, 4.30pm and 6.30pm (with Archbishop), Chinese Mass at 2.30pm.**

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the **GIFT** (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign. GIRO forms, cheques or cash can be sealed into GIFT envelopes and dropped into the collection bags that will go around. Spare GIFT envelopes are available in the church pews, and at the parish office. Please give generously for the vision of the archdiocese. More info is available at gift.catholicfoundation.sg.

CANA invites you to Faith + Film - **THE**

Wearing of the Brown Scapular is not a quasi-magical totem. It must be a sign of a relationship with Christ along with Mary, one of dependence and love. It will have its fullest meaning only when we are drawn into the contemplation of the divine mysteries. As the symbol of a religious garment the scapular should also remind us that we are to be clothed with Christ (see Col 3:10; Rom 13:14). We may go further and see Mary clothing us with her Son.

For many centuries the Brown Scapular has been seen as a sign of Mary's care and help not only in life's dangers, but also at the time of death and during any purification and healing a person in Purgatory that a person might need.

Source: <http://www.carmelites.ie/olmc1.html>

CASE FOR CHRIST - The true story of how investigative journalist Lee Strobel, legal editor at the Chicago Tribune, takes on the challenge of examining the historical evidence surrounding Jesus. Is there a rock-solid case for Christ's existence, crucifixion and resurrection - or not? The screening will be followed by a brief sharing session. Bring your friends and family for a film outing to gain insights and deepen your faith. Dates: 21, 28 Jul and 4 Aug '18. Time: 2.00pm-4.00pm. Venue: Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, 2nd floor Register at info@canafilmfest.com or call 63384080. www.canafilmfest.com or www.facebook.com/CanaFilmFestivalSG

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

ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC COUNCIL FOR INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE (ACCIRD) Interreligious Panel on "Marriage" on 17 July (Tue), 7.30pm-9.30pm, Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Annex Building Level 3. Rabbi Mordechai Abergel (Chief Rabbi of Singapore), Ustaz Zulhilmi Mohamed (Mosque Manager, An-Nahdhah Mosque) and Ms Michelle Voo (Member, ACCIRD) will share