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THE FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION (6 AUG) & THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY (15AUG). Featuring: Prayerful reflections by Monsignor Philip Heng,S.J. Musical presentation by Vita Voxa (Voice of Life) from Indonesia. Date: 4 Aug '18 (Sat). Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Venue: Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. ALL ARE WELCOME! Free Admission – a love offering will be appreciated. For more information, contact: Angelika Sundari (+65 91112030 angelika.sundari@hotmail.com) or Catholic foundation (+65 6338-0348 cf@catholic.org.sg)

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

JOURNEYING INTO LOVE & HEALING. Date: 20 July to 22 July, 2018 (Fri – Sun). Time: Fri, 8:00 pm - Sun., 1:00 pm. Venue: Montfort Centre - 624 Upper Bukit Timah Road. S-678212. Description: “Where is God in my pain?” A weekend of journeying within, which opens to healing, love and inner growth. It offers you time to look at ways of prayerfully embracing hurts, trials and struggles of life, and find the healing love of God. Contribution: \$300.00. By: Sr Francisca Tan and Ms. Gerry Szeto –Registered Counsellor Contact: Tel. Nos. 65652895; 9722-3148. Email: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com

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 747

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 9 July - SAT 14 July 2018

MON: HOS 2:16, 17C-18, 21-22, MT 9:18-26 **TUE:** HOS 8:4-7, 11-13 MT 9:32-38 **WED:** HOS 10:1-3, 7-8, 12, MT 10:1-7 **THU:** HOS 11:1-4, 8E-9, MT 10:7-15 **FRI:** HOS 14:2-10, MT 10:16-23 **SAT:** IS 6:1-8, MT 10:24-33

On the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time we read that Jesus was not able to work miracles in his home town. In their eyes, he was just the person they'd seen grow up. This distressed him and he couldn't work many miracles at home.

Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Benedict.

The first readings this week are from the Book of the Prophet Hosea. Hosea was a prophet to the northern kingdom. He was powerful and tender in expressing God's relationship to Israel in terms he knew. His wife was unfaithful to him in the way Israel was unfaithful to God - yet he still loved his wife as God was still faithful to Israel. On Saturday, we begin reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, beginning with the call of Isaiah.

This week Matthew's Gospel shows us how Jesus calls his Apostles and how he sent them out on mission. We begin with Matthew's version of Jesus healing an official's daughter, and along the way he heals the woman suffering hemorrhages. Jesus heals a mute man, but the Pharisees accuse him of using evil powers to do this. Jesus continues to heal. He tells his disciples to pray for even more disciples. Jesus selects twelve special disciples, his

Apostles (meaning “those who are sent”), and gives them the power to heal and to proclaim, “The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.” They are sent to “Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons.” And they are not to charge for their ministry. They are to be discerning: “Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and simple as doves.” He tells them that they will be persecuted, “but whoever endures to the end will be saved.” Jesus tells them to not be afraid for God will protect them.

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.

Daily Prayer This Week

Last week we reflected about images of Jesus beginning his ministry and letting ourselves grow in admiration and attraction to him. This week we take the next step by watching him call and send his Apostles. As we go through each day this week, in the background of our consciousness, we can make an ongoing reflection on our call and mission.

For a few days, we can pray each morning, for just 30 seconds or so -- when we first stand up beside our bed or when we are in the shower or while dressing -- "Dear Jesus, I sometimes forget that I am called by you to be your disciple. I forget that you call me each day to live the mission you give me. Help me be more aware of your call and more faithful in living it today."

For a few days, we might begin the day talking to Jesus, with our own words: "Lord, I have some challenges to face today. Help me enter those challenges with faith and trust in you. Calm my fears and heal my resistance to placing my trust in you. Then, let me bring your healing to the conflicts and wounds I encounter today."

And, for a few days, I can be more focused on what Jesus said about sending us like sheep among wolves. "Lord, there are so many ways that I have become a part of the values of the world around me. Give me the freedom to hear your call today and to live it counter culturally. With your grace, I resolve to live more simply and to try to hear the cry of the poor. With your grace, I desire to be freed from the attachments that blind me, so that I might be guided by your Spirit in dismantling unjust social structures. Today, Jesus, I place my trust in you."

In these simple prayers we find ourselves having a new focus each day. While continuing to be busy and doing what we are committed to doing, our days are transformed. In brief conversations with Jesus, our hearts and desires become more closely aligned with his. Practicing this kind of prayer is very fulfilling and soon becomes a habit. We become more reflective as we grow in intimacy with our Lord, in the midst of our daily lives.

As we review our day each evening before going to bed, we recognise God's presence with us that day. Expressing our gratitude

each night claims the graces we have received and helps us trust God's presence in our lives more and more.

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

How many times have we paid a stranger or casual acquaintance a glowing compliment, even though we rarely compliment our spouse? How often have we praised someone's son or daughter for their achievements, but neglected to praise our own children? Have we held the door open for a complete stranger at church, while we left our own spouse or family trailing behind us as we walked in ahead of them?

There is an old saying that "familiarity breeds contempt." Perhaps it was the type of contempt that Jesus may have felt when he came to his native place accompanied by his disciples. Perhaps it was the type of contempt that led the crowd who gathered to hear him in the synagogue to question his teachings, because he was "among his own kin and in his own house."

As Catholics, and especially as colleagues working together at a Jesuit university, we often hear of the strong emphasis we should place on social justice and the Jesuit mission to form leaders who value the importance of serving others. When we think of serving others, most, if not all of us, probably think about social justice and serving those who are less well off than us.

All of this is well and good, but is it only among complete strangers at the homeless shelter, for example, that we should hone those traits of selflessness and practice those service skills? How do we embody lives as women and men for and with others, in the presence of those we love most in the world, or those with whom we are in close contact every day?

As a case in point I distinctly remember a conversation I had at home one evening. My

wife asked me to run a late night errand to the grocery store and she could quickly tell by my body language that I was less than pleased to go back out. Her response to my shoulder shrug was quick and cut to the bone. She said, "Why is it that if one of your clients from Creighton were to call and ask you to help them with a late, last minute favor you would be out the door in a flash but if I ask it is a completely different response?" My wife had me dead to rights, so to speak.

Today, as we spend our allotted time in daily

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 7.30am, 4.30pm and 6.30pm (with Archbishop), Chinese Mass at 2.30pm.

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING (All are welcome, no registration needed) 7 Jul '18 (Sat) Church of Sts. Peter and Paul (main church) 2.00pm - Praise and Worship. 2.20pm - 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 SACCRES.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

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),

reflection and examination of conscience, let us think about how welcoming we have been to our own kin, in our own house. Are we "giving service to others" in our own home, with our own family and close friends, and showing them just how much we love and value them, or are we saving that love and compassion for others?

Let's work toward becoming better Catholics to all, including those close to us, and not just those we think need a hand up.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/070818.html>

Ustaz Zuhilmi Mohamed (Mosque Manager, An-Nahdhah Mosque) and Ms Michelle Voo (Member, ACCIRD) will share 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.

PUBLIC TALKS @ AGAPE VILLAGE – Understanding Labour, Birth and Postnatal Self-Care. 14 Jul (Sat), 10.00am - 12.30pm. at Agape Village (7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh S 319264). Come