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**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](mailto:pieta.singapore@gmail.com). [www.facebook.com/pg/PietaSingapore/events](http://www.facebook.com/pg/PietaSingapore/events)

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<b>Sunset Mass</b>	: 5.30pm
<b>Rosary</b>	: 4.30pm (Saturday)
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
<b>Infant Jesus Devotion</b>	: 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)
<b>Divine Mercy Devotion</b>	: 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)
<b>Sion Adorers - Holy Hour</b>	: 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday)
<b>Hour of Mercy</b>	: 3.00pm daily
<b>Adoration Chapel</b>	: 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm(Sun)
<b>Secretariat's Operating Hours</b>	: 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.
<b>Columbarium Opening Hours</b>	: 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](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 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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**DIGITAL WORLD.** Sr Rose Pacatte and Sr Nancy Usselmann, 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-9.30pm at 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](http://www.paulines.org.sg). Open to all. Love offering. Register early [paulineseventsSG@gmail.com](mailto:paulineseventsSG@gmail.com) or whatsapp 8505 9746

**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.



Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 November 2018 Year B

**READINGS:** Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 804

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 5 November - SAT 10 November 2018

**MON:** PHIL 2:1-4, LK 14:12-14 **TUE:** PHIL 2:5-11, LK 14:15-24 **WED:** PHIL 2:12-18, LK 14:25-33 **THU:** PHIL 3:3-8A, LK 15:1-10 **FRI:** EZ 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, JN 2:13-22 **SAT:** PHIL 4:10-19, LK 16:9-15

On the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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 neighbour as yourself. The scribe agreed with Jesus, saying, "to love your neighbour as yourself" is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." Jesus replied, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

Friday is the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome with its own readings. Saturday is the Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the Church.

Continuing Luke's Gospel, Jesus talks about not only inviting all the "right" people into our lives, but to include "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind." "For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Then Jesus tells the parable of the invited guests who made excuses to decline the invitation. He sends his servants to invite everyone. Jesus tells a crowd that they have to renounce their possessions to be his disciple and that to do something really important, we have to prepare and be ready. In answer to the Pharisees' criticism of Jesus eating and drinking with sinners, Jesus tells parables of the man who finds his lost sheep and the woman with the lost coin, both of whom rejoice in finding what was lost. Jesus tells the parable of the dishonest steward who is caught overcharging his master's customers and saves

himself by cutting his master's prices. Jesus praises his enterprise: "the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than the children of light." Finally, Jesus says that we can't have two masters, trying to love God and money. When a Pharisee sneered at him, he said: "what is of human esteem is an abomination in the sight of God."

On the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark's Gospel has us listen to Jesus contrast a scribe (the professional interpreters of the law in his day) who enjoys honors for himself, with a poor widow who donates to the temple poor box the little she has. The woman's generous heart must have moved him deeply.

**Daily Prayer This Week**

This week it is clear that Jesus is calling us to a deeper love of our neighbour. He is telling us that we need to expand the list of those we are to love. He is telling us to have more passion in our desire to love others and he is urging us to prepare for how we will do that. Finally, Jesus makes it clear that we can't try to love money or honours and at the same time love God. We end the week Sunday as we watch Jesus admire the poor widow put her small change in the poor box.

This is a wonderful background reflection for us this week. All week we can ask the Lord to help us. The quality of our asking will make

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all of the difference.

Dear Lord, help me today when, in my busyness, I become self-absorbed. Help me, in my intensity, when I take things personally. Help me, in the burdens I bear, to give up my escape into self-pity.

*Dear Lord, thank you for loving me and for showering so many gifts on me and my family. Help me to be more grateful and more generous. Today, help me to notice the needs of others. Help me to hear the news with more compassion. Help me imagine what I can do for others in need. I know the cost of discipleship with you will be easy when I remember your love.*

*Dear Lord, I am really getting it that the lure of "riches and honours" can easily seduce my heart. Why is it so tempting to like and be with the beautiful people, the "successful" people? Why do I get tricked into these values and these ways of valuing myself and others? Let me choose "simple," Lord. Let me choose "solidarity." And, when I resist, let me know.*

These kinds of prayers, or the prayers that come to my heart in this or that daily situation - so simple to express to the Lord in 20 or 30 seconds as I walk down a hall or do any ordinary thing that allows me turn to God - can transform our days. These are words of intimacy, faith, trust, reliance. They acknowledge small graces and ask for bigger ones. They come out of a desire to grow in our relationship with the Lord and out of a confidence that with his grace, we can enjoy the blessing of being his disciples. Each night this week, let us give thanks.

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

In the first reading, we witness Moses' exhortation to the people of Israel:

"The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!  
Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God,  
with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength.

Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today." (Vv. 4-6)

Moses is telling his people that there is ONE God and that they should give God their undivided love. This was a real novelty because all their neighbouring peoples had a multiplicity of gods that everybody worshipped at different times depending on seasons and needs.

Here, the people of Israel are asserting their identity as monotheistic, but even more than that, they believe in a god that demands their love, with all their heart, with all their soul, with all their strength; their God asks for all their LOVE. The Jewish God was a personal and relational God, a god who wanted to be in relation with his people.

In the gospel passage for today, Jesus quotes the scripture text in the first reading in responding to a scribe about the greatest commandment and adds that the second greatest commandment is: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." (v. 31) Jesus puts love of God and love of neighbour together. In this teaching moment Jesus shows us what he lives, he teaches us what it means to love God: to love God is to love our neighbour like we love ourselves. The scribe, who was testing him not only accepts this as "well said" (v. 32), but adds "...And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." (v. 33) This scribe, interpreter of the Jewish law makes this remarkable claim. He really goes to the root of Jesus' message. He realises that loving God is not about burning offerings and sacrifices but about loving our neighbour as we love ourselves. And he was not far from the kingdom of God. (v. 34)

Do we really believe that loving God with our whole humanity and loving our neighbour like we love ourselves is more important than burning offerings and sacrifices? Do we live accordingly? Do we try to "substitute" love for our neighbour? How?

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/110418.html>

## PARISH NEWS

**LOOKING FOR CATECHISTS!** No experience required. For more info, please contact parish office or sppcdministry@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.

**THANK YOU** - Church Collection for our SPP Society of St Vincent de Paul for the months of Aug 2018 and Sep 2018 amounted to \$6,720.85 and \$7,913.45 respectively. Donations amounted to \$ 400/- and \$167/- respectively. Expenditure were \$8,259.50 and \$9,174.40/-. We support 94 Friends-In-Need (FINs), comprising elderly poor and needy families with young children living in Chinatown and Beach Road/North Bridge Road and Queen Street areas. Thank you for your generosity and kind support.

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

**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.

**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

**'REVIEW OF LIFE'** Workshop by Caritas Singapore. How do we make sense of our daily life challenges? How do we see clearly with the eyes of faith, live the Gospel daily and grow in faith? Join us for 2 evenings to learn the Review of Life (ROL) method, to understand how to better integrate faith and life. Dates: 20 and 21 November 2018 (Tues and Wed) Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm Venue: Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh. For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: [www.caritas-singapore.org](http://www.caritas-singapore.org) or email to [formation@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:formation@caritas-singapore.org).

**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](http://www.cenaclemission.com). Enquiries: 9722-3148; Whatsapp 96415651 Email: [cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com](mailto:cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com).

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.

**'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