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**Hey Catholics! Go Out Into The Whole World!** 06 Jul '19 from 1.30pm - 3.00pm at PSB Academy @ Marina Sq, 6 Raffles Blvd Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation. Pope Francis announced the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019 to celebrate the 100th anniversary

of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud* - a document that touches on reinvigorating the sense of responsibility for proclaiming the Gospel with new enthusiasm. On 6 July, Rev Fr Kenson Koh will touch on the significance of *Maximum Illud* for today's Catholics. To register visit: [www.one.org.sg/events](http://www.one.org.sg/events)

**INTO THE CAVE** - The Spirituality of Rest. This session is for young adults (aged 18 to 35 years) to reflect on the social teachings on rest and recreation. The session be held on 18 July 2019 (Thu), 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street. For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: [www.caritas-singapore.org](http://www.caritas-singapore.org) or email to [youngadults@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:youngadults@caritas-singapore.org)

**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 - 9.30am to 6.30pm, Sat & Sun - 9.00am to 1.00pm  
 Lunch hours: 1.15am - 2.15pm. Closed on Public Holidays.

**Columbarium Opening Hours** : Please refer to SPP Columbarium announcement stated above.

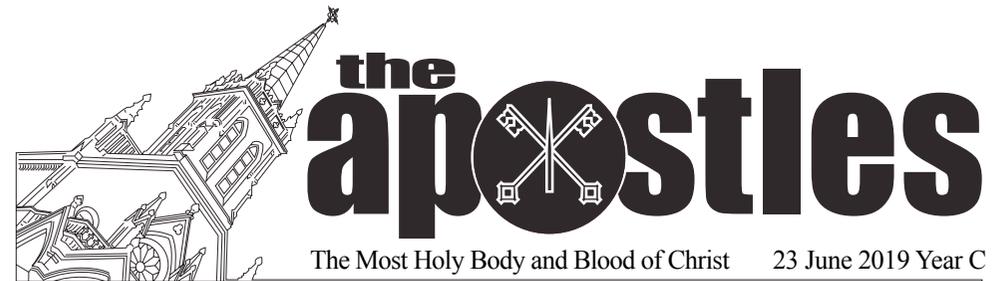
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at the confessionals at the baptistery (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass.

**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)

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(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 900

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 24 June 2019 - SAT 29 June 2019

**MON:** R1: IS 49:1-6, R2: ACTS 13:22-26, LK 1:57-66, 80 **TUE:** GN 13:2, 5-18, MT 7:6, 12-14

**WED:** GN15:1-12, 17-18, MT 7:15-20 **THU:** GN 16:1-12, 15-16, MT 7:21-29 **FRI:** R1: EZ 34:11-16, R2: ROM 5:5B-11, LK 15:3-7 **SAT:** Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

### Daily Prayer This Week

This is a week of great celebrations. We have much to reflect upon in the birth of John the Baptist. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is a devotion dear to the Society of Jesus. And the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul help us reflect on these great early witnesses to Jesus' Spirit among us.

This is a great week to reflect on several wonderful elements of the Word and to let them interact with genuine desires in our hearts. We can reflect upon our call - the vocation we find ourselves in, the ways we live it and are faithful to it. We can be comforted by Jesus telling us that fear is what gets in the way of our freedom to be a witness of the Good News for others.

Fear comes in so many forms. Sometimes, when we are angry a lot, or finding ourselves to be more and more defensive, we can trace the anxiety or insecurity back to a particular fear or a general fear. How liberating it can be for us to pray for the grace to be fearless, especially in the concrete ways that will come to us in our everyday life this week.

And it is good to recognise the traps that sabotage us in our everyday relationships and daily choices. Judging others is an easy trap for people trying to be good. It is so easy for

me to notice when you aren't as good as I'm trying to be. The end result is I'm trapped, and fail to recognise my own ways of failing to love. If only we could love others, at least in the same way we crave to be loved! The culture we live in, the way Jesus describes it to us is clearly entering through the "narrow" gate. And, when I don't sort through my various and sometimes conflicting desires, it feels like my life is built upon sand. When the going gets tough, I have nothing to fall back upon. The week ends with a picture of Jesus, the healer.

Perhaps by the end of the week, the brief conversations we have with Jesus, in the midst of our daily life, will reveal desires for healing. Jesus always wants to show us how he can make us whole. He always wants us to be able to receive gifts, which we in turn can share with others. All of us can find grace in some part of the Abraham and Sarah story. Who among us doesn't feel that we are unable, too old, not religious enough, not strong enough, not ready, held back in some way from bringing forth life or fulfilling our vocation? This week is a good reminder that "nothing is impossible with God." Each night this week, we can recall what we've talked about, asked for and received, and we can give thanks.

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## Reflection – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

“Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation.”

The presider at the Catholic Eucharistic liturgy begins the offering of bread and wine at the offertory with these words. It is taken from the prayer within the Jewish tradition for their Sabbath meal. We hear this prayer spoken for the first time by the king and priest of the area of Salem which became Jerusalem.

Abram has returned from a victorious battle against four other oppressive kings with possessions and freed captives. Melchizedek, of course, is most grateful and takes bread and wine as symbols of life and offers a prayer to God in gratitude for Abram and for God’s saving his kingdom through Abram. It is a thanksgiving liturgy for God’s saving love.

A student came recently to talk about his problem with the “Real Presence” of Jesus in the Eucharist. He just could not figure it out, how Jesus’ Body and Blood could be present like that. I asked him if he would like it if Jesus really wanted to be with him and within us that way. “Yes, but I would like it better if there were some visible evidence which I could see, taste and so really believe.” He would like it if it didn’t ask for true and simple faith and receptivity.

The Gospel for this wonderful celebration is also about inconvenience. The Apostles enjoy the popularity Jesus has with the crowds by His healings and teachings. It is getting late and the crowds are a bother. The disciples hardly have enough to feed themselves so they wish to have Jesus get rid of them. “Give them some food yourselves.” They are inconvenienced by their experience of poverty. They couldn’t figure out how Jesus could ask this of them.

As signs of their poverty they do propose

that there is some bread and fish at hand, but this insufficiency is obvious. Jesus takes these signs of poverty, insufficiency and yet gifts, and then says the blessing-prayer of Melchizedek. After giving thanks, he gave the Apostles the transformed poverty into abundance for distribution through the hands of the Apostles.

The crowd ate, without seeming to ask how it all happened. Were they glad it happened? Were the Apostles glad it happened? Would academic, scientific, and philosophic questions be satisfied? Would they rather have answers than food?

What is precious about the Body and Blood of Jesus, is of course, they are of divinity. Also what is precious is the poverty of the human condition to give thanks to God perfectly through the gift of the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

What is precious as well is the poverty of mind and spirit which opens us up to grateful receptivity, as did the crowd. I am not convinced that if we understood the Transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus, it would increase devotion nor the number of receivers. Knowing does not satisfy. What is hard to accept is not Christ’s Presence in the form or substance of bread and wine, but the inconvenient reality of forming me as well as you into His Body and Blood.

So I gently asked the fellow what would be the difficulty in accepting the gift of Christ’s Body and Blood into his human body and blood. That did stop him for longer than a little while. He stumbled verbally around how that acceptance would be humbling and rearrange his personal viewing of himself and especially others who were receiving before him and beside him and after him. That would be an inconvenience to his pattern of selectivity, harshly judging and irreverent prejudice. Upon leaving my office he smilingly did admit that he enjoyed his questions more than my answers. I

responded grinningly that his mind is filled with wanting to have and possess, but his soul and spirit really desires to receive and distribute, while his head wants it all just

## PARISH NEWS

**SPP FEAST DAY** – The Solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul (Feast Day) will be celebrated on Sun, 30 Jun ’19 at 11.00am by Msgr Francis Lau. Lunch to be followed after mass. All are welcome!

**NO MORNING MASSES** from 1 to 5 Jul ’19. Communion services will be available. 5.30pm masses as usual.

**MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** - Mass dedicated to the souls of the faithful departed whose remains are placed in the columbarium in our church, and for their family members is celebrated on Thur 27 Jun ’19 at 7.20am and 5.30pm.

**MASS FOLLOWED BY PRAYERS FOR HEALING** - 6 Jul ’19 from 2.00pm-4.00pm. All are welcome, no registration is needed. You are invited to join us for praise and worship and Mass followed by prayers for healing. After mass, prayer teams will be available to pray with you for healing. Please spread the word to your family and friends. Celebrant: Fr Charlie Oasan Organised by Praise@Work. Venue: Church of Sts Peter & Paul. For more information, E:praiseatworksg@yahoo.com; T: 97472467

**THE ALTAR SERVERS** play a hugely significant role in assisting and supporting the priest so that the Mass can take place efficiently. We are looking for boys who are interested and curious in knowing God and wishes to serve Him. By joining the Servers, you will not only learn and understand the Mass but also adopt quality skills that are crucial for any successful career; such as teamwork, leadership, punctuality and discipline. You will have a better headstart than your peers. If interested, please contact Ezra @ 9072 9963 or Manfred @ 9642 5571.

for himself. He did not seem to like this reflection either. The precious Body of Christ lives on in human fragility.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/062319.html>

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

## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

**NEW EVANGELISATION CONFERENCE 2019** at PSB Academy @ Marina Sq, 6 Raffles Blvd on 27 Jul ’19 from 9.30am - 4.00pm. Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation Come and find out what evangelisation is and is not! This conference will equip Catholics with new and innovative ways to tell others about Jesus. Speakers include Rev Fr Terence Pereira & Rev Fr Gino Henriques, CSsR. To register visit: [www.one.org.sg/events](http://www.one.org.sg/events)

**PIETA** is a support group for bereaved parents. We come together as bereaved parents - in prayer, in WORD and in faith. The session, run by bereaved parents, meets monthly to pray, reflect and break open the WORD OF GOD. We welcome any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to unite with us in faith. Our monthly session is on every 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8, and the next one would be held on Tue 25 Jun ’19. Our contact details are email: [pieta.singapore@gmail.com](mailto:pieta.singapore@gmail.com) and we can also be found on facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

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