

Training Centre (Seminary/CTIS premises), 1.15pm - 4.45pm, \$50 (\$45 if you book before 15 May) - includes tea of course. [www.canacatholiccentre.com](http://www.canacatholiccentre.com) or [canaevents2019@gmail.com](mailto:canaevents2019@gmail.com) or 91768909/63384080

**REKINDLE and RECHARGE** your MARRIAGE with Laugh your way to a better marriage by Phil Gungor. 24-25 May or 25-26 May @ \$100 per couple. Register online at [philgungor.peatix.com](http://philgungor.peatix.com) or call 64880278 to book your seat. Sign up now!

CANA invites you to PIMBY KAMPONG BAHRU which will take you on a walk around the vicinity of St Teresa's Church listening to stories of the wonderful MEP Fathers who laboured hard to spread the good news to us. See how St Teresa became a beacon of light

on top of the hill for sailors, port workers, etc. And visit the Sisters at Carmel. 26 May '19 (Sun) at 2.15pm Registration required. Email: [canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com](mailto:canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com) or call: 63384080 Love Offering.

**YOUTH CONVERSION EXPERIENCE RETREAT #16 (YCER)** Calling all youths and young adults aged 18 to 29 years! Come as you are. Our hope is that the YCER will allow you to experience the unconditional love of God in an intimate and tangible way and empower you to face difficult challenges and live a life driven by God's purpose and meaning. Conducted by His Grace Archbishop William Goh. 13 - 16 Jun '19 (Thu-Sun) @ Catholic Spirituality Centre. Registration will be done via balloting. More details can be found at <http://www.csctr.net/retreats-events/youth-cer/>

**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  
**Interssory 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 872

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 13 May 2019 - SAT 18 May 2019

**MON:** ACTS 11:1-18, JN 10:1-10 **TUE:** ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26, JN 15:9-17 **WED:** ACTS 12:24—13:5A, JN 12:44-50 **THU:** ACTS 13:13-25, JN 13:16-20 **FRI:** ACTS 13:26-33, JN 14:1-6 **SAT:** ACTS 13:44-52, JN 14:7-14

**Message of the Holy Father for the 56th World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

return to shore weary and disappointed.

**The courage to take a risk for God's promise**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
 After the lively and fruitful experience of the Synod devoted to young people last October, we recently celebrated the Thirty-fourth World Youth Day in Panama City. These two great events allowed the Church to be attentive both to the voice of the Spirit and to the life of young men and women, their questions and concerns, their problems and their hopes.

Building on what I shared with the young people in Panama, I would like to reflect, on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, on how the Lord's call makes us bearers of a promise and, at the same time, asks of us the courage to take a risk, with him and for him. I will do this by reflecting briefly with you on these two aspects – promise and risk – as they appear in the Gospel account of the calling of the first disciples by the sea of Galilee (Mk 1:16-20).

Two pairs of brothers – Simon and Andrew, and James and John – are going about their daily tasks as fishermen. In this demanding work, they had learned the laws of nature, yet at times, when the winds were adverse and waves shook their boats, they had to defy the elements. On some days, the catch of fish amply repaid their efforts, but on others, an entire night's work was not sufficient to fill their nets, and they had to

Much of life is like that. Each of us tries to realize his or her deepest desires; we engage in activities that we hope will prove enriching, and we put out on a "sea" of possibilities in the hope of steering the right course, one that will satisfy our thirst for happiness. Sometimes we enjoy a good catch, while at others, we need courage to keep our boat from being tossed by the waves, or we are frustrated at seeing our nets come up empty.

As with every call, the Gospel speaks of an encounter. Jesus walks by, sees those fishermen, and walks up to them... The same thing happened when we met the person we wanted to marry, or when we first felt the attraction of a life of consecration: we were surprised by an encounter, and at that moment we glimpsed the promise of a joy capable of bringing fulfilment to our lives. That day, by the sea of Galilee, Jesus drew near to those fishermen, breaking through the "paralysis of routine" (Homily for the XXII World Day for Consecrated Life, 2 February 2018). And he immediately made them a promise: "I will make you fishers of men" (Mk 1:17).

The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a "cage" or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch.

Information is correct at time of publication.

God in fact desires that our lives not become banal and predictable, imprisoned by daily routine, or unresponsive before decisions that could give it meaning. The Lord does not want us to live from day to day, thinking that nothing is worth fighting for, slowly losing our desire to set out on new and exciting paths. If at times he makes us experience a “miraculous catch”, it is because he wants us to discover that each of us is called – in a variety of ways – to something grand, and that our lives should not grow entangled in the nets of an ennui that dulls the heart. Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us.

Embracing this promise naturally demands the courage to risk making a decision. The first disciples, called by Jesus to be part of something greater, “immediately left their nets and followed him” (Mk 1:18). Responding to the Lord’s call involves putting ourselves on the line and facing a great challenge. It means being ready to leave behind whatever would keep us tied to our little boat and prevent us from making a definitive choice. We are called to be bold and decisive in seeking God’s plan for our lives. Gazing out at the vast “ocean” of vocation, we cannot remain content to repair our nets on the boat that gives us security, but must trust instead in the Lord’s promise.

I think primarily of the call to the Christian life which all of us received at Baptism. It teaches us that our life is not a fluke but rather a gift: that of being God’s beloved children, gathered in the great family of the Church. It is precisely in the ecclesial community that the Christian life is born and develops, especially through the liturgy. The liturgy introduces us to God’s word and the grace of the sacraments; from an early age, we are taught the art of prayer and fraternal sharing. In the end, the Church is our mother because she brings us to new life and leads us to Christ. So we must love her, even when we see her face marred by human frailty and sin, and we must help to make her ever more beautiful and radiant, so that she can bear witness to God’s love in the world.

The Christian life thus finds expression in those

decisions that, while giving a precise direction to our personal journey, also contribute to the growth of God’s kingdom in our world. I think of the decision to marry in Christ and to form a family, as well as all those other vocations associated with work and professional life, with the commitment to charity and solidarity, with social and political responsibilities, and so forth. These vocations make us bearers of a promise of goodness, love and justice, not only for ourselves but also for our societies and cultures, which need courageous Christians and authentic witnesses of the kingdom of God.

In encountering the Lord, some may feel the attraction of a call to the consecrated life or to the ordained priesthood. It is a discovery that can excite and at the same time frighten us, since we feel called to become “fishers of men” in the barque of the Church by giving totally of ourselves in commitment to faithful service of the Gospel and our brothers and sisters. Such a decision carries the risk of leaving everything behind to follow the Lord, to devote ourselves completely to him, and to share in his work. Many kinds of interior resistance can stand in the way of making this decision, especially in highly secularized contexts where there no longer seems to be a place for God and for the Gospel. Places where it is easy to grow discouraged and fall into the “weariness of hope” (Homily at Mass with Priests, Consecrated Persons and Lay Movements, Panama, 26 January 2019).

And yet, there can be no greater joy than to risk one’s life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord’s call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Do not yield to fear, which paralyzes us before the great heights to which the Lord points us. Always remember that to those who leave their nets and boat behind, and follow him, the Lord promises the joy of a new life that can fill our hearts and enliven our journey.

Dear friends, it is not always easy to discern our vocation and to steer our life in the right direction. For this reason, there needs to be a renewed commitment on the part of the whole Church – priests, religious, pastoral workers

and educators – to provide young people in particular with opportunities for listening and discernment. There is a need for a youth ministry and a vocational promotion that can open the way to discovering God’s plan, above all through prayer, meditation on God’s word, eucharistic adoration and spiritual accompaniment.

As was made clear several times during the World Youth Day in Panama, we should always look to Mary. Also in the story of this young woman, vocation was both a promise and a risk. Her mission was not easy, yet she did not allow fear to prevail. “It was the ‘yes’ of someone prepared to be committed, someone willing to take a risk, ready to stake everything she had, with no more security than the certainty of knowing that she was the bearer of a promise. I ask each one of you: Do you see yourselves as bearers of a promise? What promise do I bear within my heart to

## PARISH NEWS

**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.

**INFANT BAPTISM** - The next Infant Baptism service will be incorporated into 11.00am Mass, held on 9 Jun ’19 (Sun). Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session on 8 Jun ’19 (Sat) at 3.30pm. Application Forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and must be submitted by 15 May ’19 (Wed).

**THANK YOU** - Church Collection for our SPP Society of St Vincent de Paul for the months of Jan and Feb 2019 are \$5,871.00 and \$5,940.10 respectively. Donations for the months of Jan and Feb amounted to \$505.00 and \$1,712.00 respectively. Expenditures were \$9,399.65 and \$7,130.00 for Jan and Feb respectively.?? We support 91 Friends-In-Need (FINs), comprising elderly poor and needy families with young

take forward? Mary’s would undoubtedly be a difficult mission, but the challenges that lay ahead were no reason to say ‘no’. Things would get complicated, of course, but not in the same way as happens when cowardice paralyzes us because things are not clear or sure in advance” (Vigil with Young People, Panama, 26 January 2019).

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us join in prayer and ask the Lord to help us discover his plan of love for our lives, and to grant us the courage to walk in the path that, from the beginning, he has chosen for each of us.

From the Vatican, 31 January 2019, Memorial of Saint John Bosco  
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Source: <http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2019/03/09/190309c.html>

children living in Chinatown and Beach Road/ North Bridge Road and Queen Street areas. Thank you for your generosity and kind support.

## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

**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)

**CANA** invites you to an afternoon of comedy - good laughs, good food, good company. **FINDING GOD IN LAUGHTER** features our own **KEITH NEUBRONNER** - if you haven’t met him, meet him now ‘cos he will come and go real fast! Then meet **VICKI QUADE** coming to us from Chicago. Vicki has played at Broadway and is known for her religious comedies! They say she is “Holy Impressive!” Those who like to laugh, join us, those needing a good laugh lagi join us! Dates: 1 or 2 June 2019, SFX