

6th Sunday of Easter

Today's Readings
 First Reading : Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
 Second Reading : Revelations 21:10-14, 22-23
 Gospel : John 14:23-29

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Special Days This Week

Mon 2/5 St Athanasius, bishop & doctor
 Tue 3/5 Ss Philip & James, apostles
 Thu 4/5 Ascension of the Lord

Next Sunday's Readings

7th Sunday of Easter
 First Reading : Acts 7:55-60
 Second Reading : Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
 Gospel : John 17:20-26



The true nature of peace

Do you know the peace which surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7)? In his farewell discourse Jesus grants peace as his gift to his disciples. What kind of peace does he offer? The peace of Christ is more than the absence of trouble. It includes everything which makes for our highest good. The world's approach to peace is avoidance of trouble and a refusal to face unpleasant things. Jesus offers the peace which conquers our fears and anxieties. Nothing can take us from the peace and joy of Jesus Christ. No sorrow or grief, no danger, no suffering can make it less.

How can we attain the peace which the Lord Jesus offers his followers? Through the gift and work of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, the Lord Jesus shows us how to yield our passions of anger, fear, and pride to him so we can receive his gift of peace. The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness and strengthens us with his gifts and supernatural virtues which enable us to live as wise and holy disciples of Christ.

Caesarius of Arles (470-542 AD), an early church bishop in Gaul who was noted for his godly wisdom and preaching of Scripture, linked peace with the character of Christ and the Christlike virtues which help us to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Caesarius describes some of the key character traits (virtues) which form us into true people of peace:

"Peace, indeed, is serenity of mind, tranquility of soul, simplicity of heart, the bond of love, the fellowship of charity. It removes hatred, settles wars, restrains wrath, tramples on pride, loves the humble, pacifies the discordant and makes enemies agree. For it is pleasing to everyone. It does not seek what belongs to another or consider anything as its own. It teaches people to love because it does not know how to get angry, or to extol itself or become inflated with pride. It is meek and humble to everyone, possessing rest and tranquility within itself. When the peace of Christ is exercised by a Christian, it is brought to perfection by Christ. If anyone loves it, he will be an heir of God, while anyone who despises it rebels against Christ.

"When our Lord Jesus Christ was returning to the Father, he left his peace to his followers as their inherited good, teaching them and saying, 'My peace I give to you, my peace I leave with you.' Anyone who has received this peace should keep it, and one who has destroyed it should look for it, while anyone who has lost it should seek it. For if anyone is not found with it, he will be disinherited by the Father and deprived of his inheritance." (Sermon 174.1)

"Lord Jesus, in love you created me and you drew me to yourself. May I never lose sight of you nor forget your steadfast love and faithfulness. And may I daily dwell upon your word and give you praise in the sanctuary of my heart, You who are my All."

(Source: www.dailyscripture.net, author Don Schwager)



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Parish Mission Statement

Towards SBC being a participatory church in which everyone is co-responsible for the overall care of the parish and shares in the mission of Christ.



Week starting 1 May 2016

AT THE ADORATION ROOM

Opening Hours: Monday to Sunday: 7.00am to 10.00pm
 Closed for cleaning: Saturday 10.00am to 12.00pm

Tue 7.00pm-8.00pm	Divine Mercy
8.00pm-9.00pm	ALIFE (Young Adults)
Wed 1.30pm-2.30pm	KKIS – Agape
Thu 10.00am-12.00pm	Spanish Group
7.45pm-9.00pm	Christian Meditation
Fri 8.00pm-9.00pm	1 Peter
Sat 2.00pm-3.00pm	Living Stones
7.30pm-8.30pm	Children Eucharistic Adoration

AT THE GROTTA

Rosary Prayer at the Grotto every Wednesday at 7.30pm.
 All are welcome.

CANTEEN

Canteen is Open Today. Do drop in for a free cup of coffee or tea after the morning masses.

NOTICE: Parishioners and visitors to this Church and its premises are advised that CCTVs are in operation and you may be individually identified on video, in photographs or any other forms of visual representation, taken by photographers, whether authorized or official, for use in any Church publication, Church archives or any other social media form.

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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MASS SCHEDULE

English
 Monday to Friday 6.30am & 6.00pm
 Saturday 6.30am; Sunset Mass 6.00pm
 Sunday 9.30am; 11.15am & 5.30pm

Chinese
 Sunday 8.00am

Indonesian
 2nd & 4th Sunday 3.30pm

Filipino
 2nd Sunday 1.00pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday 5.30pm
 Sunday 7.45am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 5.00pm

PARISH CENTRE OPENING HOURS

Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 9.00pm
 Sunday & Public Holiday 7.30am to 7.30pm

CHURCH GATES CLOSING TIME

Monday to Saturday 10.30pm sharp
 Sunday 10.00pm sharp
 Church groups & visitors are to vacate church premises at least 30 minutes before closing time.

GIFT SHOP OPENING HOURS

Saturday: 5pm-7pm; Sunday: 9am-12pm & 5pm-7pm

2ND COLLECTION BY THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL will take place at all Masses today. Do give generously in support of the Society's ministry to help the needy and unprivileged. Thank you

INFANT BAPTISM will take place today after the 11.15am Mass. We warmly welcome the following babies who will be receiving baptism: Isaac Emmanuel Pang Ghoi Pang; Joel Yap Yuta; Justin Yew Him Fun and Jake Yew Him Fun. May God shower his abundant blessing all them, their parents & godparents.

MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY – The month of May is dedicate to Mary our Mother. Starting today, before the Saturday Sunset and all Sunday English Masses, a family will lead the congregation to pray a decade of the Rosary. Many of the families along with their young children, are leading prayers for the first time in public, and over a microphone. We are grateful to them for their participation.

We will start the prayer 10 minutes before Mass, i.e. at 5.50pm on Saturday, and at 9.20am, 11.05am & 5.20pm on Sunday. In this year of Mercy, we us ask Our Blessed Mother to intercede for us for the following intentions:

1. We pray that The Risen Lord restores harmony in our families.
2. We pray for the outpouring of The Lord's Spirit upon us, so that we can forgive each other in spite of our hurts and grievances.
3. We pray that we allow the Lord to impart to us his peace and his spirit so that we may extend that peace and reconciliation to others.

Pope Francis said: "Praying the rosary together, as a family is very beautiful and it gives strength." The Family Life Team hopes that the simple act of praying a single decade in church will inspire families to pray the full Rosary, with meditation on the mysteries, as a family prayer at home.

MASS TIME FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN MAY –

- **Mon 2nd May:** Mass at 8.00am in English. No evening mass.
- **Sat 21st May:** Masses will be at _____ in the morning, and at 6pm for Sunset Mass.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – No lessons today. Classes resume next Sunday 8 May which is Mothers Day! The Sunday School catechists wish all mothers a Blessed Mothers Day in advance!

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD is a Day of Obligation. Time of Masses:
Wed 4 May – 6.00pm (Sunset Mass for Ascension)
Thu 5 May – 6.30am & 7.00pm

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY- All church collections on World Communications Sunday, which is next Sunday, will go to our Archdiocese Mass Media Apostolate.

CHILDREN'S EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - Coming sessions on Sat 7th May, Sun 22nd May, Sat 4th Jun & Sun 19th Jun, 7.30pm-8.30pm in the Adoration Room. Parents, come with your children for an hour of worship before the Real Presence of Jesus.

SPIRITUALITY IN TEENS – A TALK FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS BY SR CECILY PAVRI, CANOSSIAN - The Family Life Team invites parents & those working with children and teenagers to this talk on **Sat 21 May, 7.45pm to 9.30pm at St Bernadette's Church Parish Canteen.** Topics to be covered include: Teen life transition and transformation; What is Spirituality in Teens?; How can parents and other adults promote Spirituality in Teens?; The tools to Grow Close to Christ Stages of Christian Development.

Parents of young children are also encouraged to attend, as it is never too soon to learn ahead. Grandparents & those who are involved in the education and upbringing of children will also benefit. Sr Cecily Pavri has vast experience in the fields of education & counselling. She was a teacher and then, principal of St Anthony's Convent for many years.

Please register, by 16 May, by submitting the registration form to the Parish Secretariat or email to stbernfamily@gmail.com, giving your name, contact number & number of persons attending.

THE PARISH INTERCESSORY TEAM will meet on Wed 11th May at 8pm in the Adoration Room to pray and intercede for vocations and parish needs, as well as individual requests. Come, join in the prayer.

NEW RCIA JOURNEY - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a one-year programme to prepare inquirers for baptism/admittance into the Catholic faith. At St. Bernadette's, we have programmes in three languages as follow:

- **English** – Every Tuesday, 8.00pm – 9.30pm, starting 17 May 2016
- **Indonesian** – Every Sunday, 1.30pm -3.00pm, starting 15 May 2016
- **Chinese** – Every Tuesday, 8.00pm – 9.30pm, starting 7 June 2016

If you know of anyone wanting to know more about our Catholic Faith, you may refer them to our RCIA programme. Enquiries: Tel. 67373529.

APOSTOLATE FOR CATHOLIC TRUTH TALKS:

- 1) Building a Culture of Life by Andy Wee: 6 May, 7.45pm to 9.30pm.
- 2) Mystery, Miracles & Marvels of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Kelvin Chia: 13 May, 7.45pm to 9.30pm;
- 3) Theology of the Body Course (10 hours) by Andrew Kong, 3 to 24 Jun, 7pm to 9.30pm

Venue: St Joseph's Church Conference Room, Victoria St. Cost: FOC (Love Offering). Register at <http://tinyurl.com/ACT-Talk-Signup>. Enquiries: Andrew at 96493893. Website: www.catholic.sg/act

YOUNG ADULTS WORKSHOP – BUILDING THE KINGDOM: THE SPIRITUALITY & MISSION OF THE FAMILY – Caritas S'pore Young Adults Committee invites young adults, age 18 to 35, to an evening of learning, reflection & sharing on the spirituality and mission of the family. Speaker: Fr David Garcia, OP; on Sat 14 May, 6pm-9.30pm at Level 3, Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St. More info & registration at www.caritas-singapore.org or email youngadults@caritas-singapore.org

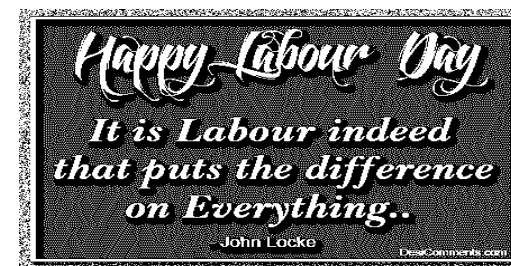
CLARITY'S PUBLIC TALK: "TAKE CONTROL & SURVIVE ANXIETY I" – Anxiety is present in our lives from childhood to old age. Find out the impact & the various avenues to get help. Learn the different types of anxiety disorders & treatments: Sat 9 July, 10am-12pm, Agape Village L1. \$10 per person. Call 68017467 or email registration@clarity-singapore.org

BE A COUPLE MENTOR – The Archdiocesan Commission for the Family (ACF) hopes to form couple mentors in every parish, who will journey with young couples and support them with their own stories and experience. There will be an Information Session on **Sat 7 May, 9am to 11am, at the Church of St Bernadette's AV Room.** Find out more or register at <http://catholicfamily.org.sg/cmj/>

CHOICE WEEKEND – Come away for a Choice weekend that will inspire you for the rest of your life: 24-26 Jun (Fri evening to Sun evening). Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537 or Francesca 9710 9680 or go to www.choice.org.sg to register or for more info.

VACANCY FOR SACRISTAN – If you have a desire to serve the Lord in the Sacristy, here's a chance for you.

We are looking for a mature Catholic to serve as Sacristan for the daily evening mass. Opportunity for full-time employment is available. Please call Joseph Tan at tel. 6737-3529 for enquiries.



HelpLines

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – Helps people see, accept, and live out God's will in their lives. Available by appointment. Email: CitySpDs@gmail.com

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – Help in overcoming alcoholic addiction available, every Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 9053 1764.

COUNSELLING SERVICE – Trained para-counsellors from Family Life Society offer counselling service in 10 parishes including our parish. Call 63820688 (Mon to Fri, 10.00am to 5.00pm) for appointment.