# 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

## **Special Days This Week**

Mon 27/6 St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & doctor

Tue 28/6 St Irenaeus, bishop & martyr Wed 29/6 Ss Peter & Paul, apostles

Thu 30/6 First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

#### Todav's Readings

First Reading : 1 Kings 19:16b. 19-21 Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

: Luke 9:51-62 Gospel

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#### **Next Sunday's Readings** 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading : Isaiah 66:10-14 Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18 Gospel : Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



## To be disciples, we must learn to let go & forgive

There have been several times in my life when someone's actions have hurt me so badly that I hardly knew how to react. At those times. I have dealt with sadness, anger, and the desire for revenge. Reflecting back, I realise it takes me a long time to let go of hurt. My mind returns to the offense; I think about what I wanted to say. I want the person to acknowledge the hurt and to apologise, to

admit I was right and she was wrong. Sometimes I feel I am caught in a trap of my own making. I want to be free of the hurt, but I don't want to let it go until I am satisfied.

In the Gospel, the apostles wanted to call down fire on the Samaritan village that did not welcome Jesus. They wanted the village to see how wrong they were and how right Jesus was. I imagine they talked about it until Jesus, tired of hearing their complaints,

rebuked them. Why did he do that? At least part of the answer comes in the passage that follows. Would-be followers of Jesus want to attend to something in their past life before they join him. Jesus reminds them of the futility of that by using an example that is immediately apparent to farmers. To plough a straight line, we have to look ahead and follow the one who leads us. If we turn our heads to look back, our line and our lives will go crooked. Clinging to past hurts makes it hard to look ahead. If we are to be disciples, we must learn to let go and forgive even as we are forgiven.

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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.

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

YOUTH COORDINATOR

#### **Enalish**

Monday to Friday 6.30am & 6.00pm

6.30am; Sunset Mass 6.00pm Saturday 9.30am; 11.15am & 5.30pm Sunday

#### Chinese

Sunday 8.00am

#### Indonesian

2nd & 4th Sunday 3.30pm

#### **Filipino**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 10.00pm sharp

Church groups & visitors are to vacate church premises at

least 30 minutes before closing time.

### **GIFT SHOP OPENING HOURS**

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

## Week starting 26 June 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) Thu 10.00am-12.00pm Spanish Group 7.45pm-9.00pm Christian Meditation Spanish Youth Fri 6.30pm-8.00pm 8.00pm-9.30pm 1 Peter Sat 2.00pm-3.00pm Living Stones 7.30pm-9.30pm Children's Adoration

#### AT THE GROTTO

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.



# Peter's Pence Collection

All church collections received on this weekend will be slated for Peter's Pence. This collection supports the charitable works of the Holy Father and provides emergency assistance to those in need, including victims of oppression, natural disasters and war. We need your generous support!

Date: 25-26 June



# Blessing of Married Couples

Happy Anniversary to all couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary in June

# Wedding Congratulations:

Two happy couples tied the knot this weekend: Mark Lee Jian & Lynn Ang Siew Leng; and Clarence Neo Jun Hao & Agnes Ashianti Ongkowijoyo. May God Bless & Keep them.

# Year of Mercy Reflection Booklet - 'Forgiveness'

The third Year of Mercy reflection booklet on 'Forgiveness' is available in the parish. Please pick up a copy for your reflection. Limited copies of the two earlier editions - 'Compassion' and 'Mercy' are still available. You can also download a soft copy from <a href="https://www.one.org.sg">www.one.org.sg</a>



# The Sacrament of Confirmation

Baptised adult Catholics (age 17 & above) who had received their First

Eucharist and are practicing their faith but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in a preparation programme. Course details: Four sessions on Thursdays 14, 16 & 21 July, 7.30pm to 10pm, one session on Saturday 23 July, 3pm to 5.30pm; and a Day of Recollection on 13 August, 10am to 5pm, followed by Mass. The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated on 21 August at the 11.15am mass. Register at the SBC Parish Office by 1 July. For more details, email us at stbern@singnet.com.sg.

Dates: 14, 16, 21, 23 July, 13 & 21 August



# Caritas Singapore Organises Divine Mercy Events

Catholics are

invited to two events under the theme, Witness to Mercy: Bearer of Compassion. The first is the Social Mission Conference 2016 and the second is the Young Adults Mission of Mercy Event. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.caritas-singapore.org">www.caritas-singapore.org</a>.

Date / Time (Conference): 13 August, 9am to 5.30pm. Venue: Performing Arts Centre, Catholic Junior College. Date / Time (Mission of Mercy Event): 14 August, 12.30pm to 6.30pm. Venue: Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264.

#### **CaFE Presents "The Gift"**

Be empowered by the Holy Spirit through six video sessions on topics including The Father's Love, The Joy of the Gospel, A Personal Pentecost, Living in the Spirit. Register via SMS at 96971900.

Date: Every Friday (8 July to 12 August), 8pm

Venue: AV Room (Level 2) at SBC



# Talk on "God's Love & Mercy for Families with Special Needs

The Church of the Holy Spirit is organising a programme in

conjunction with the Jubilee Year of Mercy and it includes: a Mass, a talk by Fr Luke Fong on how God is Love and Mercy for Special Needs families, Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Benediction, praying over intercessions & testimonies. Registration required at

jubilee.mercy.talk@gmail.com.

Date: 9 July, 8.30am - 1 pm Venue: Church of the Holy Spirit

## The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide

The Archdiocesan Commission for the Family is conducting a 12 session DVD-based programme called The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide for divorced and separated Catholics. The Guide helps participants work through their emotions of separation and divorce, experience personal healing and hope and obtain an understanding of the Church's teachings on Divorce, Separation and Annulment.

**Date: 12 July, 7-9pm** 

Venue: Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road

# Apostolate for Catholic Truth (ACT) Presentations

The Apostolate for Catholic Truth will host three forums in July. They are: Is Humanae Vitae Infallible? (focussed on the reality and meaning of sex within the moral teaching of the Catholic Church); Gender Theory (focussed on the Catholic vision of non discrimination and love); and The Holy Mass (understanding the biblical and historical roots of the Mass). Register at http://tinyurl.com/ACT-Talk-Signup.

Date: 1, 8, 22 July, 7.45 pm to 9.30 pm. Venue: Conference Room, St Joseph's Church Victoria Street.

#### Bible Course: Samuel 1 & 2

The Archdiocesan Biblical Apostolate Singapore will present 14 weeks of exploring Samuel 1 & 2 and it will be conducted by Msgr Ambrose Vaz. For more information/registration:, email: aba secretariat@catholic.org.sq.

Date: Commencing: 16th August to 29th November 2016 (Every Tuesday), 9.30am to 11.30am

Venue: Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre. 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102

#### 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.