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SUNDAY MASSES : 8.30 AM (MANDARIN), 10.00 AM, 2 PM (CANTONESE – Chapel) & 4.20 PM
WEEKDAY MASSES: 7.20 AM & 5.30 PM
SATURDAY SUNSET MASS : 5.30 PM

INTERCESSORY PRAYER (@ Adoration Chapel : Wednesday at 8.00 pm (Mandarin)
Thursday at 7.15 pm (English)
DEVOTIONS: *INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE* : Thursday at 5.30 pm (followed by Mass)
Sunday at 4.00 pm (followed by Mass)
DIVINE MERCY : Friday after 5.30 pm Mass
Sunday at 12.30 pm (Mandarin)
HOUR OF MERCY (@ Adoration Chapel) : Daily at 3.00 pm
FREE MEDICAL COUNSELLING : 2nd & 4th Thursdays: 3.30 pm to 5 pm (English)

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 3 AUGUST 2008

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Responsorial Psalm : *"You open wide your hands O Lord. You grant our desires."*

Prayer of the Faithful: Page 299

The Lord's love is unconditional. Nothing can separate us from Him. He has destroyed death, conquered sin and opened for us the possibility of eternal life. He knows our needs and, like a good parent, wishes for us only the best. And so He gives us the best. He gives us Himself. In community and Communion, in truth and in trial, day in and day out, the abiding Presence of Jesus assures us of His constant love. We are never alone.

Readings for the Week :

Mon: Jer 28: 1-17/Mt 14: 22-36
Tue: Jer 30: 1-2/Mt 14: 22-36
Wed: Dn 7: 9-10/Mt 17: 1-9
Thu: Jer 31: 31-34/Mt 16: 13-23
Fri: Na 2 1.3;1-3,6-7/Mt 16: 24-28
Sat: Hab 1:12 - 2:4/Mt 17: 14-20

PARISH NEWS

Hi everybody! Welcome to WYD 08': A gathering of the world's youth is an experience which has help me understand deeper the meaning of the Catholic Church. The Universal Church. Though different languages are spoken, the same faith is proclaimed to all, believers and non-believers alike. Mass, Catechesis, Concerts, Seminars and Theater plays were all over the city, an expression of our faith in a different form and language. In the cold of winter in Sydney, Australia, the atmosphere is one that is filled with warmth, zeal and fire of the church. The Presence of the Pope has made crowd of peoples roar "Viva al Papa" and "Benedicto". Cheers for him went out even into the streets. Everyone rushed wherever the pope mobile would pass by. And wave of flags of the different nations were in the air all the time. Ultimately, it's the experience of God in our lives that is most important. God is not found only in the person of the Pope or the messes of people, but especially in the volunteers that were guiding the lost pilgrims who can't seem to find their way around.

The apex of the entire WYD was the final mass with the Pope. The aerial picture was really a breath taking experience. Seeing the masses of people and knowing that I am a part of that picture, a part of a church. Each and every one of us is a part of that body, and each and every one of us young and old has a part to play in the body of Christ.
Being fired up by the Holy Spirit, it's time for the youths of today, to follow the commandments of Jesus, "Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News." As the late Pope John Paul II say to the youths of the world, "Do not be afraid."
The next World Youth Day will be in Madrid in 2011. I would greatly encourage the youths of our parish to join in this experience and be filled with the Spirit of God's great gift of Love.

Contributed by Br.Damian of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. OCD

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

MISSION TRIP Praise@Work invites you to journey to a place and experience giving and receiving. Come and join a mission exposure trip to Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon, Philippines from ***Sat 27 Sep to Wed 1 Oct 08***. Cost $750/- per pax estimated. Register by ***3 Aug 08.*** Inquiries: Call Joanne 9657-7149, Martinus 9634-5448 or Winifred 9105-4152 Email st@praiseatwork.org. Website: http://www.praiseatwork.org.

LISS 2008 Calling all working adults to this 6-week *Life in Spirit Seminar 2008.* This faith renewal experience is held every Saturday from ***9 Aug to 13 Sep 08*** from 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm at St Bernadette's Church. Registration: Contact Marilyn 9459-2450 or Elizabeth 9747-7894 or email *liss@praiseatwork.org*.

"ST PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS" This 9 weekly sessions of lectures by Fr. Ambrose Vaz will be held from ***Thur 21 Aug to Thur 23 Oct 08*** at ***Church of Christ the King*** (Ang Mo Kio) Chapel. Time: 7.50 pm - Praise and Worship followed by lecture from 8 pm to 10 pm. Registration: by email to *ctkbat@hotmail.com*.

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Have you signed the Pledge Book to read at least one book of *St Paul**during the Year of St Paul ? This book is called *"Singaporean Catholics Commemorate St Paul's Year"* and will be presented to the Vatican at the end of the Pauline Year. During the year-long celebration our church will also focus on the promotion of Pauline Texts and ecumenism as encouraged by Pope Benedict XVI.

- *The Books of St Paul include: Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, Thessalonians, Timothy, Titus.*

Signing of the Pledge takes place in our church after all weekend Masses and after the weekday morning Masses on Tuesday and Friday.

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SPP welcomes FR JOSEPH KOH, OCD Fr Joseph Koh, OCD, is the Assistant Parish Priest of SPP. He arrived from Taiwan on 29 July 08 to assume his appointment. We welcome him.

SPP congratulates our CDD CONFIRMATION **Shermaine Choy, Teresa Lum, Victoria Heng, Isaac Lam, Abel Ng, Nicholas Tay and Benedict Teo** were confirmed last Sunday at the Church of St Michael by Archbishop Nicholas Chia. SPP is proud of you.

The World Youth Day '08 Pilgrims from Arise, are home from Sydney! And they would like to share their touching and inspiring experiences with you! There will be personal sharing stories, as well as photo exhibitions in our church at the weekend Masses (***2nd, 3rd Aug)***, and Thursday evening Mass (***7th Aug***). See you there!

The Arise Amazing Race is back by popular demand! Calling all players and helpers! Registration begins this weekend - ***2, 3rd Aug!*** The Race begins 31 Aug, Sunday and ends off with a sumptuous BBQ feast! Loads of fun guaranteed -- just ask last year's players! For more information, call Emily (91277266).

NATIONAL DAY Our National Day falls on ***Sat 9 Aug 08***. It is a public holiday. Masses in our church will be as usual at 7.20 am and 5.30 pm.

PPC MEETING Our next SPP PPC meeting will be held on ***Sun 10 Aug*** at 12 noon in SPP Meeting Room 8.

ASSUMPTION The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on ***Fri 15 Aug 08.*** It is a *holy day of obligation.*. Masses in our church are at 7.20 am & 5.30 pm. On the eve, Thu 14 Aug, there will also be Infant Jesus devotion at 5.30 pm followed by Sunset Mass. Mandarin mass is at 7.30 pm. These are valid masses for 'Assumption'.

KENOSIS LIVING SPRING Why is olive oil the most important food in the Bible? Come and Discover the Marvel of Olive Oil for Health and Personal Care by Wendy Yeo (Herbalist/Health Food Chef) on ***Sat 16 Aug 08*** from 2 pm to 4.30 pm at SPP Chapel (3rd Level). Mediterranean Food will be served. Cost $12/- per head. Enquiries: Selena @ 96848646. *Kenosis Living Spring* is the SPP Church Ministry dedicated to promoting holistic health in body, mind and spirit.

WARDENS AGM At the recent AGM of the Board of Wardens, the following were elected into its Management Committee 2008/2010: Chairman: Peter Chang, Vice-Chairperson: Valerie Goh, Secretary: Josephine Tan. Treasurer: Rita Chua