

DO CATHOLIC TEACHINGS CHANGE? UNDERSTANDING THE CRITERIA

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever” - Heb 13:8. Yet from the beginning of Christianity, the Church has to carefully distinguish between what constitutes a legitimate development of Catholic doctrine and what constitutes a corruption. Using historical and contemporary examples, this talk explores the principles of the development of doctrine as articulated by Blessed John Henry Newman and shows how doctrinal development is at the heart of what it means to be a living church. 25 Jun '19 at CANA, Catholic Centre 55 Waterloo St, from 7.30pm - 9.15pm

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

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 or email to 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 - 10.00m 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

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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 897

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: How great is your name, O Lord our God, Through all the earth.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 17 June 2019 - SAT 22 June 2019

MON: 2 COR 6:1-10, MT 5:38-42 **TUE:** 2 COR 8:1-9, MT 5:43-48 **WED:** 2 COR 9:6-11, MT 6:1-6, 16-18 **THU:** 2 COR 11:1-11, MT 6:7-15 **FRI:** 2 COR 11:18, 21-30, MT 6:19-23 **SAT:** 2 COR 12:1-10, MT 6:24-34

Daily Prayer This Week

There is nothing like the Sermon on the Mount to help us hear the message of Jesus, and to let ourselves be addressed by those words. All of us can ask for the graces Jesus promises us - with real people and real daily circumstances in mind. We know with whom we need to “turn the other cheek” and to love more. We know the situations in which we are tempted to “be religious” in those circumstances only.

Upon reflection, each of us can take the time to “locate” our hearts, by discovering what we tend to treasure. How can we really know what we treasure? We can make a list of the “five most important things” in our lives. Then we make a list of the five things we spend most of our time on. Comparing the lists will help us get concrete about asking the Lord for the grace we need to put our lives back in balance. All of us can name what we worry about. And so we can all ask for the graces to “seek first” the Kingdom of God.

All of this reflection can happen throughout the week in the background of our daily life, if we get into the habit of focusing for a few moments each morning. If we take just 30 seconds, at the edge of our bed each morning, it will begin to establish a habit of

living more reflectively.

Thank you for this day, Lord. Help me to be focused today on not getting so hooked by Mary's ways or Chris' harsh words. I need your grace to place my trust in you. Help me especially before I have to talk with Mary on the phone and let me stay focused before Chris comes home from work.

This version of a brief moment with the Lord - friend to friend - can be repeated and made more specific, while we are going about our days. Some days, we might have 20 such moments of prayerful conversation with our Lord - guided by the Word, the desires that are surfacing, and the events of our daily lives. And, each night, we can give thanks for this deeper relationship with the Lord that is developing in our hearts.

Taken from the “Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer” on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>. Used with permission.

Reflection – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Most of the feasts of the liturgical year focus on aspects of the Mission of Christ, or the work of the Spirit, or the work of specific members of the Church, such as the Blessed Mother, the Apostles or various saints. The Feast of the Holy Trinity, however, is different. It is a feast

based on a theological description of God for Christians. While belief in the Trinity is grounded in the experience and teaching of the Apostolic witnesses of Jesus and his Resurrection and sending of the Spirit, it became theologically described in the present Trinitarian formula through the great councils of Nicaea, Ephesus and Chalcedon (between 325 and 451AD). A Liturgical celebration in honour of the Triune description of God began to be celebrated in the Western Church by the end of the first millennium and became an official Feast of the Universal Church in 1334. From its earliest emergence the Feast has been celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost. We best engage the ecclesial vision of the celebration by contemplating the Scriptural readings that are proclaimed in light of the placement of the feast immediately upon completing the Great 90 Days or Paschal Cycle of Lent/Easter/Pentecost.

This temporal setting of the Feast makes its celebration something akin to what St. Ignatius of Loyola called a “repetition” of a contemplation – that is a kind of deeply meditative review of an extended prayer, focusing on key instances of consolation from earlier prayer times over some or all of the same material, so that our receptivity to the consoling actions of God is deepened and further enriched.

Throughout the liturgical year – up to this point – we have been focusing on the Christ, the WORD of God – the partner of the Father in bringing forth creation. We hear in today’s first reading a song of praise to the Trinitarian character of the creative work. The Psalm then invites every creature to praise God for its very existence.

But God not only creates the creation but chooses to rescue it from (self) destruction. (Remember that the human community chose death rather than life by wanting to be god for ourselves.) So we spend

time pondering on the self-donation of Christ, who made it possible for humans to be saved from our separation from God by sin by disclosing God’s love and then suffering, dying and rising to demonstrate it. We just spent weeks contemplating at length this astounding mercy during the seasons of Lent and Easter.

Then, O Glory! Through the Easter sacrament of Baptism, we have been divinised through our responsive love relationship with Jesus that demonstrates its own reality when we collaborate in the Father’s Plan of Salvation. The Third Actor of God, the Spirit poured into human lives by the Father and the Word, bonds us to Christ, to one another, and to the Father’s Will, which makes this divinising or sanctifying process happen.

Through Jesus and the Spirit, we are drawn into the Body of Christ laboring with the guidance of the Second Person until all salvation is accomplished. During this time of laboring on earth (symbolized by Ordinary Time) we are filled with the Spirit, who gives us endurance in our afflictions, making possible our divinized character – the very HOPE – that does not disappoint according to the Second Reading from Romans.

The Gospel challenges us to be open to the Spirit of Truth in every aspect of our lives so that the process of being more and more drawn into the divine life, this divinization, may be brought to perfection in us even before our human death.

We have prayed on all these mysteries for weeks and even months; why a repetition now at the beginning of Ordinary Time? Because, Saint Ignatius tells us, we need to be deepened in our capacity to receive all that the Father wants to give us in Jesus and through the Spirit right now, so that we can do the work of Ordinary Time effectively. In each effort to contemplate

this mystery “hidden for generations past but now revealed,” Col.1 we discover something new about how we are invited to participate here and now in a union with God so complete that while we remain truly ourselves we are also truly and

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.

CORPUSCHRISTI – Mass and commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held on Sat, 22 Jun ’19 at 5.30pm. There will be no procession due to renovation.

THANK YOU - Church Collection for our SPP Society of St Vincent de Paul for the months of Mar and Apr 2019 are \$6,319.60 and \$6,270.00 respectively. Donations for the month of Apr amounted to \$800.00. Expenditures were \$8,822.60 and \$15,093.21 for Mar and Apr respectively. In April, we celebrated Easter with our Friends-In-Need and residents from St Vincent Home with a lunch party and gifts at CANA the Catholic Centre. We support 91 Friends-In-Need (FINs), comprising elderly poor and needy families with young children living in Chinatown and Beach Road/North Bridge Road and Queen Street areas. Thank you for your generosity and kind support.

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,

utterly “in” the Trinity of perfect Love and complete Joy.

On a beautiful day in June Trinity is a celebration well worth singing about!

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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.

CATECHISTS NEEDED Thinking of embarking on a spiritual journey? Why not grow in faith with our young ones - you’ll never know what you’ll discover through the eyes of a Catechists. Join us today! No experience required. For more information, email sppccdministry@gmail.com or call 9664-5839

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

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT CATHOLICSG RADIO? This is our very own Catholic online internet streaming platform for our Archdiocese. This app delivers talkshows, reflections, prayers, music, podcasts, programmes from other language communities and more - 24 hours, 7 days a week! For more information, visit radio.catholic.sg to listen to our live stream. Download the app now, search with the terms ‘CatholicSG Radio’ on both Google’s Play and Apple’s App Stores.

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