life and in experiencing their own and others' creativity, they will learn to 'find God in all things.' This is not an art workshop. Non-artists are most welcome. By Cenacle Sisters and Ms. Joanna Tan (Art Therapist). For registration, please go to www.cenaclemission.com or email cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com

WHY BE GOOD? THE MORAL LIFE AS THE BLESSED LIFE. Is being "good" simply a way to earn heaven, or to avoid trouble? Will we be happier if we "create our own values?" Understand this issues through the lens of John Paul II's landmark encyclical "the splendor of truth." Date: 21 Aug '18. Time: 7.30pm-9.00pm. Venue: CANA the Catholic Centre. About the speaker: Nick Chui is president of the Catholic Theology Network. He has a masters in theological studies and an undergraduate degree in history. He is currently teaching in a Catholic secondary school and has over a decade of experience in catechetics and adult faith formation. As seating may be limited, you are encouraged to secure your place early by emailing theology.sg@gmail.com. You can call Nick at 97843682 for inquires

## FAITH IN THE CITY 2018 - What is 'faith' from the Christian perspective? What do we mean when

**Sunset Mass** : 5.30pm

Rosary : 4.30pm (Saturday)

: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), **Sunday Masses** 

2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)

Weekday Masses : 7.20am and 5.30pm

**Intercessory Prayer** : 7.15pm (English, Thursday)

**Infant Jesus Devotion** : 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass) : 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin) **Divine Mercy Devotion** 

Sion Adorers - Holy Hour : 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday)

: 3.00pm daily Hour of Mercy

**Adoration Chapel** : 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm(Sun)

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we say we have 'faith'? You're invited to a day of meaningful conversations, and witness the Word of God take shape before you through a form of visual art. You can also bring your non-Catholic friends and family members to this event to experience art from a faith perspective. 25 Aug '18, from 2.00pm -4.00pm at The Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954 Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation. For more info and to register: www. one.org.sg/events

TEENS NIGHT VIGIL conducted by MCG Teens Ministry Holy Mass, Adoration, Praise&Worship, Word of God, Intercession Prayers, Rosary. Date: 3 Aug '18, 9.30pm onwards. Venue: Church of St Anthony, Auditorium, 25 Woodlands Ave 1. Spiritual Director: Fr Antony Kuttivanickal CMI. For details contact Jois@8113 9492/ George@9638 5347

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (ME) Weekend. Marriage Encounter facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples. By transforming the way husband and wife communicate, it forges greater intimacy and a closer relationship. Slots are still open for the next ME Weekend from Aug 3-5. E-mail mewkend@gmail.com or visit wwmesg.org



**READINGS:** Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 760

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord gave them bread from heaven. READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 6 August - SAT 11 August 2018

MON: DN 7:9-10. 13-14. MK 9:2-10 TUE: JER 30:1-2. 12-15. 18-22. MT 14:22-36 WED: JER 31:1-7. MT 15: 21-28 THU: JER 31:31-34.MT 16:13-23 FRI: 2 COR 9:6-10. JN 12:24-26 SAT: HAB 1:12—2:4. MT 17:14-20

On the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are in the second of five Sunday gospels from the 6th chapter of John's gospel and the Bread of Life readings. Jesus tells the crowd, "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you."

Monday is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, with its own special readings. Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Dominic. Friday is the Feast of Saint Lawrence, deacon and martyr, with special readings. Saturday is the Memorial of Saint Clare.

This week we complete our readings from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah. Friday and Saturday have the consoling readings from the Prophet Nahum and the Prophet Habakkuk, "the vision still has its time."

In Matthew's Gospel this week we hear some marvelous words about faith and discipleship. Monday is Matthew's version of the Miracle of the loaves and fishes. On Tuesday there is the choice between two gospels: Jesus comes to his disciples across the water in a storm, and invites Peter to come to him, across the water; when Peter comes he takes his eves off Jesus and goes down. In the other Gospel option, the Pharisee asks why Jesus' disciples don't follow the dietary laws and Jesus says, "It is not what enters one's mouth that defiles the man: but what comes out of the mouth is what defiles one." In contrast to the lack of

faith of the religious leaders, on Wednesday Jesus delights in the faith and trust of a non-Jew, a woman in the enemy Gentile territory to the north. Thursday Peter recognises Jesus as the Son of Man and seems to doubt him at the same time. Jesus sums up our discipleship wonderfully: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?" The disciples wonder why they could not drive out a demon from a boy, Jesus answers, "Because of your little faith." Faith "the size of a mustard seed" is enough.

For this Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time we finish our third Sunday with the Bread of Life readings from the 6th chapter of John's Gospel, meditating on the words of Jesus who reveals that he is the bread of life. Some of his hearers grumble about these shocking words. Jesus says, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

### **Daily Prayer This Week**

This week we can ask, in the variety of ways and situations each day that our eyes might be opened to see Jesus as he really is - glorified. with the Father, and ready to renew our faith

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and trust in him.

As we begin our day, and at brief times throughout our day, we can pull our consciousness together by letting the themes of this week's reading guide us. One day, we might ask to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we go through a day full of strong wind and waves. We can ask again and again, as things get tougher and more challenging.

Another day, we might focus on what comes out of our mouths. Is there cynicism, judgments, distortions of the truth, divisive and selfserving manipulation, velling and hurtful putdowns? Do I practice using my voice to give praise to God by affirming others, forgiving them, by telling the truth, by defending the poor and the voiceless, by giving God thanks? Another day, I might be conscious of those I regard as "dogs," those I disdain or think of as "the enemy." I might ask for the grace to open my heart to whatever faith in God they have, however different from mine. I might ask for a sense of solidarity with them, not because it is my desire or inclination, but because it is God's desire for me.

How can I heal and reconcile, at least in my heart, what needs healing: racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, negative stereotypes towards Muslims and those I see as "foreigners." How can I be relieved of my hostility against the poor or being judgmental about sinners? Later in the week, we can get in touch with the call of Jesus to deny ourselves. This is not self-denial for its own sake. This is the dying to self that comes from loving in the self-sacrificing way that Jesus did.

Who in my family, friends, relative, co-workers and members of my parish or congregation needs my self-denying love? How have I focused on "gaining the world" and lost some of my true self in the process? Is there some way this week that I can taste discovering my true self in giving some time, some compassion, some love, some special care to someone who needs this from me?

And throughout the week, perhaps at a special time of powerlessness or some time when I feel that I don't have the energy or gifts to do the "more." to move a mountain, I can ask for faith

the size of a mustard seed. And, each night I can give thanks to God for being generous to me all week, for this simple focus on our relationship every day.

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 normicsion

# Extract from Pope Francis' Angelus on the Feast of Transfiguration – 6 August 2017

".....The event of the Lord's Transfiguration offers us a message of hope - thus shall we be, with Him - : it invites us to encounter Jesus, to be at the service of our brothers and sisters.

The disciples' ascent up Mount Tabor leads us to reflect on the importance of disengaging from worldly matters, in order to make a journey toward heaven and to contemplate Jesus. It is a matter of being attentive to the careful and prayerful listening of Christ, the beloved Son of the Father, seeking intimate moments of prayer that allow for the docile and joyful welcoming of the Word of God. In this spiritual ascent, in this disengagement from worldly matters, we are called to rediscover the peaceful and regenerative silence of meditating on the Gospel, on the reading of the Bible, which leads to a destination rich in beauty, splendour and joy. When we meditate in this way, with the Bible in hand, in silence, we begin to feel this interior beauty, this joy that the Word of God engenders in us. In this perspective, the summer season is a providential time to cultivate our task of seeking and encountering the Lord. In this period, students are free of scholastic commitments and many families take their holidays; it is important that in the period of rest and disengagement from daily activities, we can reinforce our strengths of body and soul, by deepening our spiritual journey.

At the end of the stunning experience of the Transfiguration, the disciples came down the mountain with eyes and hearts transfigured by their encounter with the Lord. It is the journey that we too can make. The ever more vibrant rediscovery of Jesus is not the aim in itself, but spurs us to "come down the mountain", energised by the power of the divine Spirit, so as to decide on new paths of conversion and to constantly witness to charity, as the law of

daily life. Transformed by Christ's presence and by the ardour of his Word, we will be a concrete sign of the invigorating love of God for all our brothers and sisters, especially for those who are suffering, for those who are lonely and neglected, for the sick and for the multitude of men and women who, in different parts of the world, are humiliated by injustice, abuse and violence.

In the Transfiguration, the voice of the heavenly Father is heard saying: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!" Let us look to Mary, the Virgin of listening, ever ready to welcome and keep in her heart every word of the

Divine Son (cf. Lk 2:51).

May our Mother and the Mother of God help us to be in harmony with the Word of God, so that Christ may become light and lodestar throughout our life. Let us entrust to her the holidays of all, so that they may be peaceful and fruitful, but above all the summer of those who cannot go on holiday due to impediments of age, to reasons of health or of work, to economic restrictions or other problems, so that it may be a time of eased tension, gladdened by the presence of friends and of happy moments......"

Source: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco angelus 20170806.html

#### PARISH NEWS

MASS TIMES FOR ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - 14 Aug '18 (Tue), 5.30pm, 15 Aug '18 (Wed), 7.20am, 12.15pm (Mandarin), 5.30pm

PARISH BUILDING RENOVATION - Our Parish Building will be undergoing renovations once the submitted plans have been approved by the authorities. The plans include an additional level of floor space to meet the needs of our parish communities and pastoral activities. We seek the cooperation of all parishioners, especially members of the many Ministries, to clear your existing storage/cupboards in the Parish Building by 16 Aug '18. Items that are not cleared by the deadline will be subject to disposal. We also ask for your prayers for the prompt approval of the plans by the authorities and a safe and smooth renovation project.

PRAYER THE WAY TO HOLINESS by Fr. Gregory D'Souza - SPP Church and OCDs invite you to a series of talks according to the teachings of St John of the Cross. Date: 13 - 17 Aug'18. Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm Venue: St. Teresa's Church Auditorium, Parish House Lvl 3 Contribution: \$50 Please register with SPP Church Office. For enquiries, email spphappenings@gmail.com

PRAISE@WORK - Mass with prayers for healing (All are welcome and no registration is needed). 4 Aug '18 (Sat). Church of Sts. Peter and Paul (main church). 2.00pm - Praise and Worship. 2.20pm to 4.00pm - Mass celebrated by Fr. Tom Curran, followed by prayers for healing. For enquiries, please email praiseatworks@wahoo.com

or call 9747 2467. Organised by Praise@Work and supported by SACCRE.

There is a special 3 days MALACCA SANTA CRUZ plus a visit to the new Carmelite Friars' House from 1 - 3 Sep '18. For details, please refer to the brochure. Only limited seats left. For reservation, please bring along your passport and make full payment in cash at the Parish Office.

#### NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

#### WELCOMING RETURNING CATHOLICS

- A new Landings run will commence at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd (24 Aug, Fri), Church of the Holy Spirit and Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (27 Aug, Mon). We invite Catholics seeking a reconnection with the Faith and those interested in this ministry to participate in this 10-week run ending in November 2018. Interested participants will need to register. Registration closes on 19 Aug '18. Please email returning@landings.org.sg or find out more at www.landings.org.sg.

The Apostolate for Catholic Truth (ACT) - 1. Seeking the Truth of Catholicism, Kelvin Chia, LLB, 18 Aug '18 2. The Nuptial Mystery of Christianity, Rev Fr Ignatius Yeo, 25 Aug '18. Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Venue: Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, 02-01, S187954. FREE, All are Welcome. Details and Registration at www. catholic.sg/act. For enquiries only: (Andrew) SMS 96493893

ART AND SOUL: A WAY TO GOD THROUGH ART - 24 Aug, 8.00pm - 26 Aug, 1.00pm @ Montfort Centre. This weekend retreat invites us to see that art is not separate from