



REFLECTION

18TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 01 August 2010 (Year C)

Your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Colossians 3:3)

Imagine that it is fall and you are preparing flower beds for a spring garden. You buy packets of seeds that display pictures of dahlias, irises, and daffodils. But when you take the seeds out, all you see are very tiny flecks or ugly brown bulbs. They look nothing like the pictures, and you wonder how they will ever grow into those beautiful flowers.

Finally, spring arrives, and your garden is filled with an array of colors and fragrances. Although the lifeless seeds were hidden throughout the fall and winter, a marvelous force was at work transforming them.

In a similar way, we too were buried with Christ when we were baptized into his death and resurrection. Like those seeds, we were planted, hidden with Christ, waiting for the time when we could burst forth with a new and fruitful life.

This is a compelling image, isn't it? But how long do we have to wait before this new life comes forth? Some of us may feel as if it's been decades and still nothing has happened.

That's where the second half of today's reading comes in. The transformation described above is not magical. To a large extent, it depends on us. It's up to us to put off our old lives of self-centeredness and sin so that we can be clothed with Jesus own love, kindness, compassion, and humility.

Put simply, it's a matter of choosing to turn to Jesus in prayer and then working to conform our hearts to his. our minds to his, and our characters to his. It's a matter of facing our everyday decisions in faith and trust in God, asking him to lead us and guide us.

The good news is that Jesus wants to transform us. Far from making it hard, he has already blazed the path ahead of us. Every day, he reaches out to us and pours his love upon us.

"Praise to you, Jesus, for putting my old life to death on the cross. By your Spirit, help me to receive your new life more and more each day.

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Mandarin Speaking Community

2010年8月1日 - 常年期第十八主日
永援圣母堂第十七届华文慕道团

1) 讲题: 救恩史(二) 以耶稣为中心
日期: 8月1日

2) 讲题: 耶稣是谁? / 收录礼彩排
日期: 8月8日

时间: 早上9点至10点30分

地点: 本堂活动中心四楼礼堂 Verbist Hall
欢迎教友旁听。

天主教圣乐讲习会

日期: 2010年8月7日(星期六)及9日(公共假期)

时间: 早上9点至下午6点

地点: 天主圣三堂礼堂
讲习内容:

1. 何谓圣乐
2. 圣乐的分类
3. 圣乐万花筒
4. 古今圣乐赏析
5. 礼仪当中的圣乐
6. 礼仪中音乐的执行
7. 圣乐培育

讲师: 苏开仪老师

费用: 每名S\$30 (包括午餐, 茶点)

报名截止日期: 2010年6月26日

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对象: 圣歌咏团团员及对教会圣乐有兴趣的教友

2010年四教区讲习会

主题: 让高墙倒下——基督徒的社会参与和使命

讲员: 李家同教授 (台湾资讯学者及作家)

日期: 9月3日 (星期五) 至6日 (星期一)

地点: 柔佛避兰东甲柔教区中心

费用: 每人马币260 (包括全部膳宿, 但不包括交通费)

住宿: 柔佛避兰东甲柔教区中心宿舍

承办: 甲柔教区华文教务促进会

报名截止: 8月1日 (恕不展延)

报名: 请在教委网站狮城之光九月份活动下载报名表, 填妥后寄交教委秘书处。



Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Mission Statement

"We, the community of OLPS, strive to follow Christ and be His witnesses, reaching out to all through love and service."

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MASS SCHEDULE (Confession before Mass)

Weekday	: 6.30 am (on Public Holiday 8.00 am) & 6.00 pm
Saturday	: 6.30 am (on Public Holiday 8.00 am) Novena 4.00 pm
Saturday Sunset	: 4.45 pm & 6.30 pm
Sunday	: 7.30 am (Mandarin); 8.45 am; 10.30 am; 12.15 pm & 6.00 pm

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OLPS Church Autogate closure time	12.30 am - 5.30 am (daily)
St Stephen's School (car park timings)	3.30 pm - 6.30 pm (Saturday); 8.00 am - 2.00 pm (Sunday)
Adoration Room	Daily 7 am to 12 Midnight; Saturday Vigil until 6 am Sunday
Changing of Host (Adoration Room)	Every last Friday of the month, Mass at 10.00 pm
Columbarium	Opens daily 7.00 am to 7.00 pm
Christian Meditation	Every Wednesday at 8.00 pm in St John & St Luke Rooms
Charismatic Prayer Meeting	Every Wednesday 8.00 pm in Verbist Hall (Level 4, by lift)
Charismatic Mass	Every last Wednesday at 8.00 pm in Verbist Hall
Infant Baptism	Preparation 2nd Sunday at 3 pm; Baptism 3rd Sunday at 4 pm
Migrant Mass	Every 2nd Sunday of the month at 12.15 pm Mass
Bahasa Indonesia Mass	Every 1st Sunday of the month at 3.30 pm Mass
Bahasa Indonesia Praise and Worship	Every 3rd Saturday of the month at 6.30 pm in Verbist Hall
Tagalog Mass	Every 4th Sunday of the month at 3.30 pm Mass.
Rosary Recitation	Mon - Wed; Thursday (intentions for Priests) at 5.15 pm
Divine Mercy Devotion	Every Friday after morning Mass at the Grotto & in Church at 5.15 pm.
St Pio Devotion	Every 23rd day of the month at 6.45 pm (after the 6 pm mass).

MARRIAGES: Application/Booking for Wedding in our Parish should be made at least six (6) months in advance. This would give the couple adequate time to attend Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) or Engaged Encounter Weekend (EE). Application forms available at the Secretariat. Booking is confirmed only when full contribution is received six (6) months before the Wedding Date. No Weddings during Lenten Season.

Mass Readings (01 - 08 Aug 2010)

1 August (Sun) 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Eccl: 1:2,21-23; Ps 94; Col 3:1-5,9-11; Lk 12:13-21

2 August (Mon) St Eusebius, Bishop & St Peter Julian, Priest
Jer 28:1-17; Ps 118:29,43,79,80,95,102; Mt 14:13-21

3 August (Tues) 18th Week in Ordinary Time
Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22; Ps 101:16-21,29,22-23; Mt 14:22-36

4 August (Wed) St John Vianney, Priest
Jer 31:1-7; Ps Jer 31:10-13; Mt 15:21-28

5 August (Thurs) Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major
Jer 31:31-34; Ps 50:12-15,18-19; Mt 16:13-23

6 August (Fri) Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
Dan 7:9-10,13-14; or 2 Pt 1:16-19; Ps 96:1-2,5-6,9; Lk 9:28-36

7 August (Sat) Sts Xystus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs
Hab 1:12-2,4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

8 August (Sun) 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 18:6-9; Ps 32:1,12,18-20,22; Hebr 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48 (or 35-40)

PARISH BULLETIN		NEIGHBOURHOODS	
18TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - 01 August 2010 (Year C)		<p>Bedok Reservoir/Kaki Bukit - Home Mass on Tuesday 3 August at 8.15 pm, Theresa Tan's home, Blk 115 #02-120 Bedok Reservoir Road. Celebrant: Fr Adrian Yeo. Join in the potluck and fellowship after Mass. Divine Mercy prayer on Friday 6 August at 8.30 pm, Jenny Teo's home, Blk 669 #13-55 Bedok Reservoir Road. All are welcome.</p> <p>Bedok South 2 - Home Mass on Monday 2 August at 8.00pm, Anthony Neo's home, Blk 37 #08-471 Bedok South Ave 2. Celebrant: Fr Frederick Quek. Join in the potluck and fellowship after Mass. All Bedok South 2 neighbours are welcome.</p> <p>Kembangan - Rosary and Bible sharing on Tuesday 3 August at 8.15 pm, Andrew & Anne Lim's home, 79 Jalan Selamat; Rosary and Bible sharing on Tuesday 17 August at 8.15 pm, Clement & Anne Ang's home, 36 Lorong Kembangan. All are welcome.</p>	
CATECHISTS' RECRUITMENT	<p>Our children and teens need you to be their Catechists! Your generosity in serving the young in our parish as their Catechist is a special calling by the Lord to share your faith with them. Contact Nancy Chan at 62418047 or call in at the Catechists' Office (on level 2, St Martha's Room) to register your interest.</p>	CONFIRMATION 3	<p>All Confirmation 3 Teens who are on Service Attachment are to attend lesson session on the weekend of 14 & 15 August. There will be no service attachment for that weekend.</p>
COUPLE EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM	<p>A joyful married life, secure and confident children and a happy family life is what God wants to give married couples. The Couple Empowerment program is an 8-week session programme to learn practical ways to strengthen and bring joy to your marriage, bring up happy, confident and secure children and more. Fridays 6, 13, 20, 27 August, 3 & 17 September (7.30 pm - 10 pm), Saturday 18 September (2.30 pm - 10 pm) and Sunday 19 September (2.30 pm - 8.00 pm). Child-minding services will be provided at all sessions. Contribution \$150/- per couple (includes meals for all sessions, handouts and worksheets). Venue: Verbist Hall (Level 4). Just show up on Friday 6 August. For detailed program information please visit www.http://catholic-cep.webs.com.</p>	YOUTH HAPPENINGS	<p>Sign up for the OLPS Youth E-Newsletter "OLiveNotes" by emailing Subscribe@olpsyouth.org for news of what's happening each month, or view it at http://www.olpsyouth.org/e-newsletter.html.</p> <p>Writers & Photographers Wanted! Do you like to write? We are looking for people who like to write and share their thoughts, reflections, cover events and put together interesting news! Photographers also wanted! If you are interested, please email the editor@olpsyouth.org.</p>
MARIAN TALK AT OLPS	<p>There will be a Marian Talk by Rev Fr Martin Mary Fonte, FI on Saturday, 28 August from 8.30 am to 3.30 pm at OLPS Room next to the Canteen. The topics include Our Lady and the Catholic faith. Contribution \$10 per person (with lunch and tea provided). Register at the Church foyer this weekend (31 July, 3 pm to 6 pm) and 1 August (9 am to 12 noon)</p>	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	<p>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Sunday 15 August. Mass timings as usual:- Sunset Mass on Saturday 14 August at 4.45 pm and 6.30 pm. Sunday Mass on 15 August at 7.30 am (in Mandarin), and 8.45 am, 10.30 am, 12.15 pm and 6.00 pm.</p>
INDONESIAN MASS	<p>Sunday 1 August at 3.30 pm in OLPS Church. All Indonesian-speaking families and friends are invited to celebrate Mass with us. Join in the fellowship after Mass in the Canteen.</p>	MASS FOR VOCATION	<p>With effect from August First Friday, 6 August at 6.00 pm Mass, we will pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Henceforth all First Friday Mass will be for this intention. After Mass we will distribute a new prayer booklet printed by Serra Club for friends of Serra Club who have pledged and those who may now wish to pledge Eucharistic Adoration hour and to pray for more Vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life.</p>
INFANT BAPTISM	<p>Parents are reminded to submit Infant Baptism Registration Forms to the Secretariat by this weekend. Preparation briefing for parents and godparents will be held next Sunday 8 August at 3.00pm in St John & St Luke's Room. Baptism of Infant will be held on Sunday 15 August at 4.00 pm in Church.</p>	CATHOLIC FORUM	<p>The Catholic Medical Guild (CMG) is organising a Forum for all Catholics to address the recent controversy of the ex-communicated nun. Join us at Mt Alvernia Hospital on Monday 9 August (National Day), 2pm - 6pm for an interesting bioethical discussion with guest speakers. Register via email at cmg.heart.issues@gmail.com or contact Raymond 91453166.</p>
WARDENS MINISTRY	<p>OLPS Wardens Ministry will be holding their Biennial General Meeting on Sunday 8 August at 3.00 pm in the Parish Hall (Canteen). There will be Commissioning of Wardens at the 6.00 pm Mass on Sunday 8 August.</p>	PRAYERWAYS RETREAT	<p>An invitation to Prayer - Friday 6 August (7.30pm) - Sunday 8 August (1pm) at the Cenacle. Make a retreat while you learn and experience various forms of praying. Stay-in retreat will include brief input, prayer, reflection, silence, journaling and sharing. Register with the Cenacle Sisters at 65652895, 97223148 or Email cenaclesisters@yahoo.com.sg.</p>
CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING	<p>Wednesday 3 August at 8.00 pm in Verbist Hall (Level 4). Speaker: Michelle Ang on the topic "Giving thanks". All are welcome.</p>	CATHOLIC SHORT PLAY FESTIVAL	<p>Tickets for 10:10 (Inaugural Catholic Short Play Festival) organised by Walk on Water Productions are available. Email at wow@calmtheseas.com or call Jillian 94743964 to buy a ticket. Proceeds for this event will go to various charities under Caritas Singapore. 14 August (Sat) & 15 August (Sun), 3.00pm & 7.30pm at Raffles Hotel, Jubilee Hall. Ticket Price \$22 & \$25.</p>