

Upcoming Events

10/2 Sun	11am	Our community will gather together to celebrate Chinese New Year with a special liturgy during Mass. There will be no 9:30am Mass at Asiana Centre on that day.	St. Peter Julian's Church, Haymarket
Community Monthly Eucharistic Adoration will be held at Asiana Centre on the 25th January (Saturday) from 2pm to 4pm. Please open the invitation to any of your relatives & friends to join and pray together in front of the Blessed Sacrament.			
Sunday School Classes will commence on 2 nd Feb 2014. Please contact Catherine for registration and further details. Catherine Chan 0408 889 898 email: ccpcsundayschool@live.com.au			
Cantonese and Mandarin Catechumen classes will commence in February 2014 and are now accepting enrolment. Please invite your non-believer friends and relatives to learn about God and our faith. Catholics are also encouraged to join in to renew their faith. Please contact Mrs. Elsa Tang on 0401 058 199 for details.			St. Peter Julian's Church, or Asiana Centre, Ashfield
Catechism Refresher gathering meets this Sunday afternoon at 1:30pm and the venue is Meeting room #2 located at the first floor of St. Peter Julian's Church. Currently, we are sharing the book "Healing the Eight Stages of Life." All are welcome.			
THS Chinese and English Bible Study groups meet every Sunday afternoon at 1:30pm at Meeting rooms #1 and #3 of St. Peter Julian's Church. All are welcome.			
Chinese Catechism Correspondence course is open to all who are interested in our Catholic faith but can not come to our catechism class every week. Please contact Mrs. Elsa Tang on 0401 058 199 for details.			

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天主教華人牧靈中心

CHINESE CATHOLIC PASTORAL CENTRE

常年期第二主日 (甲年) 2014 年 1 月 19 日
 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A), 19th January 2014



團體活動

2/2 星期日	上午十一時	團體將會一同慶祝農曆新春並在彌撒中舉行「祭天敬祖」禮儀。當天在亞洲中心舉行的九時半彌撒將會被取消一次。	華埠聖伯多祿朱廉教堂
每月的團體明供聖體聚會，將於一月二十五日 (星期六) 下午二時至四時在亞洲中心舉行。歡迎各位邀請家人或朋友前來在耶穌聖體前一起祈禱。			
兒童主日學及慕道課程將於 2 月 2 日開始上課，家長請向 Catherine 查詢及報名。Catherine Chan 0408 889 898，email: ccpcsundayschool@live.com.au			
團體將於農曆年初十 (二月九日星期日) 於聖伯多祿朱廉堂主日彌撒後為長者舉辦馬年迎春聚餐。地點為華埠東海酒家，時間為中午十二時正。歡迎團體長者參加，費用全免。查詢及報名請聯絡 SPJ 教堂門外工作人員或亞洲中心 Nancy Hong (0402 398 686)。			
國語、粵語成人慕道班將於二月十六日開辦新班。現開始招收新學員。請介紹未信主的親友參加。請向鄧女士查詢。電話: 0401 058 199。亦歡迎信友參加更新信仰。			華埠聖伯多祿朱廉教堂或亞洲中心
再慕道聚會本星期日下午一時半在聖伯多祿朱廉教堂二樓會議室舉行。繼續分享「心靈治癒——生命的八個階段」這部書。歡迎各位參加。			
聖神宮殿祈禱會查經聚會每星期日下午一時半在聖伯多祿朱廉教堂二樓會議室繼續舉行。歡迎各位參加。			
中文天主教教義函授課程是為不能抽空出席慕道班的人士而設。請介紹親友參加。有興趣者請向鄧女士 (0401 058 199) 查詢。			

彌撒時間：

富來明頓車站旁聖道明教堂 主日上午十一時半 (國語)
 亞洲中心聖若瑟小堂 (38 Chandos St., Ashfield) 星期六下午六時 (國語)
 亞洲中心聖若瑟小堂 主日上午九時半 (粵語和英語)
 雪梨華埠聖伯多祿朱廉教堂 (641 George St., Haymarket) 主日上午十一時 (粵語)

新年伊始 - 立心定志

劉瑪定神父

新年伊始時，很多人習慣的作了很多規劃，務求百尺竿頭，更進一步。所以傳統上稱這些志願為新年志願。這些志願大多數是許下改善個人健康，財經及生活各方面的指標規劃，在今年內實現。但是有幾多人真的會切實執行，貫徹始終，或是後來將定志置諸腦後，反而安慰自己說，下一年再做罷！真的能夠完成自己的願望而得到成功快樂的會有幾人呢？

或許根據榮休教宗本篤十六世的說話，可以幫助我得償所願，在改變我個人境況上得到成功。

“基督徒的開始，不是做一個倫理的決定，或者一個偉大的觀點，而是一個事件的相遇，是與一位的相遇，這會使生命有一個新的起點，因而有一個決定性的指引。”（見 2005 年十二月廿五日，《天主是愛通諭》第一段）

當今教宗方濟各在他的宗座勸諭 - 《福傳的喜樂》將上述引文加以發揮“我們對天主的愛的相遇是要感恩的 - 或許是一種更新的重逢，因為我們能夠從狹小的自我封閉的環境中獲得解脫。我們可以成為一個全人，成為更有人性的人，是天主引領我們達到我們存在的完滿真理。”（參《福傳的喜樂》宗座勸諭 2013 年十一月廿四日，第 8 段）

這正是我尋求的答案 這並不是在自我封閉，以小心眼的心態去作決定，而是以基督成我的中心，將我的心靈開放，接受天主的愛，好讓天主的聖寵，藉著聖神的德能作我的指導。我又怎能繼續保持這種心火呢？我畢竟是個凡夫俗子，是一個罪人，有時我會自我封閉的過日子，失去了以天主恩寵作為生命的焦點。幸而教宗方濟各的話提醒我：

“天主不會厭倦去赦人的罪，而是人們厭倦去尋求天主的仁慈。”（參閱同一宗座勸諭第三段。）

我念完了宗座勸諭的訓導時真是雀躍萬分，茅塞頓開。此時此刻，立定志向，不是新年願望之類，而是每天的動向。每天醒來的時候，我會祈求：“我主，我需要您！”當我遇到煩惱時，我會祈求：“主！我需要你！”當我自我封閉，以小心眼察看個人成功或失敗時，我祈求：“主！我需要你！”晚上躺在床上時，想到過去的一天，我會祈禱：“主！我需要你！”

祝各位教友新年快樂，得到天主豐厚的恩寵。主，我們需要您！

A “NEW” YEAR’S RESOLUTION

With every passing New Year’s celebration come our declarations of something we want to do or change to make ourselves a better person. We simply call these our New Year’s resolutions. These promises to ourselves usually center on improving our health, desires, finances, life’s situation, and so on. How many of them have you kept? How many have you broken and after you break them do you say, “I’ll try again next year”? How many of the resolutions that you have kept have truly made you happy, at peace?

Perhaps these words from Pope Benedict XVI could help me find the true happiness I was searching for by changing something about my situation or myself.

“Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction”. [Encyclical Letter *Deus Caritas Est* (25 December 2005), 1]

Pope Francis expounds on this quote in his latest Apostolic Exhortation:

“Thanks solely to this encounter – or renewed encounter – with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.” [Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (24 November 2013), 8]

There was the answer I have been looking for ! Not in self-absorbed, narrow-minded resolutions, but by keeping Christ as my center, by opening my heart and soul to His love and allowing His grace through the Holy Spirit to be my guide. But how do I keep doing this? I am human. I am a sinner. There will be times when I become so self-absorbed in my life that I lose focus on God’s grace. Then, the words of Pope Francis remind me that,

“God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.” [Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (24 November 2013), 3]

I was so overwhelmed with joy reading these words. It was at this moment that I made my resolution, not a “New Year’s”, but a daily one. When I wake in the morning I will pray, “Lord, I need you!” When I am troubled or down I will pray, “Lord, I need you!” When I become so self-absorbed and narrow-minded because of my own success or failure I will pray, “Lord, I need you!” When I lay down in bed at night thinking about the day gone by I will pray, “Lord, I need you!”

Here’s to a happy and blessed 2014 and beyond; Lord, we need you!