

TIME Magazine's Hero of Asia Lek Challenged and actor/director Ashley Bell and their works of elephant conservation in Thailand. The film aims to ignite a new way of thinking about this species, and all God's creatures. It will make you laugh, make you cry but most of all it will help you ponder on our role in the care of God's creation. Panel discussion will follow the screening with panelists Mr Tony O'Dempsey, President of the Nature Society and Sr Jacinta Kow FMDM. Date: Saturday 26 January, 3.00 pm at Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, 2nd Floor. Registration to [canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com](mailto:canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com) or call 63384080. Love offering.

**GIFT** - Next weekend, 19/20 January, being the 3rd weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges and contributions for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign to support the organisations and projects of the archdiocese. Every Catholic is encouraged to sign up for a pledge to help with continued support for the numerous archdiocesan organisations needed for the mission of

the church. More info is available at [gift.catholicfoundation.sg](http://gift.catholicfoundation.sg).

**AT HOME RETREAT - (2 choices)** Journey from Ashes to Easter - a 10-week programme based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola to know Jesus more intimately in the midst of life's daily routine. It is a school of prayer and a Lenten preparation for Easter. Includes weekly meeting of faith sharing, daily prayer with Scripture and one spiritual direction by Cenacle Sisters & Team. **MORNINGS:** 26 Feb – 30 Apr (Tues), 9.30am - 11.30am at LaSalle Centre - St. Patrick School - 490 East Coast Road OR **EVENINGS:** 26 Feb - 30 Apr (Tue), 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Cana - the Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St. Contribution: \$250.00.

**TIME WITH GOD (TWG)- Women Group.** Come and gather in a safe space for weekly morning of prayer, reflection and sharing for women. Please call 92985808 to confirm session. Every Wednesday beginning 23 Jan'19. Time: 9.30 - 11.30 am. Venue: La Salle Centre, 490 East Coast Rd. Contribution: Love Offering

<b>Sunset Mass</b>	: 5.30pm
<b>Rosary</b>	: 4.30pm (Saturday)
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
<b>Intercensory Prayer</b>	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
<b>Infant Jesus Devotion</b>	: 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)
<b>Divine Mercy Devotion</b>	: 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)
<b>Sion Adorers - Holy Hour</b>	: 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday)
<b>Hour of Mercy</b>	: 3.00pm daily
<b>Secretariat's Operating Hours</b>	: Mon - Fri: 9.30am - 9.30pm, Sat: 9.30am - 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am - 5.00pm; Lunch hours: 1.00pm - 2.00pm. Closed on Public Holidays.
<b>Columbarium Opening Hours</b>	: Mon - Sun: 7.00am - 7.00pm.

**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, Teresa Wong Sok Mun, **Liturgical Co-ordinator:** Alex Wong, [alexdominic@gmail.com](mailto:alexdominic@gmail.com)

**Church Donations - Please make your cheque payable to:**

**(i) Church of Sts Peter & Paul** - for contributions/donations for general maintenance of our Church and Mass offerings; **(ii) Carmelite Fathers** - for contributions/donations to SPP Friars Community, Friars Formation; **(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 836

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great your are.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 14 January 2019 - SAT 19 January 2019

**MON:** HEB 1:1-6, MK 1:14-20 **TUE:** HEB 2:5-12, MK 1:21-28 **WED:** HEB 2:14-18, MK 1:29-39 **THU:** HEB 3:7-14, MK 1:40-45 **FRI:** HEB 4:1-5, 11, MK 2:1-12 **SAT:** HEB 4:12-16, MK 2:13-17

Sunday is the Baptism of the Lord. We hear the Lord say in the first reading from Isaiah, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit." Those words are echoed in the reading from Luke's Gospel, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

This feast marks the end of the Christmas season and on Monday we begin Ordinary Time on the Church calendar. The term Ordinary doesn't mean that the life of the Church is ordinary but that it is ordinal or "counted." We mark our liturgical year by counting 34 weeks of Ordinary Time, interrupted only by the Lent/Easter seasons. When the liturgical year ends in November with the 34th Week in Ordinary Time, it is followed by the First Week in Advent.

Thursday is the Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot.

During this first week in Ordinary Time, we begin a four week cycle of weekday readings from the Letter to the Hebrews. This is the longest letter to any community in the New Testament.

For the next four weeks, until the beginning of Lent, the weekday gospels are from Mark's

Gospel. This week Mark offers us a look at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Monday he calls his first disciples: Simon and Andrew, John and James. He drives out evil spirits, heals the sick and forgives sins to the skepticism of the scribes. The week ends as Jesus extends an invitation to the despised tax collector, Levi/Matthew "Follow me."

On the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, a beautiful reading from Isaiah promises vindication which will "shine forth like the dawn." In the First Letter to the Corinthians, we are reassured that each of us has different gifts of the Spirit. "There are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." The Wedding Feast of Cana is the centerpiece of John's Gospel. His mother told the servants to follow his orders and Jesus performed his first public miracle "and so revealed his glory."

**Daily Prayer This Week**

In this first week of Ordinary Time, we might find ourselves feeling a little let-down after the Christmas season, especially in parts of the world where it seems cold and dark most days. This is where we can ask for the grace to let the stories of the gospels come alive in our hearts.

The stories from Mark's gospel offer a vivid

look into the life of Jesus and his followers on such a human level. Many are stories of healing and the week begins and ends with invitations from Jesus to us -- and to his disciples. To Simon Peter and Andrew, Jesus invites, "Come after me." To the tax collector Levi he beckons, "Follow me."

The invitation to healing we are offered can be a part of our own reflection as we begin a new year and want to somehow "fix" what is broken in us. The healing happens if we allow Jesus into our hearts and lives.

As we look at our lives we may find a loneliness or separation from people in our family or others. We have parts of our lives that are dark and embarrassing and seem unchangeable. It is into this very darkness and discomfort that Jesus is moved with pity for us, stretches out his healing hand to us and says, "I do will it. Be made clean."

We can hear the summons to follow him as a clear and personal call to us from Jesus, the one who already knows us and our failings and yet asks us to be with him. We can hear this invitation more clearly if we can be touched with awareness of our own failings and understand more deeply how much we need a savior in our lives. It is then that our hearts are open to accept this invitation.

We can pray to Jesus this week for the strength to be healed of the patterns and habits of our lives that so often turn us away from him and ask for the grace to make a new beginning in our lives. If we can sit with our hands open in humility, we can accept that we can't do this on our own, but know in our hearts that with the help of God, nothing is impossible.

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

WWJD: What Would Jesus Do? In the 1990's this acronym became a part of

popular culture. People sported WWJD bracelets as a reminder to use Jesus as a guide for their behaviour. Regrettably the true meaning of WWJD dissipated as adaptations became popular. And I must admit I was guilty in this wave as I looked to people in my life I admired by asking WWAD? What would Al do regarding a home repair? Or WWKD What would Katherine do regarding a caretaker task? WWDD? How would Debra gracefully respond to a challenge? I had not thought about WWJD? "movement" until I began reflecting upon the gospel from Luke.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. This is a beautiful culmination of the Christmas season during which we have been praying about the incarnation of God becoming human in the birth of the baby Jesus for the purpose of our salvation.

As I read Luke's gospel I am overwhelmed by the deep faith of the people who followed John to the river to be baptised. I am moved by their quiet hope and curiosity: The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.

John clarifies his role and assures the people that Christ is coming by telling them: "I am baptising you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

But rather than arriving in a blaze of glory, the 30 year old Jesus quietly gets in line with the others and gracefully asks John to baptise him. From the beginning of his public ministry Jesus provides a template of how we should live with humility. I wonder how I might have reacted when as Jesus was praying after being baptised by John I see the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove and hear the voice of from heaven proclaiming: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Reflecting upon the baptism of Jesus invites me to learn more about the sacrament of baptism. It was so important to me to have my daughters baptised and I always take the renewal of my baptismal promises seriously, yet I feel eager to learn more.

I am reminded that baptism reveals the equality and dignity of each member of the community, leads us to imitate Christ's example, makes us disciples to the world and baptism requires us to reject sin and evaluate

## PARISH NEWS

**MASS TIMINGS for Lunar New Year** 5 Feb - 8.30am (M); 10.00am (E) **Ash Wednesday** 6 Mar - 7.20am (E); 12.15pm (M); 5.30pm (E)

**MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - 10 Feb 19 (Sun) at 11.00am. English Mass. Kindly note the following Canonical Conditions for Anointing: 1) The anointing of the sick can be administered to a member of the faithful who, having reached the use of reason, begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age. 2) This sacrament can be repeated if the sick person, having recovered, again becomes gravely ill or if the condition becomes more grave during the same illness. For the sick who satisfy the Canonical Conditions and wish to receive the Anointing, please approach the Parish Secretary's Office to furnish the details. Deadline: 3 Feb '19 (Sun)

**CATECHISM CLASS '19** - class begins on 20 Jan '19 at 9.30am in new temporary premises: Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, #02-01, S(187954) For Enquiries, pls contact parish office.

**150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS** - Calling all designers! Join the SPP Logo Design competition as we prepare for our 150th Anniversary Celebrations in the Year 2020. Attractive prizes for top 3 designs. The winning logo will be used in the 150th Anniversary activities and collaterals. For Guidelines, Terms & Conditions, please collect them from the Parish Office. Submit your entry by 31 Jan '19.

our values, decisions and lifestyles.

I pray with these questions: How have my actions demonstrated my faith? Have I considered all people, especially my rivals, to be members of our community? What are some obstacles in my life that keep me from Jesus? How can I be generous with my spirit? And the most simple, yet centering question: WWJD?

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/011319.html>

## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

**COMMENCEMENT OF SCHOOL YEAR 2019** - This year, 7 principals have been newly appointed to head our Catholic schools and pre-schools. ACCS invites all educators to join us in a Mass to commemorate the occasion and to pray for all our Catholic schools and pre-schools. The event will take place at 3.00pm on Sunday, 27 January 2019 at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. His Grace, Archbishop William Goh will be the main celebrant. As parking is limited on the Cathedral grounds, you are advised to park your vehicle in carparks around the vicinity.

**CATHOLIC JUNIOR COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE 2019** Date: The day after the release of 'O' Level Results. Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm Address: 129 Whitley Road, Singapore 297822 Two way shuttle between Caldecott MRT and CJC We look forward to having you join our CJ family!

**SJI OPEN HOUSE** for graduating GCE 'O' Level students who may wish to consider the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at SJI for their pre-university education. St. Joseph's Institution Open House 38 Malcolm Road, Singapore 308274. 15 Jan '19, 9.00am - 3.00pm For more information, please visit [www.sji.edu.sg](http://www.sji.edu.sg) or follow SJI on our Facebook and Instagram.

**LOVE AND BANANAS** - Cana invites you to the screening of LOVE AND BANANAS, brought back by popular demand from the Cana Film Festival 2018. This film features