

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN &
MASS SCHEDULE

24 APRIL 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER EASTER



SUN 24 April	Fourth Sunday after Easter <i>2nd Class, white</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass
MON 25 April	St Mark <i>Evangelist</i> <i>2nd Class, red</i>	11.30 – Low Mass 18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
TUE 26 April	Ss. Cletus & Marcellinus <i>Popes, Martyrs</i> <i>3rd Class, red</i>	11.30 – Low Mass 18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
WED 27 April	St. Peter Canisius <i>Confessor, Doctor</i> <i>3rd Class, white</i>	11.30 – Low Mass 18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
THU 28 April	St. Paul of the Cross <i>Confessor</i> <i>3rd Class, white</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Low Mass
 FRI 29 April	St. Peter of Verona <i>Martyr</i> <i>3rd Class, red</i>	18.20 – Stations of the Cross 19.00 – Low Mass
SAT 30 April	St. Catherine of Siena <i>Virgin</i> <i>3rd Class, white</i>	11.30 – Low Mass
SUN 1 May	Saint Joseph, the Worker <i>1st Class, white</i> <i>Fifth Sunday after Easter</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass

The bulletin can be read online at sspxsingapore.org

Confessions: 30 min before Sun-
day Masses; on demand every day.

Children's Catechism:

Every Saturday: 14:00-15:30:
Group 1: Older Group (13-18
years)

Group 2: First Communion
14:45-15:30:

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Group 2: Post First Communion

Bible Class:
Every Sunday after the 10am Mass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday. Second collection for SSPX schools.

Saturday 21 May. Conference by Fr. Grün at 5pm: *The sacrament of marriage: how to live on its graces?*

27 June to 14 July. Sr Maria Columba & Sr Mary Imelda in Singapore.

Pilgrimage to Fatima. Those interested in joining the SSPX international pilgrimage in 2017 (roughly from 17 to 28 August) might contact Fr. Loschi asap. Planned itinerary: Fatima, Lisbon, Rome, St Philomena, Padre Pio, St Michael, Lanciano, Loreto, St. Francis of Assisi. Number needed to make a pre-booking and get a quote from travel agent before final decision.

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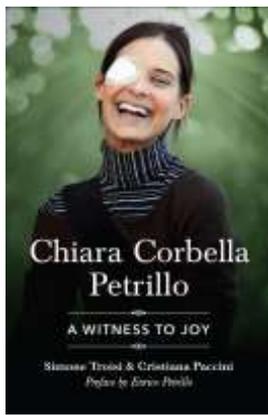
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ADMIRABLE MARRIED LIVES



Chiara Petrillo was seated in a wheelchair looking lovingly towards Jesus in the tabernacle. Her husband, Enrico, found the courage to ask her a question that he had been holding back. Thinking of Jesus' phrase, my yoke is sweet and my burden is light, he asked: "Is this yoke, this cross, really sweet, as Jesus said?"

A smile came across Chiara's face. She turned to her husband and said in a weak voice: "Yes, Enrico, it is very sweet."

This is how the book description of Chiara Petrillo's biography starts on *Amazon.com*.

Her life story is an illustration of Father Grün's talk on marriage. When husband and wife love each other as Jesus loves the Church, they have a happy and rewarding married life despite the heavy crosses they have to carry. Chiara and her husband Enrico deeply loved each other because they expected everything from Our Lord and gave everything to Him. And God did try them.

During her first pregnancy Chiara went for an ultrasound scan and when the doctor said that the baby girl she was carrying, Maria, had no skull and would not survive after birth, she was devastated. Back home she turned to God and looking at a picture of Our Lady her heart was instantly changed: **"From being condemned to a destiny without hope, I became filled with joy in seeing how the Lord saw this suffering,"** she said.

And then she asked herself: **"Will my husband carry this cross, or must I carry it alone? Will he understand me?"** She recalled that she and her husband had formed the desire of caring for mistreated and unloved children. **"And now the Lord has responded to us,"** Chiara wrote. **"He has given us a truly noble task; the care of a marvellous creature that many others would have hated and thrown away, left forgotten in a wastebasket in some hospital."**

Then came the moment to inform her husband... **"Maria is not well?"** he asked immediately. **"Don't worry; whatever she has, we can take care of her."** **"No, we cannot,"** Chiara responded, **"because it is incompatible with life."** The two embraced and cried together. **"I had never thought of this eventuality,"** Enrico said later. **"I had considered the possibility of accepting an unhealthy baby, but not that of accompanying a baby to Heaven. In that moment we discovered for the first time that we were on the same wavelength, and indeed we truly were. We knew, both of us, what to do in this situation. It was beautiful."**

Chiara wrote after seeing her husband's reaction: **"I thought, 'This man truly loves me . . . and he loves the fruit of our love in the same way that I love her.' And from that moment grace united us all the more."**

"Maria Grazia Letizia made us open our hearts," Enrico told some friends. **"She opened the door and entered, bringing us grace and true love and teaching us the meaning of life and of eternity."** The baby was immediately baptised and died 40 minutes later.

Shortly after this birth, Chiara became pregnant again and the Cross hit that time too: the baby was diagnosed as having no legs and no kidneys. When he was born, he lived 38 minutes, giving the priest enough time to baptise him. A second saint in the family. This second blow did not affect the parents' resignation either; they accepted it as a gift of God..

Chiara had a third pregnancy and all went well for the baby, but not for her: the doctor discovered a malignant tumour. She refused any treatment because it would have cost her child's life. She gave birth to a healthy and perfectly formed little boy, but had not much time to enjoy his company as she died of cancer some time later age 28.

Two other parents have shown the power of love and dedication: the father and mother of Nick Vujicic who, though born without arms and legs, is now world famous, happily married and the father of two beautiful children. I found his father's book by chance at a Changi Airport's newsagent last week. This book is inspiring and give insightful clues on how to bring up any children.

It has to be read having in mind that the author is a Protestant but he displays a Catholic spirit as his doctrine on Divine Providence is sound and his quotes of the Bible are used properly.

If those Protestant husband and wife were able to have a deep understanding of what married life is all about and how to make it work against all odds, what excuse do you have when God has put you in His One and only True Church and given you all the sacramental help to make your marriage a successful story and your family life a foretaste of Heaven?

Too often Catholics behave like spoilt kids, grumbling and complaining at God's plans, forgetting the bigger picture and not appreciating the gifts received.

We are all called to bear witness to Grace. Husband and wife, and parents too. They should make their home a haven of peace and harmony, a garden where all Catholic virtues can blossom, watered by God's grace.

Let us be always happy with our lot, seeing God's Providence at work in our lives, for His greater Glory and for our own benefit.

Father Fabrice Loschi

