

## 2nd Collection This Weekend

2nd Collection taken during Masses this weekend will be for the poor of St Vincent de Paul Society.  
Thank you for your kind donation.



### Advent/Christmas Reflection booklets

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a booklet of reflections for the season of Advent and Christmas in English, Mandarin and Tamil. The theme is *"The Anticipating Community"*.

Please take a copy of the booklet for your household. You can also find the online copy at <http://www.one.org.sg/resources/advent-christmas-reflection-booklet-2017/>



### Archbishop's Message

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, we mark the start of Advent with Jesus reminding us in the Gospel, "be alert!" (Mk13:33) and not be complacent in our identity as His disciples. As we prepare for the coming of our Lord, I want to echo this Gospel message in our archdiocese today.

Our recent archdiocesan survey shows that over two-thirds of our Catholic population in Singapore are not accounted for as they do not regularly attend Mass.

Let us help each other to remember that these are not just statistics. Each one is a person – unique and immensely important, someone we should care about as a brother and sister in Christ. He or she may be one of your loved ones who has lost his or her faith. This is someone who has the potential to grow to be a light amidst the darkness of this world as God has meant him or her to be.

This is why our archdiocese has a pastoral vision to be a more vibrant, missionary and evangelising Church. It is our mission to reignite and strengthen the faith of every individual Catholic as disciples of Jesus Christ.

But this requires all of us, not just the Church's organisations, the priests or the religious. All of us are called to step up our involvement in bringing Christ to our brothers and sisters.

The Catholic Foundation's GIFT campaign is one concrete way in which we can all participate in this mission of our archdiocese. We are one Church, and we need to work together for the mission that God calls us to. I urge you to respond in faith and thankfulness.

PRAY for unity, perseverance and courage to overcome the many challenges confronting us in our mission. GIVE, because providing material resources is the most basic and fundamental way all of us can participate in this mission. ACT, because giving of material resources are important, but it is not enough.

May we truly be the light and salt of the earth for generations to come, until we reunite with our God in His Kingdom.

May God's blessings of peace be with you always.

Yours in Christ  
Archbishop William Goh

## Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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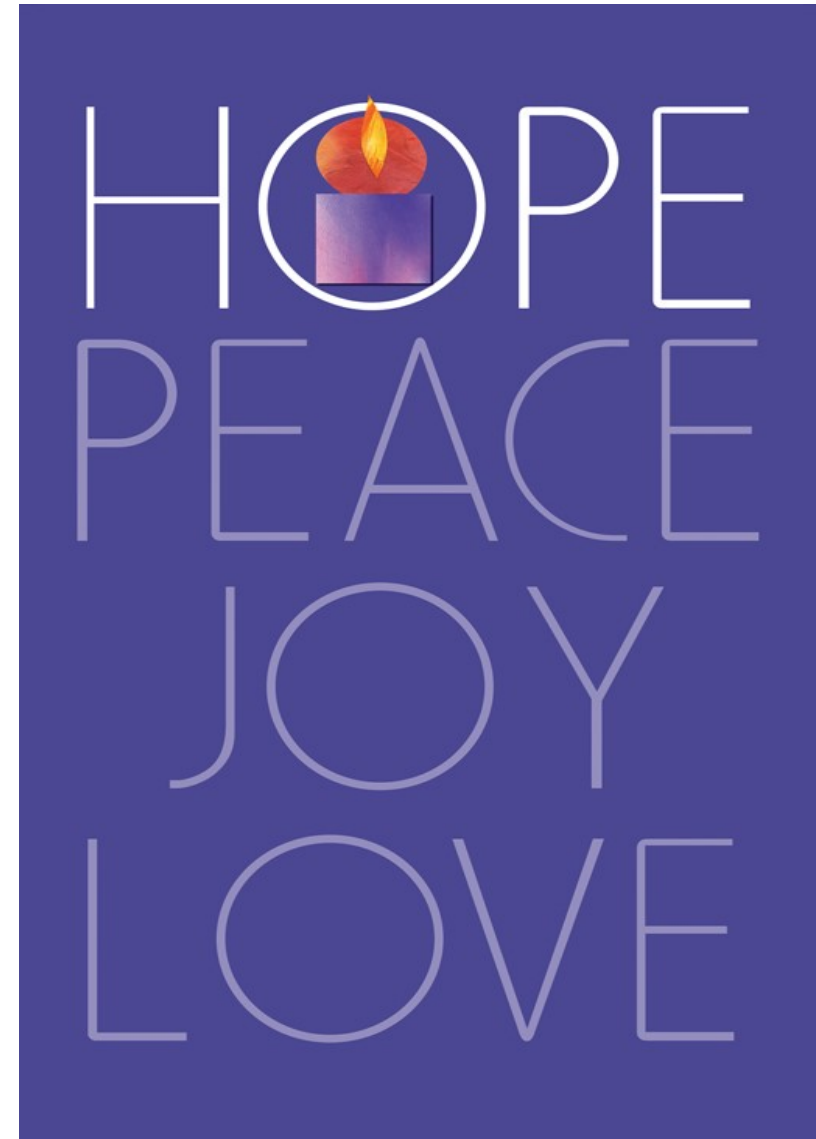
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### Sunday Readings

First reading  
Responsorial Psalm  
Second reading  
Gospel

Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8  
Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37

### Mass Schedule @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekdays (English) 12:30pm & 6:30pm  
1st Friday 7:30pm  
Sat (Sunset - English) 6:00pm & 7:30pm  
Sunday (English) 7:30am, 11:30am & 1.00pm  
Sunday (Tamil) 9:30am & 6:30pm  
Public Holiday (English) 9:00am  
Public Holiday (Tamil) 10:00am

### Parish Activities

**English**  
- Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (Saturday) 5:30pm  
- Rosary Recitation (Weekdays) 11.55am  
Monday & Wednesday 5.55pm  
- Holy Hour with Benediction(1st Friday) 6.30pm followed by Mass 7.30pm  
- Sacred Heart Devotion 6.30pm followed by Mass (All other Fridays)  
- Divine Mercy (Tuesday) 5:45pm  
- Legion of Mary (Tuesdays) 7.30pm  
- Infant Jesus (Thursday) 5:45pm  
- Charismatic (Every Friday) 7.45pm  
- Legion of Mary (Sundays) 9.45am  
**Tamil**  
- Infant Jesus (Tuesday) 4:30pm  
- Divine Mercy (Friday) 5:45pm  
- OLPS Novena (Every Saturday) 8:30pm  
- Rosary & OLOL Devotion (Sunday) 8:30am  
- All Night Vigil (2nd Sunday) 9.30pm to 5.30am  
**Indonesian** - Karismatik Katolik Indonesia Holy Spirit (Thursday) 1.00pm  
KKIHS Youth Group (2nd & 4th Friday) 7.30pm  
**Filipino** - Filipino Christian Professionals 8.00pm (1st Friday Mass)  
- Light of Jesus Bible Sharing (Monday) 7.30pm

### Important Parish Information

**Wedding Arrangements** Church Wedding bookings must be made in advance. Please contact the Secretariat.  
**Infant Baptism** Every 4th Sunday in English and every 3rd Sunday in Tamil @ 4.00pm. Register at the Parish Office.  
**Mass Intentions** Please drop your Mass intention into the Box located outside the Parish Office **by 3pm on Wednesday** for the following week's intentions.  
**Lourdes Prayer Hall** For bookings contact the Parish Office at 6294 0624  
**Anointing** Make an appointment with a priest before planned admission to hospital.  
**Holy Communion for the Homebound** Register with the Parish Office.  
*Kindly be aware of people who profess to pray over others in the Parish Grounds, and/or in your homes for the purpose of soliciting funds without the approval of the Archdiocese and Priests of the Parish.*  
*The building project of Our Lady of Lourdes parish is at present under review, and its fund raising project is being put on hold until further notice by the Archdiocese.*  
*For further enquires, kindly email the Parish Secretariat at [ololpastoral@gmail.com](mailto:ololpastoral@gmail.com) or [ololsec@gmail.com](mailto:ololsec@gmail.com)*

### GIFT Programme

This weekend, the Catholic Foundation is renewing its annual appeal for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign. GIFT challenges every Catholic to make a regular pledge to support the operational and building needs of the archdiocese. More information can be found in the GIFT pamphlets that will be distributed during Mass, and at [gift.catholicfoundation.sg](http://gift.catholicfoundation.sg).

### Advent Penitential Service For City District

**Church of Our Lady of Lourdes**  
10/12 Sun 8.45am & 5.30pm (both in Tamil)  
11/12 Mon 8pm (English)  
12/12 Tue Church of St Teresa 8pm  
13/12 Wed Church of St Bernadette 8pm  
14/12 Thu Church of Sts Peter & Paul 8pm  
15/12 Fri Church of the Sacred Heart 8pm  
18/12 Mon Novena Church 8pm  
19/12 Tue Church of St Michael 8pm



### Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

**24th December 2017**  
7.30am : English Mass  
9.30am : Tamil Mass  
11.30am : English Mass  
1pm : English Mass  
**24th December 2017 - Christmas Eve (Sunday)**  
*Please note the following Christmas Eve Masses do not fulfil the Sunday obligation*  
7:00pm : Tagalog Mass  
9:00pm : English Mass  
11:00pm : Caroling followed by Tamil Mass @11.30pm  
**25th December 2017 - Christmas Day (Monday)**  
**- Day of Obligation**  
9:00am : English Mass  
10:30am : Tamil Mass  
**31st December 2017**  
7.30am : English Mass  
9.30am : Tamil Mass  
11.30am : English Mass  
1pm : English Mass



**31st December 2017 - New Year's Eve Thanksgiving Mass (Sunday)**  
9:00pm : English Mass  
11:00pm : Thanksgiving Adoration followed by Tamil Mass @ 11.30pm  
**1st January 2018 - New Year's Day (Monday)**  
9:00am : English Mass  
10:30am : Tamil Mass

*May the blessing of joy abide within you,  
May the blessing of peace rest upon you,  
May the blessing of love flow out through you,  
May the blessing of the Lord be yours.*

**Happy Birthday Fr. Paul Yeo**  
7th December 2017

