

*Feast of Our Lady of Vailankanni
@ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes*

Sunday 10th September 2017 @ 6pm

Mass Followed by Procession with Rosary Recitation



History of Velankanni

Our Lady of Vailankanni is also known as Our Lady of Good Health. The Basilica of Our Lady of Good Health is located at the small town of Velankanni in the state of Tamil Nadu in southern India. The Roman Catholic Latin Rite Basilica is devoted to Our Lady of Good Health. Devotion to Our Lady of Good Health of Velankanni can be traced to the mid-16th century and is attributed to three miracles at sites around where the Basilica stands: the apparition of Mary and the Christ Child to a slumbering shepherd boy, the curing of a lame buttermilk vendor, and the rescue of Portuguese sailors from a violent sea storm. These accounts are based on oral tradition and there are no written or attested records in support of them. The Holy See has not approved these apparitions.

In fulfillment of their vow, the Portuguese sailors put up a beautiful chapel at Vailankanni by transforming the thatched chapel which had been erected by the Catholic gentleman of Nagapattinam. On their next visit, the Portuguese decorated the altar with porcelain plates, illustrating biblical themes. These plates giving testimony to the visits of the Portuguese and to their gratitude to the Mother of Jesus, are seen even today around the throne of the miraculous statue of Our Lady of Health, over the main altar of the Shrine Basilica. In remembrance of the miraculous escape of the Portuguese from the tempest and of their safe landing at Vailankanni on the 8th of September. More than 500 years later, the nine-day festival and celebration is still observed and draws nearly 2 million pilgrims each year. The Shrine of Our Lady of Vailankanni, also known as the "Lourdes of the East," is one of the most-frequented religious sites in India.



His Excellency, Dr. R.A. Sundaram D.D., L.C.L., M.A., the first Bishop of the diocese of Thanjavur, earnestly petitioned Pope John XXIII to raise the Shrine of Vailankanni to the Status of a Basilica and also requested His Holiness to enrich it with all the privileges attached to a Basilica for the spiritual benefit of the pilgrims. In 1962, when Bishop Sundaram went to Rome to attend the second session of the Second Vatican Council, he reiterated his request to the Holy Father personally to raise the Shrine of Our Lady of Vailankanni to the lofty status of a Minor Basilica. After examining the request carefully, His Holiness Pope John XXIII, of saintly memory, issued orders raising the Shrine to the exalted status of a Minor Basilica. Thus the Shrine of Vailankanni became the Shrine Basilica of Vailankanni in November 1962 and was linked to the St. Mary's Major Basilica in Rome.

*Do pick up a copy of next week's bulletin for part 1 of
Virgin Mary's Apparitions and Miracles in Vailankanni.*

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Drouais, Jean-Germain, *The Woman of Canaan at the Feet of Christ*, 1784, Musée du Louvre, Paris



Sunday Readings

First reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second reading
Gospel

Isaiah 56:1,6-7
Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8
Romans 11:13-15,29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

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) 5:45pm
- 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) 8:00pm
- Rosary & OLOL Devotion (1st Sunday) 8:30am

Indonesian - Karismatik Katolik Indonesia Holy Spirit (Thursday) 1.00pm

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.
Please provide photocopy of church marriage certificate of parents, birth certificate of infant and confirmation certificate of Godparents.

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 or ololsec@gmail.com



Church Cleaning

Date : Sunday, 27th Aug 2017
Time : 2.30pm

Church will be closed for cleaning from 2.30pm to 4.00pm
All are welcome to help! Registration is not required.



Third Sunday, Second Collection for GIFT

This being the third Sunday of the month, there will be a collection for the GIFT programme. The GIFT or "Giving in Faith and Thankfulness" programme is a campaign for regular giving to the archdiocese of Singapore. To support the archdiocese's 10-year pastoral plan for a more vibrant, missionary and evangelistic Church, the Catholic Foundation will have to raise \$238 million over the next seven years. The funds will go towards the operating costs of the various archdiocesan organisations involved with families, youth and evangelisation, and building projects such as Bethany East and the Seminary and Formation Building. Details of the funds needed and the GIFT programme can be found in the GIFT booklet and on the Catholic Foundation's website. Parishioners are encouraged to pledge and give on a monthly basis to the archdiocese. The collection bags being passed around are to collect any cash or cheques you may wish to offer. If you have already given through monthly GIRO or credit card deductions, you need not contribute further unless you wish to.

Public Holiday Mass Times

Date : Friday, 1st September 2017
Time : 9.00am in English
10.00am in Tamil

***Parish office will be closed.**

***Main Entrance Gates will be closed at 12 noon.**



Prayer Experience Retreat #23

Thu 24 Aug, 9am to Sun 27 Aug, 6pm
Highly recommended for ex-CER retreatants as a follow-up. 4 day stay-in retreat @ CSC, Retreat Fee \$160. Retreat Director Rev Fr Erbin Fernandez
Registration opens Fri 14 Jul. www.csctr.net to register
Catholic Spirituality Centre, 1261 Upper Serangoon Road, Singapore 534796

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide

The Archdiocesan Commission for the Family is created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. Dates/Time: Monday night from 21 August to 6 November, 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Venue: Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102

El Shaddai - 26th year journey of Faith, Love and Unity. Praise and Worship, Eucharistic Celebration and Healing Message.

Date: 1st October 2017 Time: 9am to 6pm. Mass starts at 1pm.
Location: Zepp Hall @ Big Box. 1 Venture Avenue Singapore 608521. Near Jurong East MRT.
Free Admission.

CANA presents **MY SOUL PROCLAIMS** - an evening of stories and songs by Fr Valerian Cheong, Fr Edward Lim OCD, Fr Derrick Yap OFM, Fr Eugene Lee CSsR and Bro Nicholas Lye. Monday 4 September 2017, 7.45 pm @ Church of the Holy Family. Tickets (\$30) available at Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, 2nd Floor (Mon-Sat 11.00 am - 5.00 pm) Tel. 63384080 or email canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com (A fund raising event for the Cenacle Mission)