

## Archbishop's Message

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The protracted crisis in Marawi, Philippines, has resulted in more than 360,000 people being displaced from their homes. They need food and shelter. Their children need nutrition and education. In the drawn-out refugee situation along the Thai-Myanmar border, nine refugee camps are currently home to more than 103,000 refugees who have fled conflicts in Myanmar in search for safety.

In Nepal, two years since the devastating earthquake, more than 46,000 homes have been rebuilt. However, over 115,000 families are still reconstructing their homes and lives. The earthquake took place in April 2015, but the rebuilding takes several years and are still on-going.

There continues to be many humanitarian disasters around us that media has stopped reporting but the human suffering is still there and continues to be dire.

CHARIS, the Church's overseas humanitarian arm, its affiliates and partners, with the overwhelming support of the Catholic community in Singapore have responded to these situations by providing money and supplies, working with partners on the ground. In the last year, such support have brought hope and restored the dignity of numerous lives and communities.

Just as in the parable of the tenants, we are reminded that the farmers are only stewards of the vineyard that the landowner had lent to them. Similarly, may we never forget God's blessings, and always recall that we are called to be responsible stewards and not masters of God's gifts and blessings. As stewards, what do we do with the produce of the land tenanted to us?

This year, CHARIS invites you to be partners in our efforts to make an IMPACT as it launches its annual appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund, which provides support to organisations undertaking disaster relief and humanitarian work. An appeal flyer and envelope is being distributed to all parishioners. We urge you to join us in building a better world with your generous contribution.

In case some of you are thinking of doing more than contributing financially to our humanitarian efforts, such as extending on-ground assistance to our brothers and sisters in areas that are in the midst of armed conflict and internal strife, I would strongly caution you against taking such inordinate risk. Such endeavours also unnecessarily endanger others who may be called upon to ensure your safety or well-being in the event of a goodwill gone wrong. This could also seriously complicate any efforts to address the on-going crisis in these areas. The exercise of charity should be properly discerned and not be pursued wantonly without due consideration for the greater good of the community.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

**Most Rev William Goh**

Archbishop of Singapore

## Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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8 OCT 2017

27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A



Month of the Holy Rosary



### Sunday Readings

First reading  
 Responsorial Psalm  
 Second reading  
 Gospel

Isaiah 5:1-7  
 Psalm 79:9,12-16,19-20  
 Philippians 4:6-9  
 Matthew 21:33-44

### 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

<b>English</b>	- 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
<b>Tamil</b>	- Infant Jesus (Tuesday)	4:30pm
	- Divine Mercy (Friday)	5:45pm
	- OLPS Novena (Every Saturday)	8:00pm
	- Rosary & OLOL Devotion (1st Sunday)	8:30am
<b>Indonesian</b>	- Karismatik Katolik Indonesia Holy Spirit (Thursday)	1.00pm
	- KKIHS Youth Group (2nd & 4th Friday)	7.30pm
<b>Filipino</b>	- 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 [olopastoral@gmail.com](mailto:olopastoral@gmail.com) or [ololsec@gmail.com](mailto:ololsec@gmail.com)*



**Church Cleaning**  
 Date : Sunday, 22nd Oct 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.



**Public Holiday Mass Times**  
 Date : Wednesday, 18th October 2017  
 Time : 9.00am in English  
 10.00am in Tamil

**\*Parish office will be closed\***  
**\*Main Gates will Close After the Tamil Mass\***



### SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$3823.85. Thank you for your generous donation.  
 The amount given to fins (friends in need) was \$5310.00.

### Second collection for GIFT envelopes

Next weekend, being the 3rd weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges and contributions to the Catholic Foundation's GIFT programme. To recap, GIFT (Giving in Faith and Thankfulness) is to fund the numerous organisations involved in families, youths, evangelisation, etc., and building projects in the archdiocese. Please bring your contributions or pledge envelopes to drop into the collection bags that will be passed round the pews. Alternatively, visit [gift.catholicfoundation.sg](http://gift.catholicfoundation.sg) to donate online or find out more.

### Apostolate for Catholic Truth (ACT)

- Are the Pillars of the Protestant "Reformation" Crumbling? (Kelvin Chia) 20 October 2017  
 - My Journey Home to the Catholic Faith. (David Teo) 27 October 2017  
 Date / Time: 6, 20, 27 October 2017, Fridays. 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm  
 Venue: St Joseph's Church Conference Room, Victoria Street (Enter by Queen Street)  
 FREE, All are Welcome. Call 96493893 for enquiries (Andrew)

### Appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund

**CHARIS** is making its annual appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund to support the Archdiocese's overseas humanitarian work and disaster response. Appeal flyers and envelopes are available in the parish. Alternatively, you can send a crossed cheque payable to "Humanitarian Aid Fund" with your name and contact information to: CHARIS, #07-02 Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954. Please contact Victoria Lim at 6337-4119 or [info@charis-singapore.org](mailto:info@charis-singapore.org) for further information.

### Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Savior. A missionary's perspective

If the prospects of Salvation for non Christians seem better today, what then is the role of missionary work? Speaker will present the current challenges and opportunities of making Christ known from his experiences as a missionary.

Speaker: Mr Mike Arents

Profile: Mike is from the Netherlands. He finished his Theological studies in the Major Seminary of 's-Hertogenbosch, after which he served as a missionary with the Institute for world evangelization (ICPE) for almost 2 years. He now lives in Singapore with his wife and their 3 children and is a Parish Pastoral Executive for IHM Church.

Venue: St Joseph's Church, Victoria Street (Parish House, Conference Room) - No car park available.  
 Time: 7.30pm to 9pm Date: 19 Oct 2017 (Thursday)