



Sanctuary of Lourdes

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Our warmest Welcome to all who worship with our Parish family. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, Please do so with the Parish Office.

12th March 2017 - Year A
Second Sunday of Lent

Readings for 12th March 2017

Gen	12: 1 - 4a	Ps	32: 4 - 5. 18 - 19. 20 and 22.
2 Tim	1: 8b - 10.	Mt	17: 1 - 9.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL BY POPE FRANCIS

#217. We have spoken at length about joy and love, but the word of God also speaks about the fruit of peace.

#218. Peace in society cannot be understood as pacification or the mere absence of violence resulting from the domination of one part of society over others. Nor does true peace act as a pretext for justifying a social structure which silences or appeases the poor, so that the more affluent can placidly support their lifestyle while others have to make do as they can. Demands involving the distribution of wealth, concern for the poor and human rights cannot be suppressed under the guise of creating a consensus on paper or a transient peace for a contented minority. The dignity of the human person and the common good rank higher than the comfort of those who refuse to renounce their privileges. When these values are threatened, a prophetic voice must be raised.

#219. Nor is peace “simply the absence of warfare, based on a precarious balance of power; it is fashioned by efforts directed day after day towards the establishment of the ordered universe willed by God, with a more perfect justice among men”.[179] In the end, a peace which is not the result of integral development will be doomed; it will always spawn new conflicts and various forms of violence.

#220. People in every nation enhance the social dimension of their lives by acting as committed and responsible citizens, not as a mob swayed by the powers that be. Let us not forget that “responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation”. Yet becoming a people demands something more. It is an ongoing process in which every new generation must take part: a slow and arduous effort calling for a desire for integration and a willingness to achieve this through the growth of a peaceful and multifaceted culture of encounter.

In and Around the Parish

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

Please take a copy of the booklet for your household.

It will also be made available online at: <http://www.one.org.sg/resources-for-parishes/>

SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$3,695.80
Thank you for your generous donation.

The amount given to fins (friends in need) was \$6,320.00

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

Dates : March 17th, 24th, 31st
& April 7th

English : 12:00noon followed by Mass
6:00pm followed by Mass

Tamil : 8:00pm followed by Mass



**There will be
No Holy hour
on the first
Friday's
during the
Season of Lent**

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.

Meanwhile, please do not send the parish any further donations for this building project.

Thank you.



Church Cleaning

Date : Sunday, 19th March 2017
Time : 2.30pm

Church will be closed from 2.30pm to 4.00pm

All are welcome to help
No registration is required

Dear Parishioners, 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.

Silence in Church, humble request

The Church is a Sacred place of prayer and worship. People come to spend time in prayer. Kindly maintain silence when you are in church. Please turn off your mobile devices when you are in our Lord's House.

City District – Lent Penitential Service 2017

In English

Friday : 31st March 2017, Church of the Sacred Heart

Monday : 3rd April 2017, Church of St Bernadette

Tuesday : 4th April 2017, Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

Wednesday : 5th April 2017, Church of St Michael

Thursday : 6th April 2017, Church of Sts Peter & Paul

Friday : 7th April 2017, Church of St Teresa

Time : 8:00pm for All Services

In Tamil

Sunday : 2nd April 2017, Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

Times : 5.30pm



Holy Week Services 2017

Palm Sunday : 8th April 2017, Sunset Masses at 6.00pm and 7.30pm in English

9th April 2017, Mass at 7:30am, 11:30am & 1.00pm (English)

9.00am in Tamil (half an hour earlier than usual) & Mass at 6.30pm (Tamil)

Holy Thursday : 13th April 2017, Mass at 9:00pm (English & Tamil Combined)

NO LUNCH TIME MASS

Good Friday : 14th April 2017, Service at 3:00pm (English)

Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm followed by Service (Tamil)

Holy Saturday : 15th April 2017, Easter Vigil at 9:00pm (Eng & Tamil Combined).

Easter Sunday : 16th April 2017, Mass at 7:30am, 11:30am & 1.00pm (English)

Mass at 9:30am, 6.30pm (Tamil)

Archdiocesan News

ONE FOR THE WALL

Crossings Café invites you to participate in their Lenten Project. ONE FOR THE WALL provides meals for those in need and paid forward by your generosity. Purchase a meal (\$10 or \$5) and place your meal token on the wall at Crossings. These tokens will be used for someone in need of a meal. Inquiries – Crossings Café (Xernan or Noel 63382669)

Retrouvaille – A Lifeline for Troubled & Hurting Marriages

1. Has your marriage become unloving and uncaring?
2. Has your marriage grown cold and distant?
3. Has there been little or no meaningful communication between the two of you?
4. Do you feel disappointed or even despair thinking about your marriage?

A Retrouvaille weekend can help you.

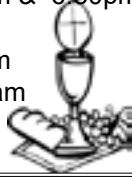
Weekend date: 31 Mar – 02 Apr 2017

For confidential enquiry, Tel: 6711 6774

Online registration: www.helpourmarriage.sg

Mass Schedule

Weekdays (Eng)	12:30pm & 6:30pm
1st Friday	7.30pm
Sat (Sunset - Eng)	6:00pm & 7:30pm
Sunday (English)	7:30am, 11:30am & 1.00pm
Sunday (Tamil)	9:30am & 6:30pm
Public Holiday (Eng)	9:00am
Public Holiday (Tamil)	10:00am



Parish Activities

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (Sat)	5:30pm
Rosary Recitation (Eng) Mon - Fri	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 (Tues - Eng)	5:45pm
Divine Mercy (Fri - Tamil)	5:45pm
Infant Jesus (Tues - Tamil)	5:00pm
Infant Jesus (Thurs - Eng)	5:45pm
Charismatic (Every Fri - Eng)	7:45pm
Community of the Risen Lord	
(Tues - Eng)	7:30pm
Rosary & OLOL Devotion	
(1st Sun - Tamil)	8:30am
Legion of Mary (Tuesdays - Eng)	7.30pm
Legion of Mary (Sundays - Eng)	9.45am
OLPS Novena (Every Sat - Tamil)	8:00pm

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Questions for Deeper Reflection

- *How would you describe Jesus on the mountaintop?*
- *Why does the change in Jesus give his followers hope?*
- *How does today's Gospel reading relate to your baptism?*

The Gospel in Life

How can Jesus help you to shine brightly before others this Lent?



Parish Details

Priests

Rev Fr Michael Sitaram - Parish Priest

Rev Fr Nithiya Sagayaraj Devarajan -
Assistant Parish Priest
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Mass Offerings are to be dropped into the Box located outside the Parish Office by **3pm every Friday** for the following week's intentions.

Infant Baptism is scheduled 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 infants and confirmation certificate of Godparents.**



Wedding Arrangements Church Wedding bookings should be made at least 1 year in advance. Please contact the Secretariat.



Holy Communion for the Homebound

Register with the Parish Office.



Anointing See a priest before planned admission to hospital.

Lourdes Prayer Hall for bookings contact Parish Office