



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.

15th January 2017 - Year A
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Readings for 15th January 2017

Is	49: 3. 5 - 6	Ps	39 : 2 and 4ab. 7 - 8a. 8b - 9. 10.
1 Cor	1 : 1 - 3.	Jn	1 : 29 - 34.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL BY POPE FRANCIS

#194. This message is so clear and direct, so simple and eloquent, that no ecclesial interpretation has the right to relativize it. The Church's reflection on these texts ought not to obscure or weaken their force, but urge us to accept their exhortations with courage and zeal. Why complicate something so simple? Conceptual tools exist to heighten contact with the realities they seek to explain, not to distance us from them. This is especially the case with those biblical exhortations which summon us so forcefully to brotherly love, to humble and generous service, to justice and mercy towards the poor. Jesus taught us this way of looking at others by his words and his actions. So why cloud something so clear? We should not be concerned simply about falling into doctrinal error, but about remaining faithful to this light-filled path of life and wisdom. For "defenders of orthodoxy are sometimes accused of passivity, indulgence, or culpable complicity regarding the intolerable situations of injustice and the political regimes which prolong them".

#195. When Saint Paul approached the apostles in Jerusalem to discern whether he was "running or had run in vain" (Gal 2:2), the key criterion of authenticity which they presented was that he should not forget the poor (cf. Gal 2:10). This important principle, namely that the Pauline communities should not succumb to the self-centred lifestyle of the pagans, remains timely today, when a new self-centred paganism is growing. We may not always be able to reflect adequately the beauty of the Gospel, but there is one sign which we should never lack: the option for those who are least, those whom society discards.

#196. Sometimes we prove hard of heart and mind; we are forgetful, distracted and carried away by the limitless possibilities for consumption and distraction offered by contemporary society. This leads to a kind of alienation at every level, for "a society becomes alienated when its forms of social organization, production and consumption make it more difficult to offer the gift of self and to establish solidarity between people".

In and Around 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.

Second collection for GIFT envelopes

This weekend, being the third weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges to Catholic Foundation's GIFT campaign if you are giving by cash/cheque. GIFT is Catholic Foundation's regular giving campaign to fund the numerous organisations involved in families, youths, evangelisation, etc, as well as building projects in the archdiocese. Kindly bring your pledge envelopes with the cash/cheque enclosed and drop them into the collection bags that will be passed round. If you need the pledge envelopes, these can be found at the entrance of our Church.



Church Cleaning

Date : Sunday, 22nd January 2017
Time : 2.30pm
Church will be closed from 2.30pm to 4.00pm

All are welcome to help
No registration is required

Lets keep The Church Clean Together

If you're free & can come down to help, please do!

Do your part to help keep God's House clean

Chinese New Year Mass

Date : Saturday, 28th January 2017
Time : 10.00am (English Mass)



Public Holiday Mass Times

Date : Monday, 30th January 2017
Time : 9.00am in English
10.00am in Tamil

***Parish office will be closed.**
***Main Entrance Gates will be closed from 12noon.**



Catechetical Ministry

The Catechetical Year for 2017 will commence on 5 February 2017. Please note that there will not be any sessions on 15, 22 and 29 January 2017.

Registration for all levels will take place on 15 and 22 January 2017 before and after the 11.30 am Mass. Please bring along a copy of the child's Baptism Certificate.

Those children who have registered previously should also re-register so that we can update our records.

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.

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.

Archdiocesan News

CHARIS Mission Trip (12 – 18 February, 2017)

Join us in building a Biosand water filter with the local community in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Slots for 9 participants only. S\$850 per pax. Closing date to register: 13 January 2017. For more information or to register, contact Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives Singapore (CHARIS), victoria@charis-singapore.org or T: 6337-4119

Talk: 'God is love' (1 John 4:8)

Why did God allow my mum to suffer four bouts of cancer and years of pain?

Date : Wednesday, 18 January 2017, 730pm to 9pm (begins with Vespers)
Venue : St Joseph's Church, Victoria Street, Conference room
Topic title : "'God is love' (1 John 4:8). Why did God allow my mum to suffer four bouts of cancer and years of pain?"

Synopsis : A person's faith can often be shaken by such apparent contradiction. This talk is an invitation to an alternative way of understanding suffering and God's love

Presenter : Simon Longman

About the presenter: Simon Longman was a former director of National Parks (NP), retiring after 33 years of service. He has just completed a degree in Theology from the Priory Institute, a Dominican run institution in Dublin, Ireland. He speaks from personal experience in the light of the Church's teaching on suffering.

Archdiocesan Biblical Apostolate Singapore Presents 14 Weeks Of Exploring St Paul & The Letters To The Corinthians - Conducted By Msgr Ambrose Vaz

Dates : 14th February To 16th May 2017 (Every Tuesday)
Time : 9.30am to 11.30am
Venue : Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102
St. Peter Auditorium
Contribution: \$120.00

For more information/registration: Email: aba_secretariat@catholic.org.sg
Website: <https://biblicalapostolate.wordpress.com>
Tel: 62800354 (Office hours: 9.00am to 1.00pm)

Commissioning of Principals 2017

This year, 11 Principals have been newly appointed to head our Catholic schools and kindergartens. ACCS invites all educators to this Commissioning Ceremony to pray for all our Catholic Schools. The ceremony will take place during the sunset mass at 3.30 pm on 21 January at *Cathedral of the Good Shepherd*. His Grace Archbishop William Goh will be the main celebrant.

As parking is very limited on the Cathedral grounds, you are advised to park your vehicle in the public carparks nearby.

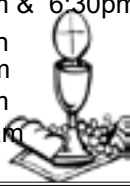
Working With Our Dreams

20 Jan (Fri), 8 pm to 22 Jan (Sun), 1 pm @ Choice Retreat House
This retreat/workshop helps us with our dreams, to understand their symbolic language, to listen and experience them as a way in which the Divine can speak to us. Participants are to bring a significant dream to work on.

Organised by the Cenacle Sisters. Contribution: \$200.00
Tel. No. 6565-2895; 9722-3148; Email: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com

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
Sunday (Sinhala)	12noon
1 st Sunday (Malayalam)	4:00pm
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 did Jesus show that he was God's Chosen One?*
- *What are some titles given to Jesus in scripture?*
- *How do the names for Jesus help us understand who Jesus is?*

The Gospel in Life

How can you get to know Jesus better this week?



Parish Details

Priests

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Rev Fr Nithiya Sagayaraj Devarajan -
Assistant Parish Priest

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Rev Fr Antony Maria Joseph
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Archdiocesan Commission for the Apostolate of
Tamil-Speaking (ACTS)

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Parish Office

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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