



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.

19th March 2017 - Year A
Third Sunday of Lent

Readings for 19th March 2017

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| Ex | 17:3-7 | Ps | 94:1-2.6-7.8-9. |
| Rom | 5:1-2.5-8. | Jn | 4:5-42 |

EVANGELII GAUDIUM THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL BY POPE FRANCIS

#221. Progress in building a people in peace, justice and fraternity depends on four principles related to constant tensions present in every social reality. These derive from the pillars of the Church's social doctrine, which serve as "primary and fundamental parameters of reference for interpreting and evaluating social phenomena". In their light I would now like to set forth these four specific principles which can guide the development of life in society and the building of a people where differences are harmonized within a shared pursuit. I do so out of the conviction that their application can be a genuine path to peace within each nation and in the entire world.

#222. A constant tension exists between fullness and limitation. Fullness evokes the desire for complete possession, while limitation is a wall set before us. Broadly speaking, "time" has to do with fullness as an expression of the horizon which constantly opens before us, while each individual moment has to do with limitation as an expression of enclosure. People live poised between each individual moment and the greater, brighter horizon of the utopian future as the final cause which draws us to itself. Here we see a first principle for progress in building a people: time is greater than space.

#223. This principle enables us to work slowly but surely, without being obsessed with immediate results. It helps us patiently to endure difficult and adverse situations, or inevitable changes in our plans. It invites us to accept the tension between fullness and limitation, and to give a priority to time. One of the faults which we occasionally observe in sociopolitical activity is that spaces and power are preferred to time and processes. Giving priority to space means madly attempting to keep everything together in the present, trying to possess all the spaces of power and of self-assertion; it is to crystallize processes and presume to hold them back. Giving priority to time means being concerned about initiating processes rather than possessing spaces. Time governs spaces, illumines them and makes them links in a constantly expanding chain, with no possibility of return. What we need, then, is to give priority to actions which generate new processes in society and engage other persons and groups who can develop them to the point where they bear fruit in significant historical events. Without anxiety, but with clear convictions and tenacity.

In and Around the Parish

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.

Parishioners who give their money through GIRO, credit cards or GIFT envelopes with their names and contact information may check on their contributions through the GIFT website. Spare GIFT envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

Dates : March 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.

Charities Week 2017

"The season of Lent is the time when the Church conducts its annual Archdiocesan fundraising campaign – Charities Week 2017. Your donation will provide much needed funding to support our Catholic Charities and Agape Village, a project of Caritas Singapore, to serve over 50,000 beneficiaries in need such as the poor, families, youth and children, prisoners, migrant workers, and persons living with HIV / AIDS.

Please pick up an appeal envelope and give generously. Your donation will enjoy a tax deduction of 250 percent.

We really appreciate your kind assistance in garnering the support of our Catholic community towards Charities Week 2017. This will go a long way in our work to help the people in need. If you require more information or have clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact me at 6337 6197 & (M: 9271 3335) or email at pamela@caritas-singapore.org.

Thank you very much and God bless!

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 8:00pm (English & Tamil Combined)
NO LUNCH TIME MASS

Good Friday : 14th April 2017, Service at 3:00pm (English)
Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm 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)

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.

Mass Schedule

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| 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

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| 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 does Jesus help the woman to grow as a child of God?*
- *Who are the people that tell you about Jesus?*
- *How can you tell others about Jesus?*

The Gospel in Life

What can you do to grow in your relationship with God this week?



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