



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.

22nd January 2017 - Year A
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Readings for 22nd January 2017

Is	8 : 23b - 9 : 3	Ps	26 : 1. 4. 13 - 14.
1 Cor	1 : 10 - 13. 17.	Mt	4 : 12 - 23 (or 12 - 17).

EVANGELII GAUDIUM THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL BY POPE FRANCIS

#197. God's heart has a special place for the poor, so much so that he himself "became poor" (2 Cor 8:9). The entire history of our redemption is marked by the presence of the poor. Salvation came to us from the "yes" uttered by a lowly maiden from a small town on the fringes of a great empire. The Saviour was born in a manger, in the midst of animals, like children of poor families; he was presented at the Temple along with two turtledoves, the offering made by those who could not afford a lamb; he was raised in a home of ordinary workers and worked with his own hands to earn his bread. When he began to preach the Kingdom, crowds of the dispossessed followed him, illustrating his words: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor" (Lk 4:18). He assured those burdened by sorrow and crushed by poverty that God has a special place for them in his heart: "Blessed are you poor, yours is the kingdom of God" (Lk 6:20); he made himself one of them: "I was hungry and you gave me food to eat", and he taught them that mercy towards all of these is the key to heaven.

#198. For the Church, the option for the poor is primarily a theological category rather than a cultural, sociological, political or philosophical one. God shows the poor "his first mercy". This divine preference has consequences for the faith life of all Christians, since we are called to have "this mind... which was in Jesus Christ". Inspired by this, the Church has made an option for the poor which is understood as a "special form of primacy in the exercise of Christian charity, to which the whole tradition of the Church bears witness". This option – as Benedict XVI has taught – "is implicit in our Christian faith in a God who became poor for us, so as to enrich us with his poverty". This is why I want a Church which is poor and for the poor. They have much to teach us. Not only do they share in the *sensus fidei*, but in their difficulties they know the suffering Christ. We need to let ourselves be evangelized by them. The new evangelization is an invitation to acknowledge the saving power at work in their lives and to put them at the centre of the Church's pilgrim way. We are called to find Christ in them, to lend our voice to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them.

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.



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 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

Celebrate the Joy of Consecrated Life with Us!

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Date : Thursday, 2nd February 2017
Time & Venue : 11 am @ Church of Sts Peter and Paul, Queen St.

Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop William Goh.
 Reception and Fellowship follows.



CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY 2017

Church as Communion

Weekdays Rosary @ 6.30pm & Masses at 7pm
Saturday Rosary @ 5.30pm & Masses at 6pm & 7.30pm
Sundays Masses @ 7.30am, 11.30am & 1.00pm

Day 1	Thursday, 2 nd Feb 2017	Communion with God
Day 2	Friday, 3 rd Feb 2017	Koinonia - Communion among Men
Day 3	Saturday, 4 th Feb 2017	Church as a Sign of Communion
Day 4	Sunday, 5 th Feb 2017	Communion & Mission
Day 5	Monday, 6 th Feb 2017	Characteristics of Communion
Day 6	Tuesday, 7 th Feb 2017	Communion & The Individual
Day 7	Wednesday, 8 th Feb 2017	Challenges to Communion
Day 8	Thursday, 9 th Feb 2017	Communion & The New Evangelization
Day 9	Friday, 10 th Feb 2017	Source of Communion - The Trinity

Feast Day Weekend - Mary, Mother of the Church

Saturday, 11th of February 2017, Mass at 6.00pm followed by Procession

Celebrant : His Grace Archbishop William Goh, DD

Donations for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Dear Parishioners, we are collecting donations for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Kindly make your donations at the Parish Office. Thank you for your generous contributions towards our Feast Day.

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
1st 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

- *What did Jesus come into the world to do?*
- *Why did the disciples follow Jesus?*
- *How does Jesus call you to be a disciple?*

The Gospel in Life

Spend time in prayer this week and listen for God's call in your life



Parish Details

Priests

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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