



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.

7th May 2017 - Year A
4th Sunday of Easter

Readings for 7th May 2017

Ac	2: 14a.36-41	Ps	22: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6.
1Pt	2: 20b-25.	Jn	10: 1-10.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL BY POPE FRANCIS

#243. The Church has no wish to hold back the marvellous progress of science. On the contrary, she rejoices and even delights in acknowledging the enormous potential that God has given to the human mind. Whenever the sciences – rigorously focused on their specific field of inquiry – arrive at a conclusion which reason cannot refute, faith does not contradict it. Neither can believers claim that a scientific opinion which is attractive but not sufficiently verified has the same weight as a dogma of faith. At times some scientists have exceeded the limits of their scientific competence by making certain statements or claims. But here the problem is not with reason itself, but with the promotion of a particular ideology which blocks the path to authentic, serene and productive dialogue.

#244. Commitment to ecumenism responds to the prayer of the Lord Jesus that “they may all be one”. The credibility of the Christian message would be much greater if Christians could overcome their divisions and the Church could realize “the fullness of catholicity proper to her in those of her children who, though joined to her by baptism, are yet separated from full communion with her”. We must never forget that we are pilgrims journeying alongside one another. This means that we must have sincere trust in our fellow pilgrims, putting aside all suspicion or mistrust, and turn our gaze to what we are all seeking: the radiant peace of God’s face. Trusting others is an art and peace is an art. Jesus told us: “Blessed are the peacemakers”. In taking up this task, also among ourselves, we fulfil the ancient prophecy: “They shall beat their swords into ploughshares”.

#245. In this perspective, ecumenism can be seen as a contribution to the unity of the human family. At the Synod, the presence of the Patriarch of Constantinople, His Holiness Bartholomaios I, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, His Grace Rowan Williams, was a true gift from God and a precious Christian witness.

In and Around the Parish

Dear Parishioners,
Kindly be informed that collections taken during Weekend Masses this week are for the ongoing formation of Clergy and the expenses relating to the Major Seminary.



2nd Collection

2nd Collection taken during Masses this weekend will be for the poor of St Vincent de Paul Society.

Thank you for your kind donation.

Public Holiday Masses

Date : Wednesday, 10th May 2017
Time : 9.00am in English
10.00am in Tamil



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



Church Cleaning

Date : Sunday, 21st May 2017
Time : 2.30pm

Church will be closed for cleaning 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

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.

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.

Archdiocesan News

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.

Returned!

A testimony event by LANDINGS on 2 June 2017 (Friday), 7.30pm at the Cathedral.

For every account of someone who has left the Catholic Church, there is an inspiring personal tale of another's return. Come check out these testimonies of faith. Or better yet, bring a friend or loved one who might benefit from these homecoming stories. We invite anyone interested either as a returning Catholic or as a welcoming participant.

Please RSVP for this event at returning@landings.org.sg or Facebook: Landings-Returned! or with Edris at 9722-4023 / Marcus at 9181-1502. All inquiries welcome.

INTRODUCTION TO FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY

The basic insights of Sts Francis and Clare of Assisi will be explored in relation to the themes of: Incarnation, Church, Eucharist, Care for Creation, Peace-making and Care for the Emarginated. The theological developments of these topics from other Franciscan authors, notably St Bonaventure and Bl John Duns Scotus, help to fill out the broader picture of the Franciscan tradition of Spirituality. Some attention will be given to 16th century writers in Spain as well: Francisco de Osuna, Bernadino de Laredo and Pedro de Alcantara.

The relevance of Franciscan Spirituality today will be suggested by comparisons with the recent documents of Pope Francis, "Evangelii Gaudium" and "Laudato Si."

Talks will be by Friar William Short OFM. Date: 5 and 6 June 2017, Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Time: 7.30 pm, Contribution: Love Offering. Registration: singaporeofs@gmail.com

Entering university this year but unsure of where to meet fellow Catholic students? Well, come on down to this year's Kickstart on 10th and 11th June, where you'll definitely get the chance to do so! The Office for Young People invites students who are entering NUS, NTU, SMU, SIM, JCU, SUTD, SIT, Yale-NUS, or other local and overseas universities for a time of worship, fellowship, encounter and more!

Date : Saturday, 10 June 2017, 10am to Sunday, 11 June 2017, 6pm
Venue : Office for Young People, 2 Lorong Low Koon, SG 536449
Cost : FREE

So what are you waiting for? Take a leap of faith and kickstart your university life by signing up at: <http://oyp.org.sg/kickstart17rego>. Kindly sign up by 31st May.

Silence in Church & No Eating or Drinking

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

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)	4:30pm
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



Parish Details

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CHILDREN & YOUTH

Questions for Deeper Reflection

- *How is Jesus like a good shepherd?*
- *How does Jesus care for his flock?*
- *How can we listen for Jesus' voice?*

The Gospel in Life

How can you show others that Jesus is your shepherd this week?

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 62940624