



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.

26th March 2017 - Year A
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings for 26th March 2017

1 Sam	16: 1b. 6 - 7. 10 - 13a	Ps	22: 1 - 3a. 3b - 4. 5. 6.
Eph	5: 8 - 14.	Jn	9: 1 - 41 (or 1.6-9.13-17.34-38).

EVANGELII GAUDIUM THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL BY POPE FRANCIS

#224. Sometimes I wonder if there are people in today's world who are really concerned about generating processes of people-building, as opposed to obtaining immediate results which yield easy, quick short-term political gains, but do not enhance human fullness. History will perhaps judge the latter with the criterion set forth by Romano Guardini: "The only measure for properly evaluating an age is to ask to what extent it fosters the development and attainment of a full and authentically meaningful human existence, in accordance with the peculiar character and the capacities of that age".

#225. This criterion also applies to evangelization, which calls for attention to the bigger picture, openness to suitable processes and concern for the long run. The Lord himself, during his earthly life, often warned his disciples that there were things they could not yet understand and that they would have to await the Holy Spirit. The parable of the weeds among the wheat graphically illustrates an important aspect of evangelization: the enemy can intrude upon the kingdom and sow harm, but ultimately he is defeated by the goodness of the wheat.

#226. Conflict cannot be ignored or concealed. It has to be faced. But if we remain trapped in conflict, we lose our perspective, our horizons shrink and reality itself begins to fall apart. In the midst of conflict, we lose our sense of the profound unity of reality.

#227. When conflict arises, some people simply look at it and go their way as if nothing happened; they wash their hands of it and get on with their lives. Others embrace it in such a way that they become its prisoners; they lose their bearings, project onto institutions their own confusion and dissatisfaction and thus make unity impossible. But there is also a third way, and it is the best way to deal with conflict. It is the willingness to face conflict head on, to resolve it and to make it a link in the chain of a new process. "Blessed are the peacemakers!".

In and Around the Parish

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a booklet of reflections for the season of Easter in English, Mandarin and Tamil. The theme is "A Proclaiming 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/>

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

Dates : March 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**

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)

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!

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

Easter For Everyone (organized by The Office for the New Evangelisation)

Bring your non-Catholic friends or family members to discover more about the Catholic faith this Easter! Watch a video, listen to Fr Luke Fong speak about 'Celebrating a new life of hope in the midst of uncertainties' and learn more about the Catholic Church's contributions in the country.

Date : 29th April 2017

Venue : Church of Sts Peter and Paul

Time : 2.00pm – 5.00pm

To register, visit www.one.org.sg/easter-for-everyone/

Limited seats, sign up for your friends today! (Remember to reserve a seat for yourself too!)

The 32nd Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Singapore will soon open its door.

You are invited to a preview at the Open House on 1st and 2nd April 2017 from 12noon to 7pm. Do take this rare opportunity to view the many unique features of this new church and treasured relics like the embedded rock from Mt Tabor.

Address: 51 Punggol Central, Singapore 828725

Nearest MRT: Punggol MRT Station (Church is within walking distance)

Bus Services: 43M, 117, 118, 43 (Bus Stop B65401 for same side of church and B65409 for opposite side)

Website: COTT OpenHouse

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

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 does God see beyond outward appearances?*
- *What does the story of the man born blind teach us about sin?*
- *How are the Pharisees in the gospel story truly blind?*
- *What does the gospel story teach us about seeing with eyes of faith?*

The Gospel in Life

How can you choose to live as a child of light this week?



Parish Details

Priests

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Rev Fr Nithiya Sagayaraj Devarajan -
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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