



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.

14th May 2017 - Year A
5th Sunday of Easter

Readings for 14th May 2017

Ac	6: 1-7	Ps	32: 1-2.4-5.18-19.
1Pt	2: 4-9.	Jn	14: 1-12.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL BY POPE FRANCIS

#246. Given the seriousness of the counter-witness of division among Christians, particularly in Asia and Africa, the search for paths to unity becomes all the more urgent. Missionaries on those continents often mention the criticisms, complaints and ridicule to which the scandal of divided Christians gives rise. If we concentrate on the convictions we share, and if we keep in mind the principle of the hierarchy of truths, we will be able to progress decidedly towards common expressions of proclamation, service and witness. The immense numbers of people who have not received the Gospel of Jesus Christ cannot leave us indifferent. Consequently, commitment to a unity which helps them to accept Jesus Christ can no longer be a matter of mere diplomacy or forced compliance, but rather an indispensable path to evangelization. Signs of division between Christians in countries ravaged by violence add further causes of conflict on the part of those who should instead be a leaven of peace. How many important things unite us! If we really believe in the abundantly free working of the Holy Spirit, we can learn so much from one another! It is not just about being better informed about others, but rather about reaping what the Spirit has sown in them, which is also meant to be a gift for us. To give but one example, in the dialogue with our Orthodox brothers and sisters, we Catholics have the opportunity to learn more about the meaning of episcopal collegiality and their experience of synodality. Through an exchange of gifts, the Spirit can lead us ever more fully into truth and goodness.

#247. We hold the Jewish people in special regard because their covenant with God has never been revoked, for “the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable” (Rom 11:29). The Church, which shares with Jews an important part of the sacred Scriptures, looks upon the people of the covenant and their faith as one of the sacred roots of her own Christian identity (cf. Rom 11:16-18). As Christians, we cannot consider Judaism as a foreign religion; nor do we include the Jews among those called to turn from idols and to serve the true God. With them, we believe in the one God who acts in history, and with them we accept his revealed word.

#248. Dialogue and friendship with the children of Israel are part of the life of Jesus’ disciples. The friendship which has grown between us makes us bitterly and sincerely regret the terrible persecutions which they have endured, and continue to endure, especially those that have involved Christians.

In and Around the Parish

The Priests of the Parish would like to wish all Mothers a Blessed Mother's Day!

SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$3,376.45
Thank you for your generous donation.

The amount given to fins (friends in need) was \$5,860.00

Ascension of the Lord – Mass Times

Sunset Mass - Ascension

Date : Wednesday, 24th May 2017

Time : 6:30pm (English)

Ascension Day Mass

Date : Thursday, 25th May 2017

Time : 12:30pm & 6:30pm (English)
& 8:00pm (Tamil)



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.

The Rosary Apostolate presents a 5Day/4Night pilgrimage cum retreat to the following churches in Malaysia.

* St Louis - Taiping/Perak

* St Michael - Alor Setar/Kedah

* Our Lady of Fatima - Kangar/Perlis

to commemorate the centennial year of the apparitions at Fatima.

Theme: Journey into the heart of the Fatima Messages - 100 years on.

Dates : Wed 11th Oct 2017 - Sun 15th Oct 2017.

Invited speakers : Fr Eugene Jude Miranda & Fr Charles Chin

For further details please contact the following: Carol Ben Nair (via sms only @ 9880 8501)
Vincent Miranda (9199 6714)

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.

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

Priests

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CHILDREN & YOUTH

Questions for Deeper Reflection

- *Why did the Apostles lay hands on those chosen for service?*
- *Who are the people you know who serve others in the community?*
- *How can believers continue the work of Jesus in the world?*

The Gospel in Life

How can your words and actions bring God's love to others 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