



# 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.*

**19<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - Year A**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

## Readings for 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017

|       |              |    |                             |
|-------|--------------|----|-----------------------------|
| Lev   | 19:1-2.17-18 | Ps | 102:1-2.3-4.8 and 10.12-13. |
| 1 Cor | 3:16-23.     | Mt | 5:38-48.                    |

## EVANGELII GAUDIUM THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL BY POPE FRANCIS

#207. Any Church community, if it thinks it can comfortably go its own way without creative concern and effective cooperation in helping the poor to live with dignity and reaching out to everyone, will also risk breaking down, however much it may talk about social issues or criticize governments. It will easily drift into a spiritual worldliness camouflaged by religious practices, unproductive meetings and empty talk.

#208. If anyone feels offended by my words, I would respond that I speak them with affection and with the best of intentions, quite apart from any personal interest or political ideology. My words are not those of a foe or an opponent. I am interested only in helping those who are in thrall to an individualistic, indifferent and self-centred mentality to be freed from those unworthy chains and to attain a way of living and thinking which is more humane, noble and fruitful, and which will bring dignity to their presence on this earth.

#209. Jesus, the evangelizer par excellence and the Gospel in person, identifies especially with the little ones (cf. Mt 25:40). This reminds us Christians that we are called to care for the vulnerable of the earth. But the current model, with its emphasis on success and self-reliance, does not appear to favour an investment in efforts to help the slow, the weak or the less talented to find opportunities in life.

#210. It is essential to draw near to new forms of poverty and vulnerability, in which we are called to recognize the suffering Christ, even if this appears to bring us no tangible and immediate benefits. I think of the homeless, the addicted, refugees, indigenous peoples, the elderly who are increasingly isolated and abandoned, and many others. Migrants present a particular challenge for me, since I am the pastor of a Church without frontiers, a Church which considers herself mother to all. For this reason, I exhort all countries to a generous openness which, rather than fearing the loss of local identity, will prove capable of creating new forms of cultural synthesis. How beautiful are those cities which overcome paralysing mistrust, integrate those who are different and make this very integration a new factor of development! How attractive are those cities which, even in their architectural design, are full of spaces which connect, relate and favour the recognition of others!

# In and Around the Parish

## Second collection for GIFT envelopes

This weekend, being the third weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges to Catholic Foundation's GIFT campaign if you are giving by cash/cheque. GIFT is Catholic Foundation's regular giving campaign to fund the numerous organisations involved in families, youths, evangelisation, etc, as well as building projects in the archdiocese. Kindly bring your pledge envelopes with the cash/cheque enclosed and drop them into the collection bags that will be passed round. If you need the pledge envelopes, these can be found at the entrance of our Church.

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

## Farewell to Rev Fr Antony Maria Joseph

Our Assistant Priest, Rev Fr Antony Maria Joseph has been appointed Assistant Rector to the Church of St Joseph (Victoria Street) for a term of 3 years with effect from 1st March 2017.

## Collection of Old Palms

We are collecting old palms to be burnt and used for Ash Wednesday.

Please place your old Palms in the baskets, available in the church by Sunday, 26th February 2017.

## Ash Wednesday 2017 - Mass Times

A day of Fast & Abstinence.  
Imposition of Ashes will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

### Times of Masses

12:30pm : English Mass  
6:30pm : English Mass  
8.00pm : Tamil Mass



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.

## 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.*

# Archdiocesan News

## Choice Weekend

It takes that 1 weekend to inspire you for the rest of your life. Come away for a Choice Weekend - it is by the choices we make that we define what our life is all about.

Date : 24 - 26 Feb 2017 (Friday evening to Sunday evening)  
Venue : Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368  
Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537 or Francesca 9710 9680  
Register & Info: [http://www.choice.org.sg/?page\\_id=131](http://www.choice.org.sg/?page_id=131)

## PRAYING OUR LIFE'S QUESTIONS : A Vocation Recollection by Cenacle Sisters

25 Feb (9.00am) - 26 Feb (1.00pm) @Choice Retreat House  
This retreat will help young women pray and discern some common questions: What will I do with my life? Is this all there is to life? Does God have a plan for me? It offers you a glimpse into one's life option - religious life in the Cenacle, by providing you information and experiences about the Sisters. Open only to single women, 21-35 years.

To register : [www.cenaclemission.com](http://www.cenaclemission.com) Email: [cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com](mailto:cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com);

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## What the Catholic Church teaches about Divorce, Separation and Annulment

Date / Time: Saturday, 4th March 2017, 1pm – 4.30pm  
Venue: St Peter's Auditorium, Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102.  
Register at <http://catholicfamily.org.sg/dsa2017>

## Understanding Same-Sex Attraction. Providing Friendship, Parental or Pastoral Guidance

Date / Time: Saturday, 25th March 2017, 9am – 1pm  
Venue: St Peter's Auditorium, Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102  
Register at <http://catholicfamily.org.sg/ssas>

## Couple Empowerment Programme (CEP) 2017

Would you like to rediscover the fullness of marital joy?

Intimacy is the very essence of a sacramental marriage - Do you sometimes wonder if you could rekindle marital intimacy with your spouse? Couple Empowerment Programme (CEP) is a programme for married couples who wish to discover more about building strong marriages, and to raise emotionally well-balanced children. It is faithful to the Catholic Church teachings and incorporates well-studied life skills by modern day marriage sociologists, psychologists and psychiatrists. CEP helps couples deal with the issues that plague present day marriages such as work-life balance, intimacy, sexuality, dealing with in-laws and parenthood.

Come and make it a family event, as there will be child-minders who will watch your children while you and your spouse spend quality couple time rediscovering the fullness of marital joy

Date : Sunday, 26th March 2017  
Time : 1pm to 5.30pm  
Venue : Church of the St Ignatius, 120 King's Road Singapore 268172

To Register: <http://tinyurl.com/CepRegForm>

For more info, Andrea at 98579075, email [goto\\_cep@hotmail.com](mailto:goto_cep@hotmail.com), or visit [www.cep-sg.org](http://www.cep-sg.org) or [fb.com/sg.cep](https://www.facebook.com/sg.cep)

## 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<br>& 1.00pm |
| Sunday (Tamil)         | 9:30am & 6:30pm             |
| Sunday (Sinhala)       | 12noon                      |
| 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 surprises you about the Gospel?*
- *What do you think it means that God dwells in you?*
- *Do you need to change to follow Jesus' way?*

## The Gospel in Life

*Our relationships with one another are linked in that quest to share God's holiness. Jesus joins together the Commandment to love one's neighbor with the same command to share God's holiness and perfection.*



## Parish Details

### Priests

Rev Fr Michael Sitaram - Parish Priest

Rev Fr Nithiya Sagayaraj Devarajan -  
Assistant Parish Priest

Email : nithiya@catholic.org.sg

Rev Fr Antony Maria Joseph  
Assistant Priest & Spiritual Director to the  
Archdiocesan Commission for the Apostolate of  
Tamil-Speaking (ACTS)

Email : antony.m.joseph@catholic.org.sg

### Parish Office

ololsec@gmail.com

**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