



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 February 2017 - Year A
8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Readings for 26th February 2017

Is	49: 14 - 15	Ps	61 : 2 - 3. 6 - 7. 8 - 9ab.
1 Cor	4: 1 - 5.	Mt	6: 24 - 34.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL BY POPE FRANCIS

#211. I have always been distressed at the lot of those who are victims of various kinds of human trafficking. How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry: "Where is your brother?" (Gen 4:9). Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Where is the brother and sister whom you are killing each day in clandestine warehouses, in rings of prostitution, in children used for begging, in exploiting undocumented labour? Let us not look the other way. There is greater complicity than we think. The issue involves everyone! This infamous network of crime is now well established in our cities, and many people have blood on their hands as a result of their comfortable and silent complicity.

#212. Doubly poor are those women who endure situations of exclusion, mistreatment and violence, since they are frequently less able to defend their rights. Even so, we constantly witness among them impressive examples of daily heroism in defending and protecting their vulnerable families.

#213. Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenceless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this. Frequently, as a way of ridiculing the Church's effort to defend their lives, attempts are made to present her position as ideological, obscurantist and conservative. Yet this defence of unborn life is closely linked to the defence of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development. Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems. Once this conviction disappears, so do solid and lasting foundations for the defence of human rights, which would always be subject to the passing whims of the powers that be. Reason alone is sufficient to recognize the inviolable value of each single human life, but if we also look at the issue from the standpoint of faith, "every violation of the personal dignity of the human being cries out in vengeance to God and is an offence against the creator of the individual".

In and Around the Parish

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/>

Appointment of 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 1st March 2017 .



Times of Masses

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

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

Dates : March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 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

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

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>

ONE FOR THE WALL

Crossings Café invites you to participate in their Lenten Project. ONE FOR THE WALL provides meals for those in need and paid forward by your generosity. Purchase a meal (\$10 or \$5) and place your meal token on the wall at Crossings. These tokens will be used for someone in need of a meal. Inquiries – Crossings Café (Xernan or Noel 63382669)

The CHARIS Humanitarian Forum & Fair will be back on 10 June 2017.

In the meantime, sign up for the HFF Pre-Event: Bridging the Gap Through Education A hands-on workshop for educators, teacher-volunteers, affiliates and mission groups involved in education-related mission work on Sat, 11 Mar 2017 from 9:30to 12:00pm at CANA, 55 Waterloo Street, Catholic Centre, Level 2, Singapore 187954.

Admission is Free.

To register email Gabriel Lee at gabriel@charis-singapore.org or call 63374119

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, or visit 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 & 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

- *Why are we to be dependent upon God?*
- *How do you show that you trust someone who loves you?*
- *What does it mean to trust in God's love for us?*

The Gospel in Life

God is so much greater than we can ever imagine.



Parish Details

Priests

Rev Fr Michael Sitaram - Parish Priest

Rev Fr Nithiya Sagayaraj Devarajan -
Assistant Parish Priest

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Rev Fr Antony Maria Joseph
Assistant Priest & Spiritual Director to the
Archdiocesan Commission for the Apostolate of
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Parish Office

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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