

Consider the Special Gift of a **Marriage Encounter Weekend**

Next English weekend will be held from 1 Dec (Friday) to 3 Dec (Sunday)

Marriage Encounter (ME) facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples. By transforming the way husband and wife communicate, the enriching experience forges greater intimacy and a closer relationship. ME benefits both young couples who want to build a strong marital foundation as well as those who have clocked many years together and strive to keep the flame burning strong.

There are still slots for the next ME Weekend from 1 Dec to 3 Dec (English). For registration or enquiries, call Joseph & Reenie on 9670-5390, e-mail mewkend@gmail.com or visit www.MESingapore.org

Advent/Christmas Reflection booklets

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a booklet of reflections for the season of Advent and Christmas in English, Mandarin and Tamil. The theme is *"The Anticipating Community"*.

Please take a copy of the booklet for your household. You can also find the online copy at <http://www.one.org.sg/resources/advent-christmas-reflection-booklet-2017/>

food for thought Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.



When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on only one thing: the acts of mercy we have shown to the least among us. Jesus identifies with the least ones; thus we serve Jesus whenever we serve one of the least ones. The Church calls the actions that Jesus described in today's Gospel the Corporal Works of Mercy. These works are to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bury the dead, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick and imprisoned, and to give alms to the poor. In these actions we show God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

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Sunday Readings

First reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second reading
Gospel

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17
Psalm 22:1-3a,5-6
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28
Matthew 25:31-46

Mass Schedule @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekdays (English)	12:30pm & 6:30pm
1st Friday	7.30pm
Sat (Sunset - English)	6:00pm & 7:30pm
Sunday (English)	7:30am, 11:30am & 1.00pm
Sunday (Tamil)	9:30am & 6:30pm
Public Holiday (English)	9:00am
Public Holiday (Tamil)	10:00am

Parish Activities

English	- Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (Saturday)	5:30pm
	- Rosary Recitation (Weekdays)	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 (Tuesday)	5:45pm
	- Legion of Mary (Tuesdays)	7.30pm
	- Infant Jesus (Thursday)	5:45pm
	- Charismatic (Every Friday)	7.45pm
	- Legion of Mary (Sundays)	9.45am
Tamil	- Infant Jesus (Tuesday)	4:30pm
	- Divine Mercy (Friday)	5:45pm
	- OLPS Novena (Every Saturday)	8:00pm
Indonesian	- Karismatik Katolik Indonesia Holy Spirit (Thursday)	1.00pm
	- KKIHS Youth Group (2nd & 4th Friday)	7.30pm
Filipino	- Filipino Christian Professionals	8.00pm (1st Friday Mass)
	- Light of Jesus Bible Sharing (Monday)	7.30pm

Important Parish Information

Wedding Arrangements	Church Wedding bookings must be made in advance. Please contact the Secretariat.
Infant Baptism	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 infant and confirmation certificate of Godparents.
Mass Intentions	Please drop your Mass intention into the Box located outside the Parish Office by 3pm on Wednesday for the following week's intentions.
Lourdes Prayer Hall	For bookings contact the Parish Office at 6294 0624
Anointing	Make an appointment with a priest before planned admission to hospital.
Holy Communion for the Homebound	Register with the Parish Office.

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.

For further enquires, kindly email the Parish Secretariat at ololpastoral@gmail.com or ololsec@gmail.com

Important Traffic Information to Parishioners Attending 7.30am Mass on the morning of 3rd December 2017



Please note that traffic will be diverted along various stretches of Rochor Road, Queen Street and Ophir Road from **12.01am till 8am** on the **3rd of December** due to Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon. Auxiliary Police Officers (APOs) will be on hand to regulate traffic flow in and out of church. If you plan to drive to church early that morning, you will only be able to **access the church via Bukit Timah Rd and then Ophir Road.** Please follow directions of the APOs present if you are arriving by MRT or bus.

Advent Penitential Service For City District

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes
10/12 Sun 8.45am & 5.30pm (both in Tamil)
11/12 Mon 8pm (English)

12/12	Tue	Church of St Teresa 8pm
13/12	Wed	Church of St Bernadette 8pm
14/12	Thu	Church of Sts Peter & Paul 8pm
15/12	Fri	Church of the Sacred Heart 8pm
18/12	Mon	Novena Church 8pm
19/12	Tue	Church of St Michael 8pm



PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who have united in faith to seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope. The session, run by bereaved parents, meets monthly to pray, reflect and break open the WORD OF GOD. We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to unite with us in faith. Our monthly session is on every 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8, and the next one would be held on Tue 28 November 2017. Our contact details are email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com and we can also be found on Facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

CHRISTMAS RECOLLECTION

17 December 2017, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm
Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42 S 649368
An invitation to spend a day of prayer to prepare our hearts for the feast of the Nativity of the Lord. Organised by the Cenacle Sisters.
For registration, please email cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com or visit the website www.cenaclemission.com

SACCRE

ISAO Healing Rally - Sunday, 10 December 2017.
1.30pm to 6.45pm @ Holy Innocents' High School Hall
Perpetual Current of Grace
Speakers : Jim Murphy and Cyril John with Eucharistic Celebration by Bishop F. Kalist
SACCRE Leaders' Forum - Monday, 11 December 2017
7.30pm to 10pm @ St Peter Auditorium Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre (CAEC)
Visionary Leadership Speaker : Jim Murphy
SACCRE Rally - Tuesday, 12 December 2017
7.30pm to 10pm @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes
Deepening Intimacy with God Speaker : Jim Murphy
SACCRE Rally - Wednesday, 13 December 2017
7.30pm to 10pm @ Church of the Holy Cross
Stirring Up Spiritual Gifts Speaker : Jim Murphy