



Church of Our Lady 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.

18th June 2017 - Year A
Corpus Christi Sunday

Readings for 18th June 2017

Deut	8: 2-3.14b-16a	Ps	147: 12-13.14-15.19-20.
1 Cor	10: 16- 17.	Jn	6: 51- 58.



In and Around the Parish

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

Third Sunday, Second Collection for GIFT

This being the third Sunday of the month, there will be a collection for the GIFT programme. The GIFT or "Giving in Faith and Thankfulness") programme is a campaign for regular giving to the archdiocese of Singapore. To support the archdiocese's 10-year pastoral plan for a more vibrant, missionary and evangelistic Church, the Catholic Foundation will have to raise \$238 million over the next seven years. The funds will go towards the operating costs of the various archdiocesan organisations involved with families, youth and evangelisation, and building projects such as Bethany East and the Seminary and Formation Building. Details of the funds needed and the GIFT programme can be found in the GIFT booklet and on the Catholic Foundation's website.

Parishioners are encouraged to pledge and give on a monthly basis to the archdiocese. The collection bags being passed around are to collect any cash or cheques you may wish to offer. If you have already given through monthly GIRO or credit card deductions, you need not contribute further unless you wish to.

Parishioners who give their money through GIRO, credit cards or GIFT envelopes with their names and contact information may check on their contributions through the GIFT website. Spare GIFT envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$4,993.25. Thank you for your generous donation.

The amount given to fins (friends in need) was \$6,280.00



Church Cleaning

Date : Sunday, 18th June 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**

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.

ROME - The sin committed most frequently in Christian parishes and groups is bad-mouthing and backstabbing each other, which not only divides the community, it drives away people who come seeking God, Pope Francis said. "Truly, this pains me to the core. It's as if we were throwing stones among ourselves, one against the other. And the devil enjoys it; it's a carnival for the devil," he told parishioners in his homily during an evening Mass at a parish on the outskirts of Rome May 21.

Pope Francis told parishioners at the church of San Pier Damiani how important their use of language was. As baptized members of the church, every Christian has been given the gift of the Holy Spirit, he said. People must continue to pray for and safeguard that gift, which includes using a "special language," not Latin, he said, but something else. "It is a language of tenderness and respect" that is also mirrored in one's behavior. "It is so awful to see these people who call themselves Christians, but they are filled with bitterness" or anger, he said in a homily that was off-the-cuff. The devil knows how to weaken people's efforts to serve God and safeguard the Holy Spirit's presence inside them. "He will do everything so our language is not tender and not respectful," the pope said.

"A Christian community that does not safeguard the Holy Spirit with tenderness and with respect" is like the serpent with the long, long tongue, who is depicted in statues as being crushed under Mary's foot.

Pope Francis said a priest once told him about some people in a parish whose tongues were so long from wagging gossip that "they could take Communion from the front door; they could reach the altar with the tongue they have."

"This is the enemy that destroys our communities - chatter," he said, adding it was also "the most common sin in our Christian communities."

A language that boasts or shows off "out of ambition, envy, jealousy" not only divides those already gathered, it drives off newcomers, he said.

How many people step inside a parish in search of God's peace and tenderness, but instead they encounter gossip, competition and "internal fighting among the faithful."

"And then what do they say? 'If these are Christians, I'd rather stay pagan.' And they leave, disappointed," he said. "We are the ones pushing them away."

-CNS

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



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CHILDREN & YOUTH

Questions for Deeper Reflection

- *What do we celebrate on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ?*
- *What do today's readings teach us about the Eucharist?*
- *How does participating in the meal of Eucharist unite us as members of the one body of Christ?*

The Gospel in Life

What are some ways that you can help feed those who are hungry 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.



Lourdes Prayer Hall

For bookings contact
Parish Office 62940624

Holy Communion for the Homebound



Register with the
Parish Office.

Anointing See a priest before planned admission to hospital.