



Sanctuary of Lourdes

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, 50 OPHIR ROAD, SINGAPORE 188690. TEL: 6294 0624 / FAX: 6294 2686 / www.lourdes.sg

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.

16th April 2017 - Year A

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

Readings for 16th April 2017

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10:34a.37-43
3:1-4

Ps 117:1-2.16ab-17.22-23.
Jn 20:1-9

EVANGELII GAUDIUM THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL BY POPE FRANCIS

#234. An innate tension also exists between globalization and localization. We need to pay attention to the global so as to avoid narrowness and banality. Yet we also need to look to the local, which keeps our feet on the ground. Together, the two prevent us from falling into one of two extremes. In the first, people get caught up in an abstract, globalized universe, falling into step behind everyone else, admiring the glitter of other people's world, gaping and applauding at all the right times. At the other extreme, they turn into a museum of local folklore, a world apart, doomed to doing the same things over and over, and incapable of being challenged by novelty or appreciating the beauty which God bestows beyond their borders.

#235. The whole is greater than the part, but it is also greater than the sum of its parts. There is no need, then, to be overly obsessed with limited and particular questions. We constantly have to broaden our horizons and see the greater good which will benefit us all. But this has to be done without evasion or uprooting. We need to sink our roots deeper into the fertile soil and history of our native place, which is a gift of God. We can work on a small scale, in our own neighbourhood, but with a larger perspective. Nor do people who wholeheartedly enter into the life of a community need to lose their individualism or hide their identity; instead, they receive new impulses to personal growth. The global need not stifle, nor the particular prove barren.

#236. Here our model is not the sphere, which is no greater than its parts, where every point is equidistant from the centre, and there are no differences between them. Instead, it is the polyhedron, which reflects the convergence of all its parts, each of which preserves its distinctiveness. Pastoral and political activity alike seek to gather in this polyhedron the best of each. There is a place for the poor and their culture, their aspirations and their potential. Even people who can be considered dubious on account of their errors have something to offer which must not be overlooked. It is the convergence of peoples who, within the universal order, maintain their own individuality; it is the sum total of persons within a society which pursues the common good, which truly has a place for everyone.

In and Around the Parish



The Priests of the Parish would like to wish all Parishioners a Blessed and Joyous Easter.



We wish to thank all volunteers and ministries, for your dedication and hard work during Holy Week and Easter celebrations.

Our Risen Lord will shower graces and blessings upon you and your families.

Every Sacerdotal Ordination is God's gift to the Church. As members of the Church, let us pray, support, encourage and honour our priests who have committed their lives for Christ, especially on the anniversary of their sacerdotal ordination.

May God bless our Assistant Parish Priest, Rev Fr Nithiya Sagayaraj on his 13th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.
(Sacerdotal Anniversary - Friday, 14th April 2017)

"I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service..." - 1 Timothy 1:12



Church Cleaning

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

**Date : Sunday, 23rd April 2017
Time : 2.30pm**

Church will be closed from 2.30pm to 4.00pm.

All are welcome to help
No registration is required

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.

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.

Easter For Everyone (organized by The Office for the New Evangelisation)

Bring your non-Catholic friends or family members to discover more about the Catholic faith this Easter! Watch a video, listen to Fr Luke Fong speak about 'Celebrating a new life of hope in the midst of uncertainties' and learn more about the Catholic Church's contributions in the country.

Date : 29th April 2017

Venue : Church of Sts Peter and Paul

Time : 2.00pm – 5.00pm

To register, visit www.one.org.sg/easter-for-everyone/

Limited seats, sign up for your friends today! (Remember to reserve a seat for yourself too!)

Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore (CTIS) welcomes applications for the Certificate in Theology program for Semester 2, 2017. You may download a copy of our Prospectus 2017 from our website.

Application forms are available at CTIS Office or you may download it from CTIS website. Please join our Information Night on May 3 (Wednesday), 2017 from 7:30pm to 8:30pm to know more about CTIS and the programmes we offer.

Closing date for all applications is May 27 (Friday), 2017. Contact us for more information. CTIS, 55 Waterloo St, #05-04 Catholic Centre, Singapore 187954. Telephone: 6434-8000
Email: admin@ctis.sg Website: www.ctis.sg

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

May 20 (9.00am) - May 21 (1.00pm) @Choice House, 47 Jurong West, St 42
Contribution: Love offering

Inviting baptised Catholic Single women (21-35 years old) with a deep desire for God: this retreat aims to help young women pray and discern some common life's questions : What will I do with all my gifts? Is there 'more' to life? How do I discern where God is calling me? Take a glimpse into one's life option - religious life in the Cenacle as we share with you information and experiences about our way of life, history, passion and mission.

Register : www.cenaclemission/PLQ

E: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com or SMS 97223148

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Questions for Deeper Reflection

- *Why does Jesus eat and drink with the disciples after he is raised from the dead?*
- *Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important?*
- *How does your love for Jesus help you believe in the resurrection?*

The Gospel in Life

How can you share the joy of Easter with others this week?



Parish Details

Priests

Rev Fr Michael Sitaram - Parish Priest

Rev Fr Nithiya Sagayaraj Devarajan -
Assistant Parish Priest
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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 62940624