



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.

9th April 2017 - Year A

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Readings for 9th April 2017

Is	50:4-7	Ps	21:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24.
Phil	2:6-11.	Mt	26:14-27, 66 (or 27:11-54).

EVANGELII GAUDIUM THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL BY POPE FRANCIS

#231. There also exists a constant tension between ideas and realities. Realities simply are, whereas ideas are worked out. There has to be continuous dialogue between the two, lest ideas become detached from realities. It is dangerous to dwell in the realm of words alone, of images and rhetoric. So a third principle comes into play: realities are greater than ideas. This calls for rejecting the various means of masking reality: angelic forms of purity, dictatorships of relativism, empty rhetoric, objectives more ideal than real, brands of ahistorical fundamentalism, ethical systems bereft of kindness, intellectual discourse bereft of wisdom.

232. Ideas – conceptual elaborations – are at the service of communication, understanding, and praxis. Ideas disconnected from realities give rise to ineffectual forms of idealism and nominalism, capable at most of classifying and defining, but certainly not calling to action. What calls us to action are realities illuminated by reason. Formal nominalism has to give way to harmonious objectivity. Otherwise, the truth is manipulated, cosmetics take the place of real care for our bodies.[185] We have politicians – and even religious leaders – who wonder why people do not understand and follow them, since their proposals are so clear and logical. Perhaps it is because they are stuck in the realm of pure ideas and end up reducing politics or faith to rhetoric. Others have left simplicity behind and have imported a rationality foreign to most people.

233. Realities are greater than ideas. This principle has to do with incarnation of the word and its being put into practice: “By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is from God” (1 Jn 4:2). The principle of reality, of a word already made flesh and constantly striving to take flesh anew, is essential to evangelization. It helps us to see that the Church’s history is a history of salvation, to be mindful of those saints who inculturated the Gospel in the life of our peoples and to reap the fruits of the Church’s rich bimillennial tradition, without pretending to come up with a system of thought detached from this treasury, as if we wanted to reinvent the Gospel. At the same time, this principle impels us to put the word into practice, to perform works of justice and charity which make that word fruitful. Not to put the word into practice, not to make it reality, is to build on sand, to remain in the realm of pure ideas and to end up in a lifeless and unfruitful self-centredness and gnosticism.

In and Around the Parish

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

SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$3,607.25
Thank you for your generous donation.

The amount given to fins (friends in need) was \$6,000.00

Holy Week Services 2017

Palm Sunday : 8th April 2017, Sunset Masses at 6.00pm and 7.30pm in English
9th April 2017, Mass at 7:30am, 11:30am & 1.00pm (English)
9.00am in Tamil (half an hour earlier than usual) & Mass at 6.30pm (Tamil)

Holy Thursday : 13th April 2017, Mass at 8:00pm (English & Tamil Combined)
NO LUNCH TIME MASS

Good Friday : 14th April 2017, Service at 3:00pm (English)
Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm followed by Service (Tamil)

Holy Saturday : 15th April 2017, Easter Vigil at 9:00pm (Eng & Tamil Combined).

Easter Sunday : 16th April 2017, Mass at 7:30am, 11:30am & 1.00pm (English)
Mass at 9:30am, 6.30pm (Tamil)

Chrism Mass

Date : Holy Thursday, 13th April 2017
Time : 10.30 am
Venue : Cathedral of the Good Shepherd
"A" Queen Street, Singapore 188533

All are welcome.

The carpark at the church grounds will be closed.

Parish Office Timings

**Holy Thursday, 13th April 2017: 4.00pm - 12 midnight
(14th April 2017)**

Good Friday, 14th April 2017 : 11.00am - 9.30pm

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil,
15th April 2017 : 4.00pm to 11.30pm**

**There will be NO
12.30pm LUNCH TIME MASS
and 6.30pm MASS on:**

Dates : Holy Thursday, 13th April 2017
& Good Friday, 14th April 2017

CAR PARK CLOSURE

Our car park will be closed on the following dates:

Holy Thursday, 13th April 2017

Good Friday, 14th April 2017

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil,
15th April 2017



NO PARKING

The understanding and cooperation of all drivers will be sincerely appreciated.

Charities Week 2017

"The season of Lent is the time when the Church conducts its annual Archdiocesan fundraising campaign – 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.

We really appreciate your kind assistance in garnering the support of our Catholic community towards Charities Week 2017. This will go a long way in our work to help the people in need. If you require more information or have clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact me at 6337 6197 & (M: 9271 3335) or email at pamela@caritas-singapore.org.

Thank you very much and God bless!

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

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; SMS 97223148

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!)

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.

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

- *In the midst of suffering how do you find hope?*
- *Why is Jesus' death not a failure?*
- *How is the passion of Jesus part of God's plan for salvation?*

The Gospel in Life

How can you give thanks and praise to Jesus this week?



Parish Details

Priests

Rev Fr Michael Sitaram - Parish Priest

Rev Fr Nithiya Sagayaraj Devarajan -
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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