



# 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.*

**1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 - Year A**

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

**Readings for 1st January 2017**

|     |            |    |                         |
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| Num | 6: 22 - 27 | Ps | 66 : 2 - 3. 5. 6 and 8. |
| Gal | 4: 4 - 7.  | Lk | 2: 16 - 21.             |

## EVANGELII GAUDIUM THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL BY POPE FRANCIS

#189. Solidarity is a spontaneous reaction by those who recognize that the social function of property and the universal destination of goods are realities which come before private property. The private ownership of goods is justified by the need to protect and increase them, so that they can better serve the common good; for this reason, solidarity must be lived as the decision to restore to the poor what belongs to them. These convictions and habits of solidarity, when they are put into practice, open the way to other structural transformations and make them possible. Changing structures without generating new convictions and attitudes will only ensure that those same structures will become, sooner or later, corrupt, oppressive and ineffectual.

#190. Sometimes it is a matter of hearing the cry of entire peoples, the poorest peoples of the earth, since “peace is founded not only on respect for human rights, but also on respect for the rights of peoples”.[154] Sadly, even human rights can be used as a justification for an inordinate defense of individual rights or the rights of the richer peoples. With due respect for the autonomy and culture of every nation, we must never forget that the planet belongs to all mankind and is meant for all mankind; the mere fact that some people are born in places with fewer resources or less development does not justify the fact that they are living with less dignity. It must be reiterated that “the more fortunate should renounce some of their rights so as to place their goods more generously at the service of others”.[155] To speak properly of our own rights, we need to broaden our perspective and to hear the plea of other peoples and other regions than those of our own country. We need to grow in a solidarity which “would allow all peoples to become the artisans of their destiny”,[156] since “every person is called to self-fulfilment”.

#191. In all places and circumstances, Christians, with the help of their pastors, are called to hear the cry of the poor. This has been eloquently stated by the bishops of Brazil: “We wish to take up daily the joys and hopes, the difficulties and sorrows of the Brazilian people, especially of those living in the barrios and the countryside – landless, homeless, lacking food and health care – to the detriment of their rights. Seeing their poverty, hearing their cries and knowing their sufferings, we are scandalized because we know that there is enough food for everyone and that hunger is the result of a poor distribution of goods and income. The problem is made worse by the generalized practice of wastefulness”.

# In and Around the Parish

## 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.*

The Priests of the Parish would like to wish all parishioners a Joyous and Peaceful New Year



## New Year's Day Holy Mass Schedule 2017

1st January 2017

### New Year's Day [Sunday]

|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| 7:30am  | : English Mass |
| 9:30am  | : Tamil Mass   |
| 11.30am | : English Mass |
| 1.00pm  | : English Mass |
| 6:30pm  | : Tamil Mass   |



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection taken during Masses this weekend will be for the poor of St Vincent De Paul Society. Thank you for your kind donation.



### Migrants Welfare Fund Collections

The cash collected on the second Sunday in December \$2,627.80

Thank you for your generous donation.

### GIFT by Catholic Foundation

GIFT is Catholic Foundation's regular giving campaign to fund the numerous organisations involved in families, youths, evangelisation, several building projects; and other initiatives.

Currently, there is a projected shortfall of \$238m for the next 7 years. Every Catholic in Singapore is called to pledge a regular monthly contribution to the archdiocese today, so that the Church may continue growing for generations to come. Appeal booklets, flyers and envelopes are available in the parish to make your pledge.

Alternatively, visit [gift.catholicfoundation.sg](http://gift.catholicfoundation.sg) to donate online or find out more.

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.

## Parish Office Timings

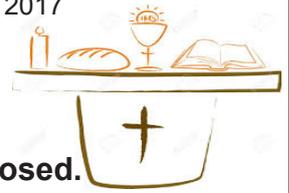
**New Year's Eve, Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016:  
6.00pm - 1.00am (1<sup>st</sup> January 2017)**

**New Year's Day, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017:  
8.30am - 2.30pm & 6.30pm to 8.30pm**

## Public Holiday Mass Times

Date : Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

Time : 9.00am in English  
10.00am in Tamil



**Parish office will be closed.  
\*Main Entrance Gates will be closed from  
12noon.**

# Archdiocesan News

## Archdiocesan Biblical Apostolate Singapore Presents 14 Weeks Of Exploring St Paul & The Letters To The Corinthians - Conducted By Msgr Ambrose Vaz

Dates : 14<sup>th</sup> February To 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (Every Tuesday)

Time : 9.30am to 11.30am

Venue : Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102  
St. Peter Auditorium

Contribution: \$120.00

For more information/registration: Email: [aba\\_secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:aba_secretariat@catholic.org.sg)

Website: <https://biblicalapostolate.wordpress.com>

Tel: 62800354 (Office hours: 9.00am to 1.00pm)

## CHARIS Mission Trip (12 – 18 February, 2017)

Join us in building a Biosand water filter with the local community in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Slots for 9 participants only. S\$850 per pax. Closing date to register: 13 January 2017. For more information or to register, contact Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives Singapore (CHARIS), [victoria@charis-singapore.org](mailto:victoria@charis-singapore.org) or T: 6337-4119

## Open Call

Calling those interested in the work of the New Evangelisation: ONE is looking for collaborators. Come to the ONE Day and find out more!

Date : 7 Jan 2017

Time : 9.30am – 12.30pm

Venue : 2 Highland Road, CAEC Building (Singapore 549102)

Those interested, please refer to this link to fill up the form: <https://goo.gl/forms/K04M9yQRLDYHEYtj2>

## Consider the Special Gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend

Next English weekend will be held from 6 Jan (Friday) to 8 Jan (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 6 Jan to 8 Jan (English). For registration or enquiries, call Joseph & Reenie on 9670-5390, e-mail [mewkend@gmail.com](mailto:mewkend@gmail.com) or visit [www.MESingapore.org](http://www.MESingapore.org)

## Personal Moral Compass Course

Module 1: Who decides what is right or wrong? By Fr David Garcia, OP

This is a one-year-long systematic course in Moral Theology. It is a course for all Catholics and non-Catholics interested in their formation in the foundations of Ethics and Moral Theology. It is also recommended for those involved in guiding and forming others and those involved in related work or ministry.

The next module of this course, Who decides what is right or wrong?, will start on 10th of January 2017 and it takes place on Tuesday nights, 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m in Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264.

For more information and registration, go to: [www.caritas-singapore.org](http://www.caritas-singapore.org) OR email: [formation@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:formation@caritas-singapore.org)

## 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<br>& 1.00pm |
| Sunday (Tamil)         | 9:30am & 6:30pm             |
| Sunday (Sinhala)       | 12noon                      |
| 1st Sunday (Malayalam) | 4:00pm                      |
| 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

## Gospel Summary

*After the shepherds receive the good news from the angel, they follow the sign to find the savior. They tell everyone they meet, including Joseph and Mary that this child is indeed special, the Son of God and Savior of the world. It is hard for people to understand what all this means; even Mary, still young in her faith journey, can't fully grasp all that the shepherds say. We are told, however, that she kept the words of the shepherds in her heart... words that she would reflect on throughout her life. Eight days later, Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the temple where he is named Jesus.*



## Parish Details



### Priests

Rev Fr Michael Sitaram - Parish Priest

Rev Fr Nithiya Sagayaraj Devarajan -  
Assistant Parish Priest

Email : nithiya@catholic.org.sg

Rev Fr Antony Maria Joseph  
Assistant Priest & Spiritual Director to the  
Archdiocesan Commission for the Apostolate of  
Tamil-Speaking (ACTS)

Email : antony.m.joseph@catholic.org.sg

### Parish Office

ololsec@gmail.com

**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