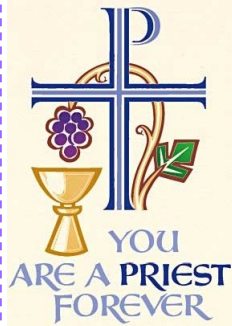
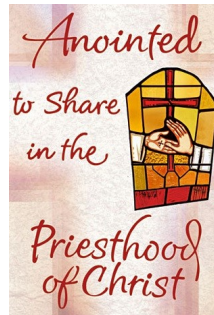


"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." - John 15:16



We would like to wish Fr. Michael Sitaram, who celebrates his 28th anniversary of his priestly ordination on 7th January 2018, our heartiest congratulations!

Thank you for your loving service to the Church. May the Lord bless you and keep you, fill your life with His joy and sustain you by His grace.



CATHOLIC JUNIOR COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE 2018

Saturday, 13 January 2018, 10.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M.

Due to the release of the 'O' level results on 12 January 2018, we will be shifting our CJC Open House to Saturday, 13 January 2018, from 10am to 4pm. Regular shuttle services will be available from Caldecott MRT station to CJC.

Caritas Singapore Young Adults – Faith on Film

Join us for an evening of film, food and fellowship as we watch Freedom Writers together – a film where a young teacher inspires a group of at-risk students and makes a transformation in their lives. Reflections and sharings will be led by the team from the Kingsmead Centre for Ignatian Spirituality and Counselling. This event will be on 27 January 2018 (Sat); 5p.m. to 9p.m.; in Agape Village (7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh). For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore.org or email toyounadults@caritas-singapore.org

food for thought

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.



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7 JAN 2018

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

YEAR B



Bloemaert, Abraham. *Adoration of the Magi*, 1623-24, Musée des Beaux-Arts, Grenoble



Sunday Readings

First reading
 Responsorial Psalm
 Second reading
 Gospel

Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 71:1-2,7-8,10-13
 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6
 Matthew 2:1-12

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)	8:30pm
	- Rosary & OLOL Devotion (Sunday)	8:30am
	- All Night Vigil (2nd Saturday)	9.30pm to 5.30am
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

2nd Collection This Weekend

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

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Celebrations

"Who is Jesus?"

1st to 9th of February 2018
 Weekdays: Rosary at 6.30pm & Mass at 7pm
 Saturday: Rosary at 5.30pm & Mass at 6pm
 Sunday: Mass at 7.30am, 11.20am & 1pm

10th of February 2018
 Mass at 6pm followed by Procession.
 Main Celebrant: Fr. Simon Pereira CSSR



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018

Bring along Christian friends for prayer, reflections, songs and fellowship to promote unity. All prayer services are from 8-9pm.

18 Jan- Covenant Community Methodist Church - (11 Blackmore Drive, S599986)
 19 Jan- Mar Thoma Syrian Church - (29 Jalan Keli, S577933)
 23 Jan- St Andrew's Cathedral (Nave) - (11 St Andrew's Rd S178959)
 24 Jan- The Salvation Army Balestier Corps - (126 Balestier Rd, S329681)
 25 Jan- Church of the Transfiguration - (51 Punggol Central S828725)
 Organiser: Archdiocesan Catholic Council for Ecumenical Dialogue (ACCED) & Host Churches

Commencement of School Year 2018

This year, 6 principals have been newly appointed to head our Catholic schools and pre-schools. ACCS invites all educators to join us in a Mass to commemorate the occasion and to pray for all our Catholic schools and pre-schools. The event will take place at 2.00pm on Saturday, 20 January 2018 at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. His Grace, Archbishop William Goh will be the main celebrant. As parking is limited on the Cathedral grounds, you are advised to park your vehicle in carparks around the vicinity.

AT HOME RETREAT-(2 choices)

10-week programme based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola to know Jesus more intimately in the midst of life's daily routine. Includes weekly meeting of faith sharing, daily prayer with Scripture and one spiritual direction by Cenacle Sisters & Team. This will be from Ashes to Easter - a retreat in preparation for Easter.

MORNINGS:

Date: 5 Feb - 9 April, Mondays
 Time: 9.30am to 11.30am (Morning)
 Venue: LaSalle Centre- St. Patrick School - 490 East Coast Road

OR

EVENINGS

Date: 5 Feb - 9 April, Mondays
 Time: 7.30-9.30 pm (Evening)
 Venue: Cana - the Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St
 Contribution: \$250.00. To register call 65652895 / 97223148