

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

Give The Special Gift Of A Marriage Encounter (ME) Weekend

Marriage Encounter facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples. By transforming the way husband and wife communicate, it forges greater intimacy and a closer relationship. Slots are still open for the next ME Weekend from Feb 2-4.

E-mail mewkend@gmail.com or visit wwmesg.org

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 toyungadults@caritas-singapore.org

food for thought

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him Peter, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

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14 JAN 2018

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 39:2,4,7-10
 Second reading 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20
 Gospel John 1:35-42

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

SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$3616.20. Thank you for your generous donation. The amount given to fins (friends in need) was \$5760.00.

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



Second collection for GIFT envelopes

Next weekend, being the third weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges to Catholic Foundation's GIFT campaign if you are giving by cash/cheque. GIFT is Catholic Foundation's regular giving campaign to fund the numerous organisations involved in families, youths, evangelisation, etc, as well as building projects in the archdiocese. Kindly bring your pledge envelopes with the cash/cheque enclosed and drop them into the collection bags that will be passed round. If you need the pledge envelopes, these can be found along the pews.



Church Cleaning

Date : Sunday, 28st January 2018
 Time : 2.30pm

Church will be closed for cleaning from 2.30pm to 4.00pm
 All are welcome to help! Registration is not required.



Craft of Relationship: Connecting in Love

While we live in a day and age when individuals seem to struggle in romantic relationships, there is also more research findings now than ever before to help us. In this talk, learn about the 5 Love Languages (Gary Chapman), the Stages of Love (Pat Love), and Emotional Connection/ Disconnections (Sue Johnson). Date & Time: 1 February 2018 (Thursday), 7.30pm – 9.30pm. \$30.
<http://www.kingsmeadcentre.sg/programmes/heartandhome.html>

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