

Charities Week 2018

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Mass with Prayers for Healing (All are welcome and no registration is needed)

3 March 2018 (Saturday). Church of Sts. Peter and Paul (main church)

2.00 PM - Praise and Worship

2.20 PM to 4.00 PM – Mass celebrated by Fr. Thomas Curran, followed by prayers for healing.

For enquiries, please email praiseatworksg@yahoo.com or call 9747 2467

food for thought

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

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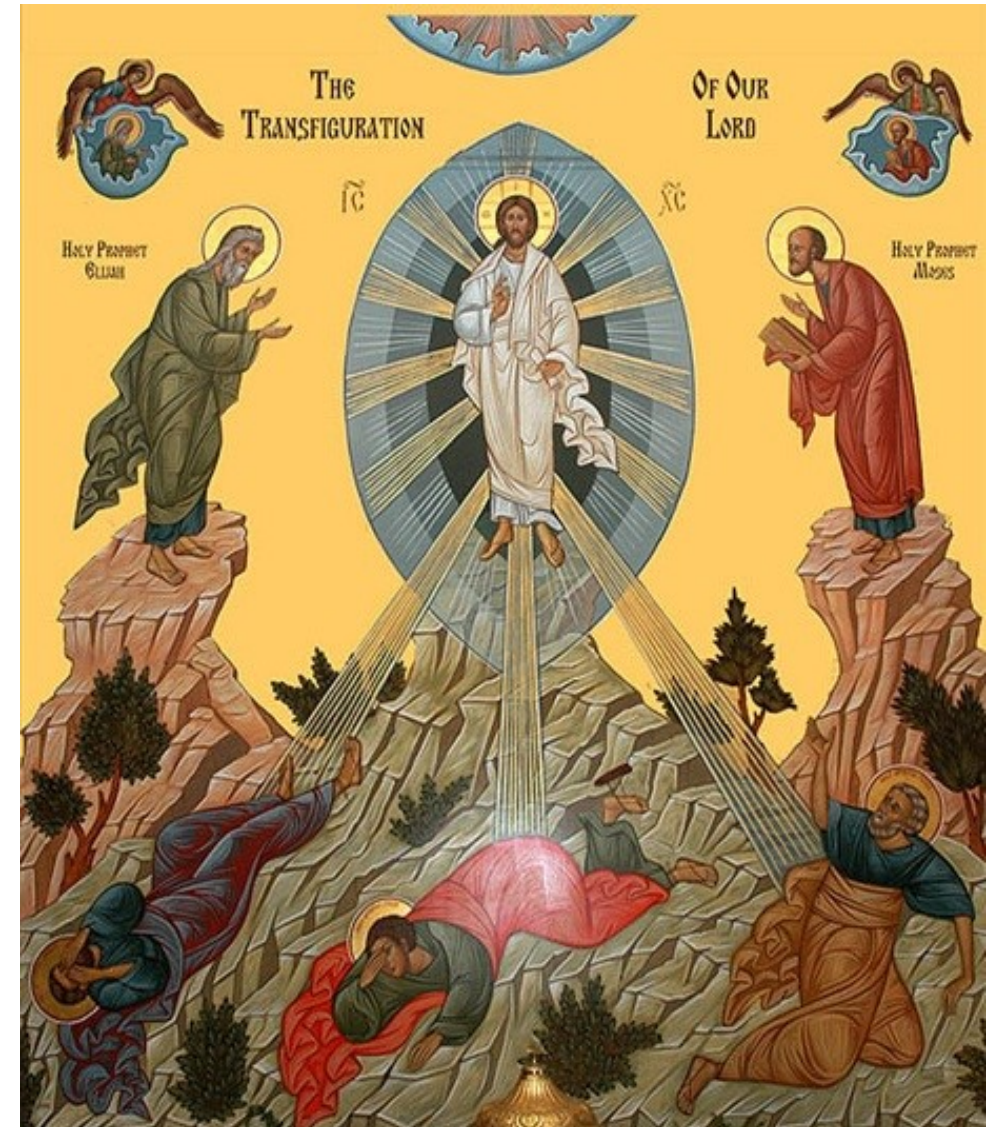
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25 FEB 2018

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR B





Sunday Readings

First reading
 Responsorial Psalm
 Second reading
 Gospel

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18
 Psalm 115:10,15-19
 Romans 8:31-34
 Mark 9:2-10

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.

Lenten Information @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

During the Season of Lent, **Stations of the Cross** will take place on **Friday** at **12 noon** followed by Mass at 12.30pm and at **6pm** followed by Mass at 6.30pm



A SERIES OF TALKS ON WHO IS JESUS?

Speakers:

Fr Michael Sitaram, Fr Paul Yeo
 and Fr Nithiya Sagayaraj

THURSDAYS @ 7:45 PM

2nd SESSION

1st MARCH 2018

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PRAISE & WORSHIP, TALK AND PRAYERS

~ALL ARE WELCOME~

*ORGANISED BY CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES
AND SUPPORTED BY SACCRE*

Talks @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

A series of talks will be presented by the priests of our parish.

"WHO IS JESUS?"

Second session on 1st March 2018 @ 7.45pm

Join us for an enriching talk, praise and worship and prayers! All are welcome!

Lenten Penitential Service For City District

12 Mar Mon Our Lady of Lourdes 8pm

13 Mar Tue St Teresa's 8pm

14 Mar Wed St Michael's 8pm

15 Mar Thu Novena Church 8pm

19 Mar Mon Sacred Heart 8pm

20 Mar Tue Sts Peter & Paul 8pm

21 Mar Wed St Bernadette's 8pm



Lenten Reflection Booklets

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a booklet of reflections for the season of Lent in English, Mandarin and Tamil. The theme is "The Repenting Community". It is available online at: <http://www.one.org.sg/resources/len-ten-reflection-2018/>

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