

1st Sunday's 2nd Collection

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

Charities Week 2018

Please support and donate generously towards Charities Week 2018, an Archdiocesan annual fundraising project. Proceeds will enable Agape Village, a project of Caritas Singapore and many Catholic organisations under its umbrella to continue their work in reaching out to those in need. These include the poor, families, youth and children, prisoners, migrant workers, persons with HIV/AIDS, persons with physical challenges, persons with mental health conditions, and overseas humanitarian aid. **Pick up a Charities Week appeal envelope this weekend and contribute generously.** You can mail your donation directly to Caritas Singapore (for cheques only) or drop them at your parish. For walk-in donations to the Caritas Singapore office, please visit us at 55 Waterloo Street #08-01, Catholic Centre, Singapore 187954. Your contribution will make a difference in the lives of those in need. For more information, please contact us at 6338 3448 or visit our website at www.caritas-singapore.org.

Come and experience the love and forgiveness of God our Father.

Pope Francis has invited each diocese to have the '24 Hours for the Lord' where at least one church will be open for a consecutive 24 hours offering both Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be hourly reflections to guide you to encounter Jesus Christ.

Date & Time: 9 March, 6pm until 10 March, 6pm

Venue: Cathedral of the Good Shepherd

The lights are kept on for you. Come home...

food for thought Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.



We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

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4 MAR 2018

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR B





Sunday Readings

First reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second reading
Gospel

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 18:8-11
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-25

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	
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 Anointing	For bookings contact the Parish Office at 6294 0624 Make an appointment with a priest before planned admission to hospital.
Holy Communion for the Homebound	Register with the Parish Office. <i>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.</i> <i>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.</i>

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

3rd SESSION

8th 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 SACRE*

Talks @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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

"WHO IS JESUS?"

Third session on 8th 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



2018 Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter Schedule



Palm Sunday : Sunset Masses at 6.00pm and 7.30pm (English)
Sunday Mass : 7:30am, 11:30am & 1.00pm (English)
9.00am & 6.00pm (Tamil) - Both Masses half an hour earlier than usual

March 29 - Holy Thursday: Mass at 8:00pm Only (Bilingual - English & Tamil).
No 12.30pm & 6.30pm Mass

March 30 - Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at 2.30pm followed by Service at 3:00pm (English). Service at 6:00pm (Tamil) followed by Stations of the Cross

March 31 - Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil at 8:00pm (English). Tamil Mass at 11.30pm

April 1 - Easter Sunday: English Masses at 7:30am, 11:30am & 1.00pm.
Tamil Masses at 9:30am & 6.30pm