

Choice Weekend

It takes that 1 weekend to inspire you for the rest of your life. Come away for a Choice Weekend - it is by the choices we make that we define what our life is all about.

Date: 27 - 29 Apr 2018 (Friday evening to Sunday evening)

Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368

Enquiries: Hillary (9790 0537) or Francesca (9710 9680)

Register & Info: http://www.choice.org.sg/?page_id=8

Retrouvaille – A Lifeline for Troubled & Hurting Marriages

1. Has your marriage become unloving and uncaring?
2. Has your marriage grown cold and distant?
3. Has there been little or no meaningful communication between the two of you?
4. Do you feel disappointed or even despair thinking about your marriage?

A Retrouvaille weekend can help you.

Weekend date: 27 - 29 April 2018

For confidential enquiry, Tel: 6522 8750

Online registration: www.helpourmarriage.sg

food for thought

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.



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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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Jesus | Trust in You!



Sunday Readings

First reading Acts 4:32-35
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 117:2-4,15-18,22-24
 Second reading 1 John 5:1-6
 Gospel John 20:19-31

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.



Church Cleaning

Date : Sunday, 15th April 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.



SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$4904.80. The amount given to fins (friends in need) was \$5740.00 . Thank you for your generous donation.

Charities Week 2018

The season of Lent is the time when the Church conducts its annual Archdiocesan fundraising campaign – Charities Week 2018. Your donation will provide much needed funding to support our Catholic Charities and Agape Village, a project of Caritas Singapore, to serve over 50,000 beneficiaries in need such as the poor, families, youth and children, prisoners, migrant workers, and persons living with HIV / AIDS. Please pick up an appeal envelope and give generously. Your donation will enjoy a tax deduction of 250 percent.

GIFT

Next weekend, 14/15 April, being the 3rd weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges and contributions for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign. Contributions to GIFT will help others encounter the love of Christ through numerous archdiocesan organisations and building projects of the archdiocese. More info is available at gift.catholicfoundation.sg.

PIMBY KAMPONG BAHRU is back! CANA invites you to spend the afternoon of Sunday April 22nd listening to stories of the faith and fortitude of our forefathers and foremothers in the vicinity of Kampong Bahru. We will take you on a walk through St Teresa's Church with stories that will haunt and inspire and deepen appreciation of our faith - stories of this beacon on top the hill that was Light for all who sought solace. We will also visit the Carmelite Monastery and tell you more stories. Date: Sunday 22 April 2018 Time: 2.00 -5.30 pm Meet at canteen of St Teresa's Church. Registration: email canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com or call 63384080

“**CHARIS** Mission Trip – Join us in building Water filtration Systems for the people of Philippines. From 12 May – 18 May 2018, \$870 per pax. T&C apply. Limited spaces on a first come first served basis. For more information, contact Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives Singapore (CHARIS), Gabriel Lee at gabriel@charis-singapore.org or Tel: 6337-4119. Website www.charis-singapore.org”

ACCIRD Interreligious Panel & Discussion on "Birth" on 10 Apr (Tue), 7.15pm-9.30pm, Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Annex Building Level 3. Rabbi Fettmann (Chesed El Synagogue), Ms Suhailah (Muis) and Sr Maria Lau, IJ will share about the meaning and significance of birth and religious initiation into their respective religions as well as the attendant rituals, rites and customs. Register name, parish/organisation and contact number by 9 Apr at gerald.accird@catholic.org.sg