

Apostolate for Catholic Truth (ACT)

1. Exorcism, Deliverance & Demons, Fr James Yeo, 5 May 2018
 2. Explaining Purgatory, Statues, etc, Kelvin Chia, 12 May 2018
 3. The Truth behind the Crusades, the Inquisition & Galileo, Nick Chui, 19 May 2018
 4. The Holy Face of Jesus Christ, Andrew Kong, 26 May 2018
- Time: 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm Venue: Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, 02-01, S 187954 (Except Talk 1 (Exorcism ...) which will be at Good Shepherd Place, 9 Lor 8 Toa Payoh, S319253 FREE, All are Welcome. Details and Registration at www.catholic.sg/act SMS 96493893 for enquiries (Andrew)

JC/NS Day of Reflection

Are you a JC/NS student or serving National Service? You are not alone in your faith walk nor in your life's journey. Come join fellow Catholics for a day of reflection on 5th May at the Office for Young People. Make time to pray, listen to sharings, relax and have good conversations. Discover how we can encourage one another to keep the flame of our faith alive amidst the stresses and pressures of life. Date & Time: 5th May 2018, from 10am – 6pm (lunch is provided). Venue: Office for Young People, 2 Lorong Low Koon, SG 536449 Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/JCNSDOR2018>.

food for thought

Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.



Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to

be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Sunday Readings

First reading Acts 9:26-31
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 21:26-28,30-32
 Second reading 1 John 3:18-24
 Gospel John 15:1-8

Mass Schedule @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekdays (English)	12:30pm & 6:30pm
Saturday (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)	7.00pm
	- Sacred Heart Devotion (Friday)	7.00pm
	- Divine Mercy (Tuesday)	5:45pm
	- Legion of Mary (Tuesdays)	7:30pm
	- Infant Jesus (Thursday)	5:45pm
	- Charismatic (Every Friday)	7.45pm
	- Divine Mercy (Every Saturday)	3.00pm
	- 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.

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

Come and join us starting the 21st of April 2018, every Saturday at 3pm!

"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory."



Public
Holiday

Public Holiday Mass Times

Date : Tuesday, 1st May 2018
 Time : 9.00am in English
 Rosary will commence at 8.25am
 10.00am in Tamil

***Parish office will be closed.**

***Main Entrance Gates will be closed at 12 noon.**



The Ascension of the Lord Day of Obligation

Mass times as follows:

Wednesday 9th May 2018 Sunset Mass - 6.30pm (English)
 - 8.00pm (Tamil)

Thursday 10th May 2018 - 12.30pm, 6:30pm & 8.00pm. All in English no Tamil Mass.



Holy Hour

A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory. (St. Padre Pio)

Come and spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday of the Month.

4th May 2018 @ 7pm AFTER 6.30pm Mass.



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.

CANA invites you to "Perfect Joy... is there ever?" - Fr John-Paul Tan, OFM explores what St. Francis of Assisi meant by PERFECT JOY and if it is possible to live it in our world today. Join us! Thursday, May 17, 2018 @ 7.30pm. Venue: 3rd Floor Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street. Registration: Call - 63384080 or Email - canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com(Contribution: Love Offering)

Caritas Singapore – Social Mission Conference 2018

This will be held on Saturday, 21 July 2018 at the Catholic Junior College (Performing Arts Centre). The theme of the conference is "Whole of Me, All of Us, One in Christ".

This conference aims to look at the social teaching of integral human development – where the whole person is developed (i.e. physical, emotional, cognitive and spiritual) and all persons are included in the development of our society. The keynote speaker is His Eminence, Peter Kodwo Appiah Cardinal Turkson, Prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development. For more information and registration, pick up a brochure from your parish or register at www.caritas-singapore.org/smc2018