

### 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](http://www.catholic.sg/act) SMS 96493893 for enquiries (Andrew)

### Caritas Singapore Young Adults Event – Fully Alive in God’s Love

A social mission event for young adults (aged 18 to 35 years) to discern their own personal mission and get to know more about what our Church is doing to help those in need. This will be held on 2 June 2018 (Sat), 10a.m. to 5.00p.m. at Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264. The main speaker is Rev Fr Christopher Soh, S.J. For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: [www.caritas-singapore.org/fully-alive-youngadults-event/](http://www.caritas-singapore.org/fully-alive-youngadults-event/) or email to [youngadults@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:youngadults@caritas-singapore.org)

### food for thought *Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.*

Today’s Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today’s reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John’s intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today’s Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or gnosis, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today’s Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John’s Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude. Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week’s, is part of Jesus’ Last Supper discourse. In the context of John’s Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus’ Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

## Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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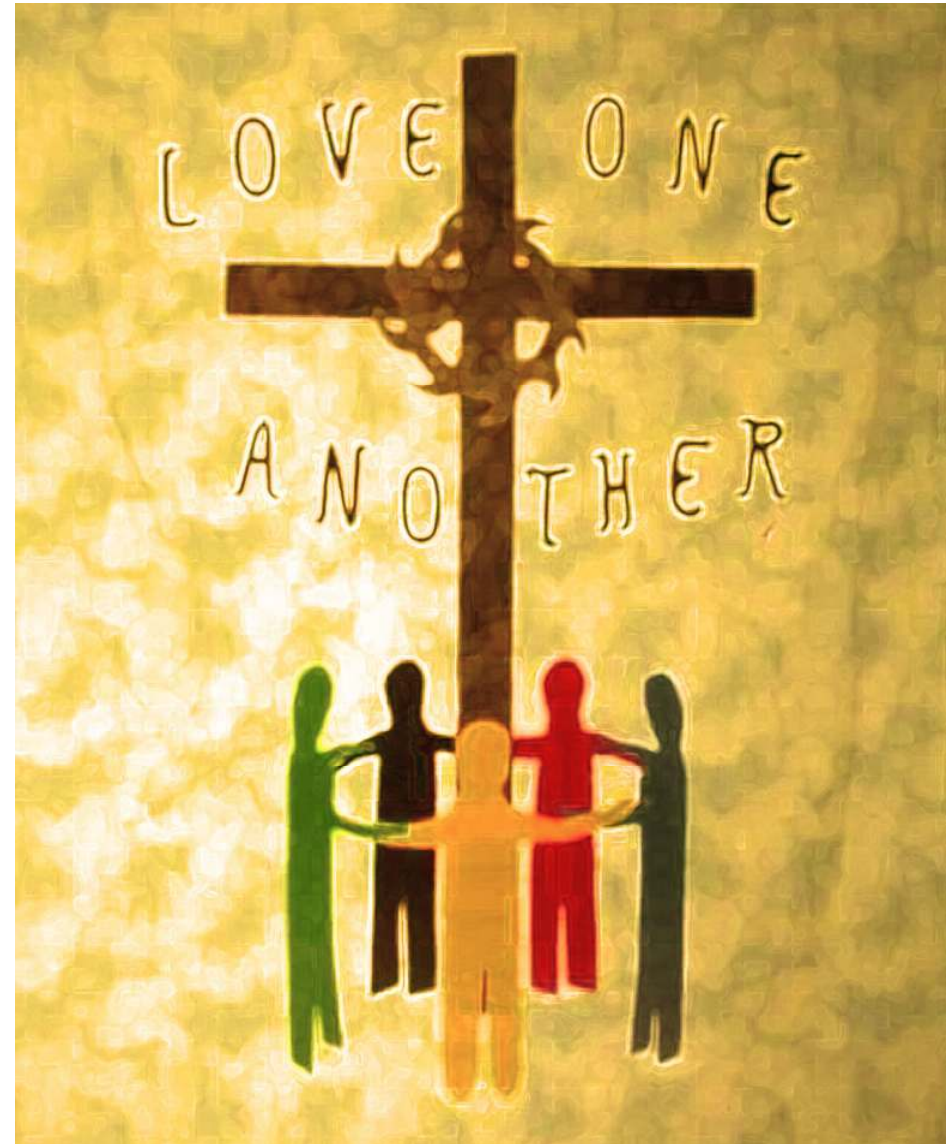
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6 MAY 2018

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## Sunday Readings

First reading Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48  
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 97(98):1-4  
 Second reading 1 John 4:7-10  
 Gospel John 15:9-17

## 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

<b>English</b>	- 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 (Friday)	7.45pm
	- Divine Mercy (Saturday)	3.00pm
	- Legion of Mary (Sundays)	9.45am
<b>Tamil</b>	- 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
<b>Indonesian</b>	- Karismatik Katolik Indonesia Holy Spirit (Thursday)	1.00pm
	KKIHS Youth Group (2nd & 4th Friday)	7.30pm
	Mass in Indonesian (1st Sunday)	3.30pm
<b>Filipino</b>	- 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** 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

Every Saturday at 3pm!

*"My daughter, have fear of nothing; I am always with you. All your adversaries will harm you only to the degree that I permit them to do so. You are my dwelling place and my constant repose. For your sake I will withhold the hand which punishes; for your sake I bless the earth."* (No. 431)

## 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.



## 2nd Collection This Weekend

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

## Open Workshop: Take Control. A Guide to understanding Anxiety

Date: 23 June 2018 Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm

Venue: Agape Village, 7A Lor 8 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264. Multi-purpose room level

Fees: \$15. Light refreshments provided

Target Audience: Individuals who may be suffering from anxiety and would like to know more about anxiety and how to seek help.

## WORKING WITH OUR DREAMS

June 22, 8 pm to June 24, 1 pm @ LifeSprings Spirituality Centre

This weekend programme helps us with our dreams, to understand their symbolic language, listen to and experience them as a way in which the Divine can speak to us. Participants are to bring a significant dream to work on. By: Sr Linda Lizada, rc and Cenacle Mission Team For enquiries and registration: E: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com; T: 65652895 or 9722-3148; www.cenaclemission.com

## Jesus Mary Rally 2018

Dates: 26 May 2018 Time: 1pm - 4pm Venue: Cathedral of the Good Shepherd

Organised by: Legion of Mary and Office for the New Evangelisation. All are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through Mary, the first disciple!

Programme includes Praise & worship by Jesus Youth, Eucharistic Adoration, and preaching by Fr Luke Fong. Come and discover how God can carry out His mighty works through you as He did with Mary, our Mother.

## 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