

Archdiocesan Catholic Council for Interreligious Dialogue (ACCIRD)

Interreligious Panel on "Marriage" on 17 July (Tue), 7.30pm-9.30pm,
Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Annex Building Level 3.

Rabbi Mordechai Abergel (Chief Rabbi of Singapore), Ustaz Zuhilmi Mohamed (Mosque Manager, An-Nahdhah Mosque) and Ms Michelle Voo (Member, ACCIRD) will share on the meaning and significance of marriage as per their faith traditions as well as the attendant rituals, rites and customs.

Register name, parish/organisation and handphone number latest by 15 July at gerald.accird@catholic.org.sg

Understanding Labour, Birth and Postnatal Self-Care.

Date: 14 Jul (Sat), 10am to 12.30pm

Venue: Agape Village (7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh S 319264)

Come be an empowered-parent! Gain insights and tips from childbirth educators, counsellors, psychologist and from experienced mothers as they share their parenthood journeys.

To register/for more info, email agapevillage@caritas-singapore.org or call 6801 7400 (10am-6pm, Mon-Fri)

food for thought

Jesus is rejected in his hometown.

This Gospel immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples.

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words brother and sister were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

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14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading	Ezekiel 2:2-5
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 122
Second reading	2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Gospel	Mark 6:1-6

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 (Friday)	7.45pm
	- Divine Mercy (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
Indonesian	- All Night Vigil (2nd Saturday)	9.30pm to 5.30am
	- Karismatik Katolik Indonesia Holy Spirit (Thursday)	2.30pm
	- KKIHS Youth Group (2nd & 4th Friday)	7.30pm
Filipino	- Mass in Indonesian (1st Sunday)	3.30pm
	- 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Theme: "I am the Handmaid of the Lord"

We have begun a new RCIA process on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. We welcome
 - Non Catholics to find out more about our faith
 - Baptised Catholics to be part of our team as a sponsor: - to journey together with the inquirers. If you are interested please register via email at ololsec@gmail.com or at the parish office.



Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

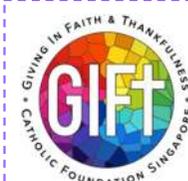


"When you go to confession, to this fountain of My Mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul..." (1602).

Come and pray with us on every Tuesday at 5:45pm and on every Saturday at 3:00pm, the Hour of Mercy and Great Grace, in the main worship hall of the Church. Bring your prayer petitions!

SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$4064.00. Thank you for your generous donation. The amount given to fins (friends in need) was \$7410.00.



GIFT

Next weekend 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.



Church Cleaning

Date : Sunday, 15th July 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.



Concert to Celebrate The feast of Transfiguration (6th August) & The Assumption of Mary (15th August)

Prayerful reflections by Monsignor Philip Heng, S.J. Musical presentation by Vita Voxa (Voice of Life) from Indonesia
 Date: Saturday, 4th August 2018 Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm
 Venue: Cathedral of the Good Shepherd
ALL ARE WELCOME! Free Admission – a love offering will be appreciated
 An initiative of the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, in support of the GIFT (Giving in Faith and Thankfulness) campaign to help build a more vibrant, missionary and evangelistic church in Singapore. Details: <http://gift.catholicfoundation.sg/give>