

**PIETA** is a support group for bereaved parents. We come together as bereaved parents - in prayer, in WORD and in faith. The session, run by bereaved parents, meets monthly to pray, reflect and break open the WORD OF GOD. We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to unite with us in faith. Our monthly session is on every 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8, and the next one would be held on Tue 24 Jul 2018.

Our contact details are email: [pieta.singapore@gmail.com](mailto:pieta.singapore@gmail.com) and we can also be found on facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

**CANA invites you to Faith + Film - THE CASE FOR CHRIST**

The true story of how investigative journalist Lee Strobel, legal editor at the Chicago Tribune, takes on the challenge of examining the historical evidence surrounding Jesus.

Is there a rock-solid case for Christ's existence, crucifixion and resurrection - or not?

The screening will be followed by a brief sharing session. Bring your friends and family for a film outing to gain insights and deepen your faith.

Dates: 21, 28 July and 4 August 2018. Time: 2-4 pm. Venue: Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, 2nd floor Register at [info@canafilmfest.com](mailto:info@canafilmfest.com) or call 63384080.

[www.canafilmfest.com](http://www.canafilmfest.com)/[www.facebook.com/CanaFilmFestivalSG](http://www.facebook.com/CanaFilmFestivalSG)

**food for thought**

*Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance.*



This week's Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark's Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod's fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God.

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word apostle means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel.

Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

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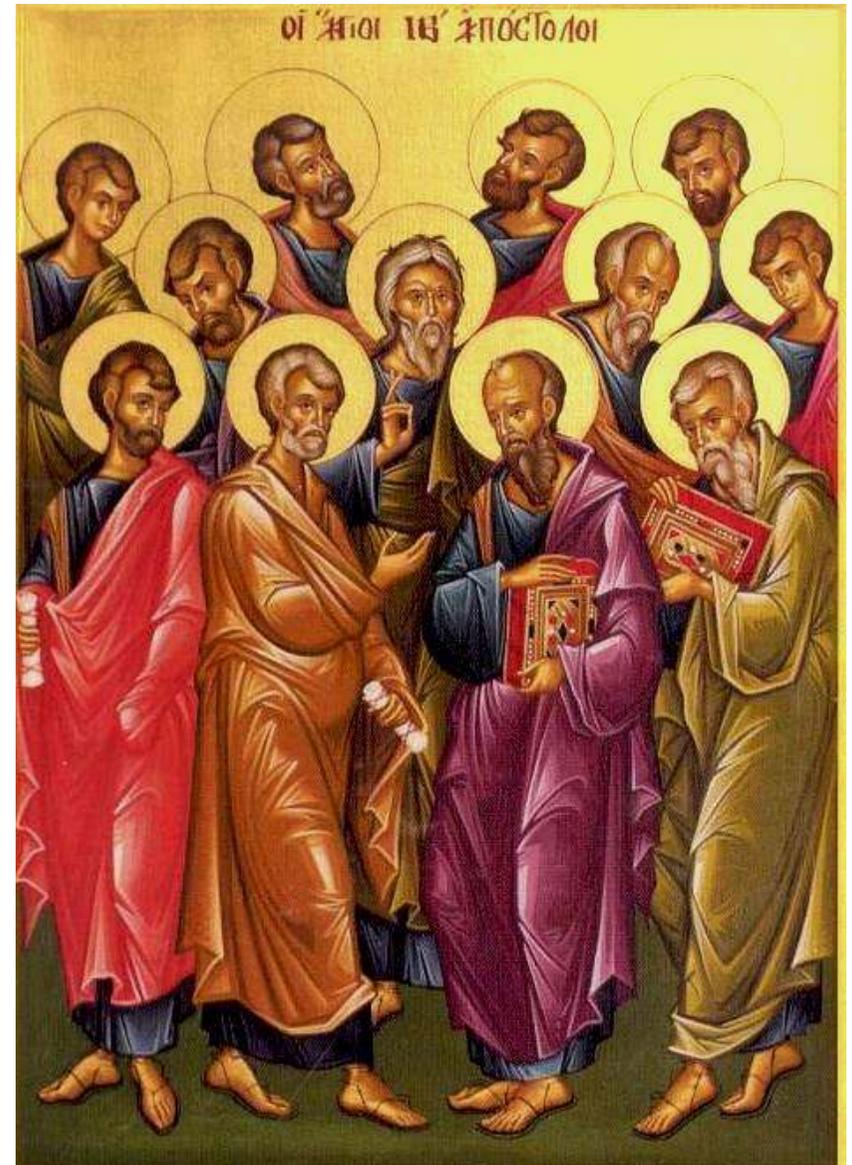
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15 JUL 2018

15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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## Sunday Readings

First reading	Amos 7:12-15
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 84:9-14
Second reading	Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel	Mark 6:7-13

## 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)	2.30pm
	- 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.*



## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

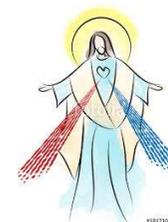
Theme: "I am the Handmaid of the Lord"

**RCTA**  
**Rite of Catholic Confirmation Initiation of Adults**

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](mailto:ololsec@gmail.com) or at the parish office.

## Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (699).  
 "My Jesus, make my heart like unto Your merciful Heart. Jesus help me go through life doing good to everyone." (692).



**Come and pray with us every Tuesday at 5:45pm (Divine Mercy in Tamil on Fridays 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!**



## 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.



## GIFT

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign. GIRO forms, cheques or cash can be sealed into GIFT envelopes and dropped into the collection bags that will go around. Spare GIFT envelopes are available in the church pews, and at the parish office. Please give generously for the vision of the archdiocese. More info is available at [gift.catholicfoundation.sg](http://gift.catholicfoundation.sg). **Learn about the Clergy Welfare and Retirement fund under GIFT. This month's update video shows the need for such a fund to give priests who have given of their lives a dignified retirement.**



## Maryvale Certificate in Catechesis (MCC)

The MCC course is a 2-year distance learning programme for anyone interested in developing his or her own faith for the sake of explaining it to others. It is jointly offered by Maryvale Institute, UK, and the Office For Catechesis. 2018 Intake Commencement: 10 November 2018. Application closing date: 31 July 2018. If interested or for more info please email to [michele@catechesis.org.sg](mailto:michele@catechesis.org.sg)

## 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>