

BE SHEPHERDS IN THE MARKETPLACE

Catholic Business Network presents AN EVENING WITH PROF TAN CHENG HAN SC, who shares his faith journey. Thursday 2 August, 7pm-9pm at Lecture Theatre 1, St Joseph's Institution, 38 Malcolm Road Singapore 308274. Free, Love offering appreciated. Light dinner from 7pm. Registration and enquiries: celine@cbn.sg or 9858 4782

Faith in the City 2018

What is 'faith' from the Christian perspective? What do we mean when we say we have 'faith'? You're invited to a day of meaningful conversations, and witness the Word of God take shape before you through a form of visual art. You can also bring your non-Catholic friends and family members to this event to experience art from a faith perspective.

When: 25 August 2018 Time: 2pm - 4pm Where: The Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954. Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation. For more info and to register: www.one.org.sg/events.

ART AND SOUL: A WAY TO GOD THROUGH ART

24 Aug, 8 pm - 26 Aug, 1 pm @ Montfort Centre

This weekend retreat invites us to see that art is not separate from life and in experiencing their own and others' creativity, they will learn to 'find God in all things.' This is not an art workshop. Non-artists are most welcome. By Cenacle Sisters and Ms. Joanna Tan (Art Therapist) For registration, please go to www.cenaclemission.com or email cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com

food for thought *Jesus feeds the crowd of more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish.*

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus' action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul's Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.



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29 JUL 2018

17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading	2 Kings 4:42-44
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 144:10-11,15-18
Second reading	Ephesians 4:1-6
Gospel	John 6:1-15

Mass Schedule @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekdays (English)	12:30pm and 6:30pm
Saturday (Sunset - English)	6:00pm and 7:30pm
Sunday (English)	7:30am, 11:30am and 1.00pm
Sunday (Tamil)	9:30am and 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 and 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 and 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 and 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 7pm on Friday** 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 restoration of Our Lady of Lourdes parish will begin in April 2019. Cheque donations can be made in favour of 'Church of Our Lady of Lourdes' with 'Building Fund' written on the back.**

Holy Hour

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." - St. Alphonsus Liguori

"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host"
- Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

**Come and spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday of the Month.
3rd August 2018 @ 7pm AFTER 6.30pm Mass.**



THE BEST TIME YOU WILL SPEND ON EARTH.



Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"Tell all people, ... that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls." (1074)

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!

Fr. Michael Sitaram will be leaving for a short break from the 1st of August onwards.



National Day Celebrations

Public Holiday Mass Times
Date : Thursday, 9th August 2018
Time : 9.00am in English
10.00am in Tamil

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

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Day of Obligation

Sunset Mass - Tuesday, 14th August 2018
Time : 6:30pm (English) & 8:00pm (English)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Wednesday, 15th August 2018
Time : 12:30pm & 6:30pm (English)
& 8:00pm (Tamil)



The Feast of Our Lady of Good Health Vailankanni 2018 @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass in English on 8th of September 2018 at 6pm and 9th of September 2018 at 11.30am.
High Mass in Tamil on 9th of September 2018 at 6pm followed by Our Lady of Vailankanni procession with Rosary recitation and special blessing.

We welcome all donations, contributions and offerings for the Feast day. Please contact the parish office for more details.

