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*The Lord will turn away from
you every illness
Deuteronomy 7:15*

Praise & Worship | Mass | Preaching the Word of God | Adoration

**7.30 PM TUESDAY
21 AUGUST 2018**

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES
ALL ARE WELCOME**

food for thought *Jesus responds to the murmurs of the crowd, who wonders what he means when he says that he came down from heaven.*

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the “Bread of Life discourse” found in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. Recall that we have been reading from this chapter for the past two weeks and will continue to read from it for another two. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God. At this point, our Lectionary omits six verses in which Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops his connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father’s will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Some of these themes are repeated in today’s Gospel reading.

Today’s Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus’ claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John’s Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today’s reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week’s Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.



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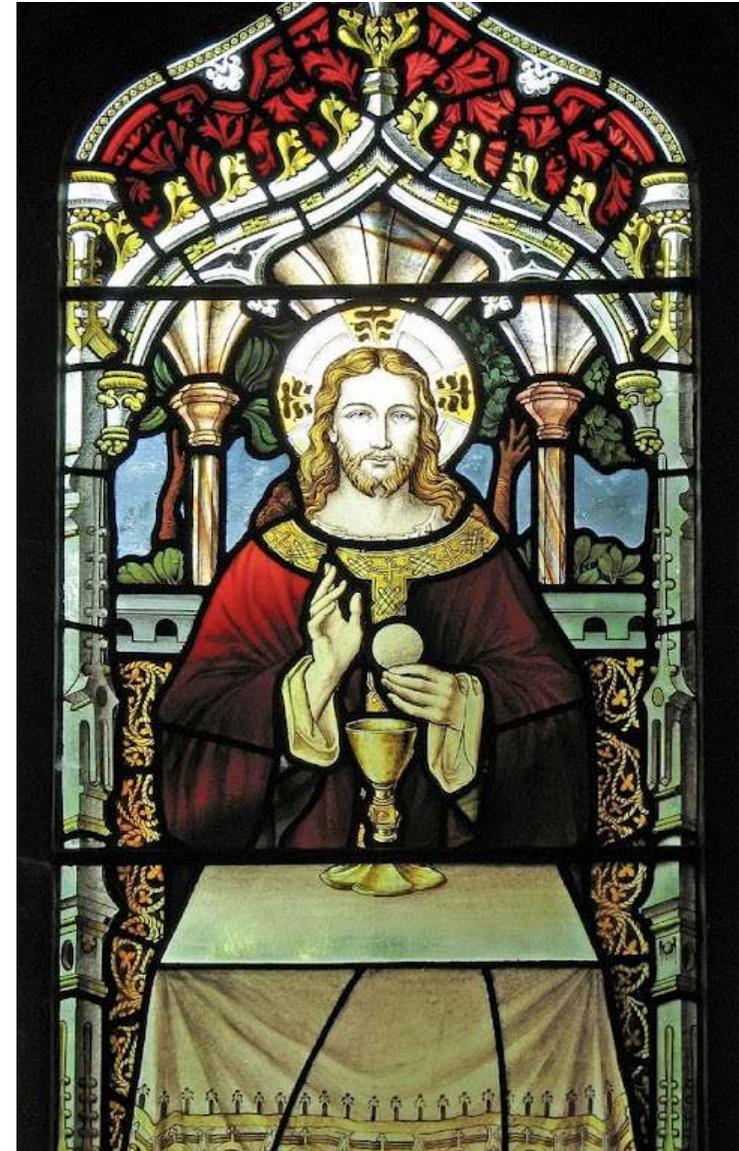
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19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second reading
Gospel

1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 33:2-9
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51

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. Please give generously!



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.



Public Holiday Mass Times

Date : Wednesday, 22nd 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.**



SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$4390.35. The amount given to fins (friends in need) was \$7150.00. Thank you for your generous donation.



Church Cleaning

Date : Sunday, 19th August 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

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.

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"My spirit is with God, and my interior being is filled with God, so I do not look for Him outside myself. He, the Lord, penetrates my soul just as a ray from the sun penetrates a clear glass. ... it is the fullness of reality and the consciousness of union". (883)

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!