

### Migrant Sunday

The Archdiocese of Singapore will be celebrating our annual Migrant Sunday Mass with His Grace, Archbishop William Goh on the 23rd of September 2018 at 11 am at Church of the Transfiguration. This is a Eucharistic celebration of the universal diversity of our Catholic community. As one Church, we pray for the situation faced by migrants locally and abroad, regardless of their nationality or economic status (foreign workers or expatriate).



**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 25 Sep 2018. Email: [pieta.singapore@gmail.com](mailto:pieta.singapore@gmail.com) and facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>



### Half-day Retreat for Married Couples - "Making Christ present in the family"

Need some time away to pray with the Word of God? Join us for a quiet and spirit-provoking afternoon of prayer with the Verbum Dei Missionaries on Sun, 30 Sep 18, 3.15pm to 6.00pm. To register, SMS or WhatsApp Mark at @ 94870999.

CANA invites you to ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND SULTAN AL-KAMIL: Two men of Peace. When Francis met the Sultan, it was a meeting of two very different individuals, yet ..... Join us on another Franciscan adventure with Fr John-Paul Tan OFM as we discover the friendship between the Sultan and the Saint. Date: Thursday 20 September 2018. Time: 7.30 pm Venue: Cana The Catholic Centre. Love offering. Registration: [canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com](mailto:canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com) or call 63384080

### food for thought *Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.*

Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being."

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

## Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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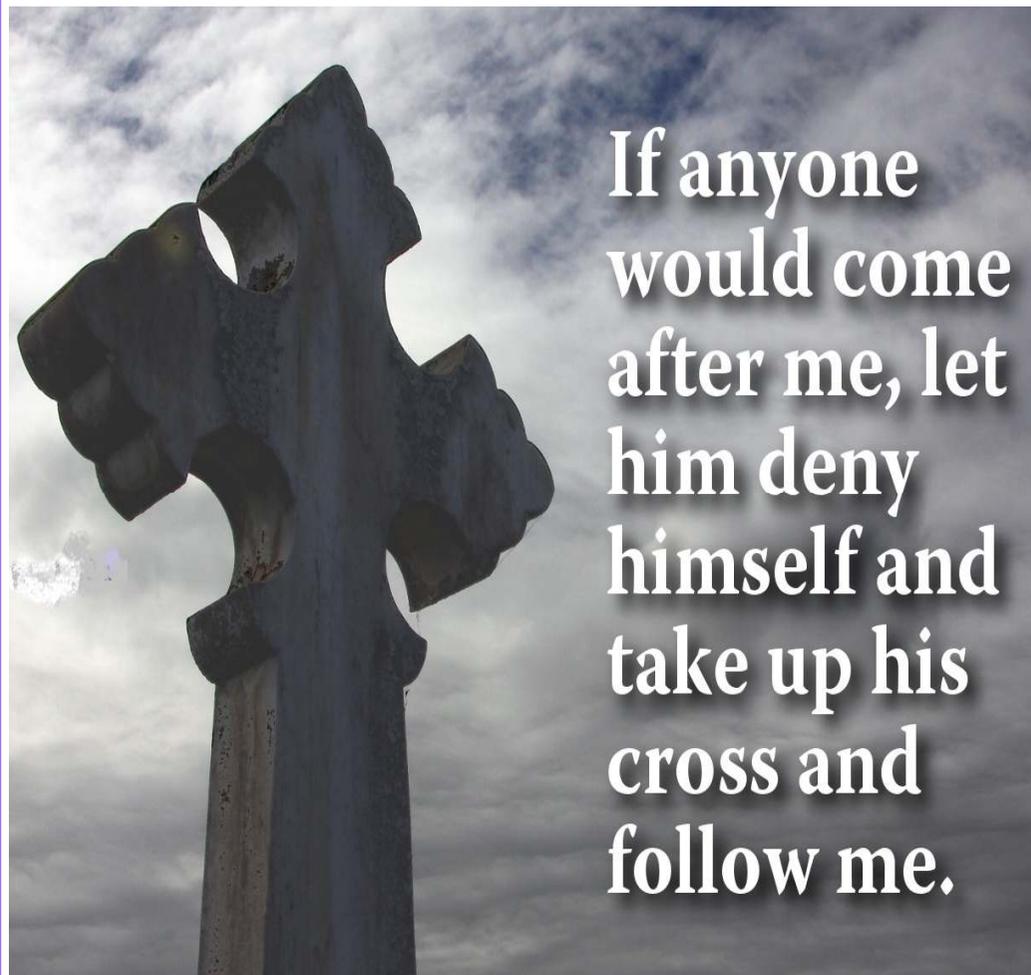
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16 SEP 2018

24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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If anyone  
would come  
after me, let  
him deny  
himself and  
take up his  
cross and  
follow me.



### Sunday Readings

First reading      Isaiah 50:5-9  
 Responsorial Psalm      Psalm 114:1-6,8-9  
 Second reading      James 2:14-18  
 Gospel      Mark 8:27-35

### 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)      5:15pm
- Rosary Recitation (Weekdays)      11.55am
- Monday and Wednesday      5.55pm (Sunday @ 10.55am)
- Holy Hour with Benediction (1st Friday)      7.00pm
- Sacred Heart Devotion (Friday)      7.00pm

**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).

- 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

### 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.

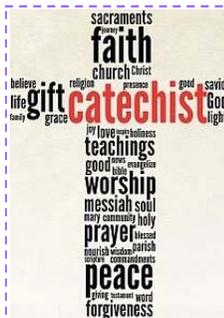
**Lourdes Prayer Hall** For bookings contact the Parish Office at 6294 0624

**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!**

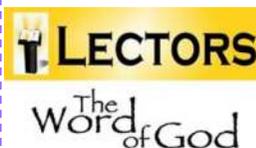


### Recruitment of Catechists

Catechesis is not just about sacramental preparation for Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation; it is part of an initiation into the entire Christian life, which culminates with initiation for community and mission. (General Directory for Catechesis #67)  
 The role of the catechist and facilitator then is as a 'steward of the mystery' (1 Cor 4:1), facilitating the candidate's encounter with Jesus and His Church as there is "only one Teacher, the Christ." (Mt 23:10). The catechist's goal always is to set hearts aflame for Christ. If you are interested to become a catechist, please contact Lucy Netto at 97876009 or email [lucynetto@gmail.com](mailto:lucynetto@gmail.com) on or before 31 October 2018.



### Call for Ministers of the Word/Lectors



We as a faith community have a sacred mission to proclaim the Word of God at Eucharist celebrations. Humbly accepting this ministry can deepen your own faith as you enrich the faith of others. Training will be provided for new lectors. If you would like to answer God's call to serve in this way please contact the Parish Office or email Helen Chandran at [helenrc24@yahoo.com](mailto:helenrc24@yahoo.com) or Lucy Netto at [lucynetto@gmail.com](mailto:lucynetto@gmail.com).

### Christian Life Program (CLP) - Couples for Christ @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

The CLP is an integrated course intended to lead the program participants into a renewed understanding of God's call to them as Christian couples or individuals. Topics covered will include areas such as basic truths of Christianity, living authentic and Spirit filled Christian life. **This 10 session program will begin on the 14th of September 2018 from 7pm to 10pm. Annex Building (above St. Bernadette's Hall) Level 3 Room 3.5.** Light dinner will be served. For more information and registration, call Bro Jun Frias at 9388 4473 or Sis Rina Frias at 9338 4103, All over the age of 21 are welcome!



**Church Cleaning**  
 Date : Sunday, 16th September 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.



### St Mary's Choir

The choir is currently recruiting new members to sing for the 6 pm Saturday sunset Mass. They sing on the first and fifth Saturday of the month. If you have a calling to sing for the Lord, you may call Susan Bong at 96559647 or Laurentia Roch at 98638231.

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### Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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!