

ACCIRD Abrahamic Faiths Interreligious Panel on "Death" 4 Oct (Thu), 7.30pm-9.30pm, Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Annex Building Level 3. Rabbi Mordechai Abergel (Chief Rabbi of Singapore), Ustazah Lina Salim (Docent, Harmony Centre, Muis) and Sr Theresa Seow, FDCC (Vice Chairperson, ACCIRD) will speak about the meaning and significance of "death" in their respective religions as well as the attendant rituals, rites and customs. Register name, parish/organisation and contact number by 1 Oct at gerald.accird@catholic.org.sg

Caritas Singapore Young Adults Building the Kingdom Workshop –The Spirituality of Recreation

A formation workshop for young adults (aged 18 to 35 years) on the social teachings on rest and recreation. This will be held on 10 November 2018 (Sat), 5p.m to 9p.m. at Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264. The main speaker is Rev Fr David Garcia, OP. For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore.org or email to youngadults@caritas-singapore.org

CANA invites you to **LIGHT and HOPE - The Music of Fr Ricky Manalo CSP (Spirit and Grace) and Janét Sullivan Whitaker (In Every Age)**. Church of Divine Mercy - 19 October 2018 7.45 pm and Church of St Ignatius - 20 October 2018 7.45 pm. Tickets \$25 available at Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, 2nd Floor. Reservation: canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com or call 63384080

Bookings for Weddings in the Catholic Church

As of this announcement, dating couples intending to enter into marriage in the Catholic Church will be required to book the date of the Church wedding in advance. The booking will be confirmed upon the couple signing the acknowledgment of the necessary requirements that the priest will explain to them.

food for thought

Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.



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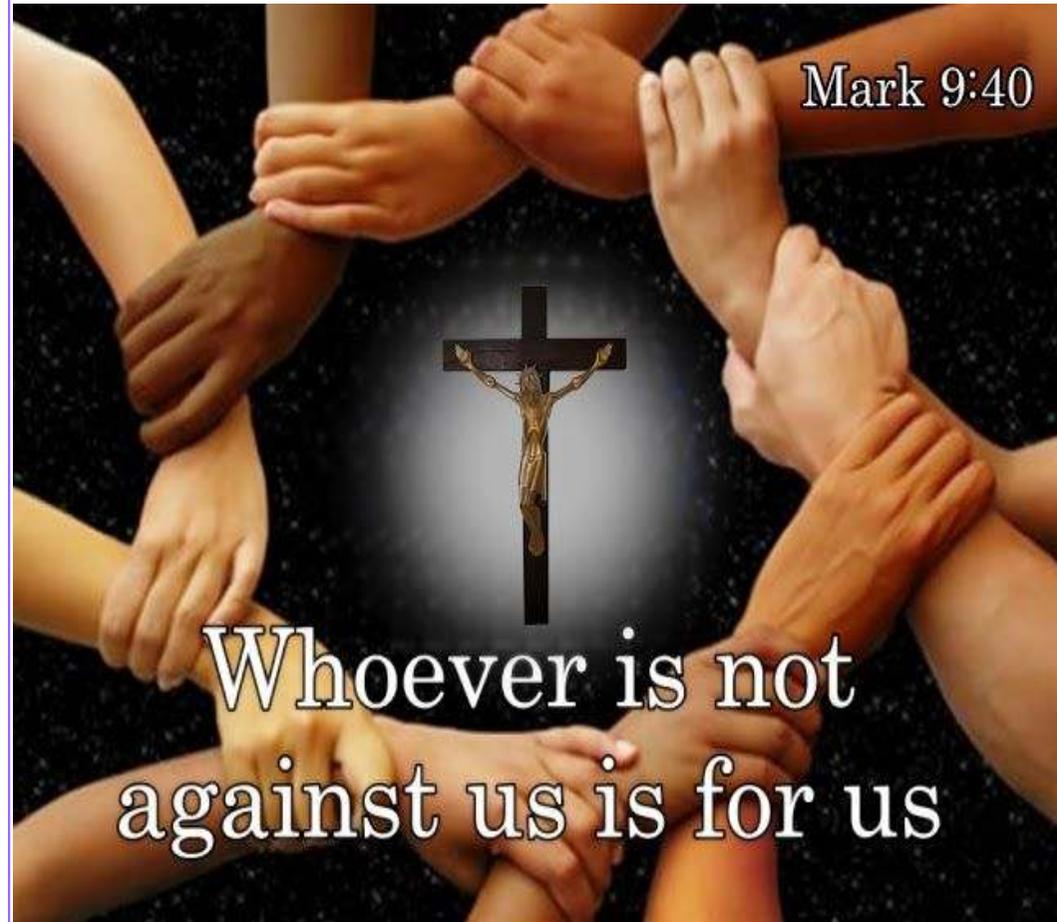
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26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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Whoever is not against us is for us



Sunday Readings

First reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second reading
Gospel

Numbers 11:25-29
Psalm 18:8,10,12-14
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

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



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 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 or Lucy Netto at lucynetto@gmail.com.



LECTORS

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



COUPLES FOR CHRIST

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. **Next session on 5th of October 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!

Holy Hour

"During a Holy Hour our Lord gives us the courage to cope with our natural fears, the ability to undertake great things for the sake of His name, and the power to undergo great trials." - Fr. Hardon
"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." - St. Padre Pio
"Our hours of adoration will be special hours of reparation for sins, and intercession for the needs of the whole world, exposing the sin-sick and suffering humanity to the healing, sustaining and transforming rays of Jesus, radiating from the Eucharist. - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Come and spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday of the Month. 5th October 2018 @ 7pm AFTER 6.30pm Mass.



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.

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"Eternal life must begin already here on earth through Holy Communion. Each Holy Communion makes you more capable of communing with God throughout eternity". (Diary, 1811)
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!