

PIETA Memorial Mass for Children who have died. Thursday 8th Nov 2018 at 8pm at Cathedral of the Good Shepherd @ Queen Street. We come together as bereaved families to remember our children who have died, no matter how recently or long ago, including unborn and adult children. The mass will be celebrated by Msgr Philip Heng SJ, Rector of the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. If you would like to include the name of your child in this mass, please REGISTER by giving us your name and contact details before 21st Oct 2018 via email or facebook. Email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/pg/PietaSingapore/events

COME ALIVE: A WEEKEND RETREAT Pray with the songs from the movie, "The Greatest Showman". Discover who you are and discern God's dream for you. Where are you fully alive, and what keeps you from being fully alive? Presented at Montfort Centre. 7 – 9 December. Closing date: 23 November. Contribution: \$330 (Single) \$250 (Twin). Registration: 96311943

Mercy and Marriage in the Teaching of Pope Francis and John Paul II

Critics of Pope Francis have pointed out that his teaching on mercy in his apostolic exhortation "amoris laetitia" seems to contradict what John Paul 2 has taught on the moral life. Join us to explore this important issue of the church's teaching on marriage and family. Speaker: Andrew Kong Date: Tuesday 16 October Time: 7.30pm-9pm Venue: CANA the Catholic Centre (55 Waterloo Street #02-01) Enquires and registration at [theology. sg@gmail.com](mailto:theology_sg@gmail.com) or call Nick at 97843682.

food for thought

Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

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7 OCT 2018

27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading
 Responsorial Psalm
 Second reading
 Gospel

Genesis 2:18-24
 Psalm 127
 Hebrews 2:9-11
 Mark 10:2-16

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!



CATECHIST WANTED!

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.

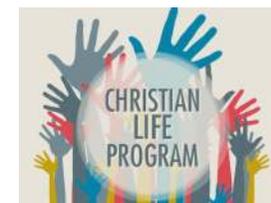
Christian Life Program (CLP) - Couples for Christ @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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.

Details for the next session are as follows.
Date: Friday, 12 October 2018 Time: 7:00pm - 10:30pm

Venue: Room #3-5, Annex Building
Title of 1st Talk: The Christian Ideal: Loving God
Title of 2nd Talk: Loving Your Neighbour

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!



Choir Recruitment

Always wanted to sing? Mystical Rose Choir which sings for the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, is looking to grow the number of members for their choir. All are welcome! Please contact either Romeo 9165 5958 or Alex 8622 7758.



Church Cleaning
 Date : Sunday, 21st October 2018
 Time : 2.30pm
 Church will be closed for cleaning from 2.30pm to 4.00pm
 All are welcome to help!



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.



2nd Collection This Weekend

2nd Collection taken during Masses this weekend will be for the poor of St Vincent de Paul Society.
 Thank you for your kind donation.