

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a booklet of reflections for the season of Advent to Christmas in English, Mandarin and Tamil. *The Advent theme is "Watching & Active Waiting in Communion" and Christmas theme is 'Celebrating in Communion'.* Please take a copy of the booklet for your household. It will also be made available online at: <http://bit.ly/one-advent-2018>

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who have united in faith to seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope. 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 27 November 2018. Our contact details are email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com. Facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

BOOK OF PSALMS BY FR FERDINAND PURNOMO OCD

Time: 9.30am-11.30am (Tues) Jan 22 to May 28 2019 Venue: 2 Highland Road, #03-17 CAEC Building, S549102. Organised by Archdiocesan Biblical Apostolate Info and registration: <https://goo.gl/forms/ooXUGzFcXAD5gpG63>. Email: aba_secretariat@catholic.org.sg Tel: 62800354 Office: Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm

food for thought *Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.*

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.



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Sunday Readings

First reading	Daniel 12:1-3
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 15:5,8-11
Second reading	Hebrews 10:11-14,18
Gospel	Mark 13:24-32

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!

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, 23 November 2018 Time: 7:00pm - 10:30pm

Topics: Transformation in Christ & Dedication

Venue: Room #3-5, Annex Building

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, 18th November 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.



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.



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.

Advent Penitential Service For City District

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes
9 Dec Sun 8.45am & 5.30pm (both in Tamil)
11 Dec Tue Our Lady of Lourdes 8pm (English)

10 Dec Mon	Sts. Peter & Paul 8pm
12 Dec Wed	St Teresa's 8pm
13 Dec Thu	St Michael's 8pm
14 Dec Fri	St Bernadette's 8pm
17 Dec Mon	Sacred Heart 8pm
18 Dec Tue	Novena Church 8pm

Advent Reconciliation Service!

Prepare for the Christmas Season by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent!



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!