

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"Jesus, You have allowed me to know and understand in what a soul's greatness consists: not in great deeds but in great love. Love has its worth, and it confers greatness on all our deeds. Although our actions are small and ordinary in themselves, because of love they become great and powerful before God" (Diary, 889)

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!

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>

Personal Moral Compass Course 2019 By Rev Fr David Garcia, OP.

This course is starting on 11 January 2019 and will be held weekly on Fridays, 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m., in Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street. It is a one-year-long systematic course in Moral Theology consisting of 6 individual modules. For more information and registration, please refer to www.caritas-singapore.org or email to formation@caritas-singapore.org

food for thought

Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him that he is "King of the Jews."

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday.

In John's Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favourable light than in the other Gospels. In today's reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see John 17:6-18), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again we hear echoes of John's theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Saviour of all.

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Sunday Readings

First reading	Daniel 7:13-14
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 92:1-2,5
Second reading	Revelations 1:5-8
Gospel	John 18:33-37

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

Topics: Lord's Day (Presentation)

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!



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!



Holy Hour

"Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, for He has made the promise, 'Ask, and you shall receive,' but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." - St. Alphonsus Liguori

"What happiness do we not feel in the presence of God, when we find ourselves alone at his feet, before the holy tabernacle! ... 'Come, my soul, redouble your ardor! You are here alone to adore your God! His look rests on you alone!' Ah! if we only had the angels' eyes! Seeing our Lord Jesus Christ here, on that altar, and looking at us, how we should love him! We should want to stay always at his feet; it would be a foretaste of heaven; everything else would become insipid to us." - St. John Vianney



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

Advent Reflection Booklets

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>

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.

