

### 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!

### Love in the City! Why do we do what we do during Christmas?

In a light-hearted talk show, come and discover the reasons for the ways we celebrate Christmas. Invite your non-Catholic friends and family members to help them understand and experience Christmas with a difference! When: 29 December 2018 Time: 2pm - 4pm Where: The Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St, S187954 [www.one.org.sg/events](http://www.one.org.sg/events)

### 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>

### Is the Christmas story true?

"Some Bible critics have argued that the events surrounding the birth of Jesus are literary creations which ought not to be understood as history. Does this obscure the meaning and message of Christmas? Or are there grounds to assert the basic reliability of the text? Join us for this Advent special!" Date: 18 Dec 2018 Time: 7.30-9pm Venue: CANA the Catholic Centre (55 Waterloo Street #02-01) Please reserve your seat as space is limited. Email [theology.sg@gmail.com](mailto:theology.sg@gmail.com) or sms Nick at 97843692

## food for thought *Jesus teaches his disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes in glory.*

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

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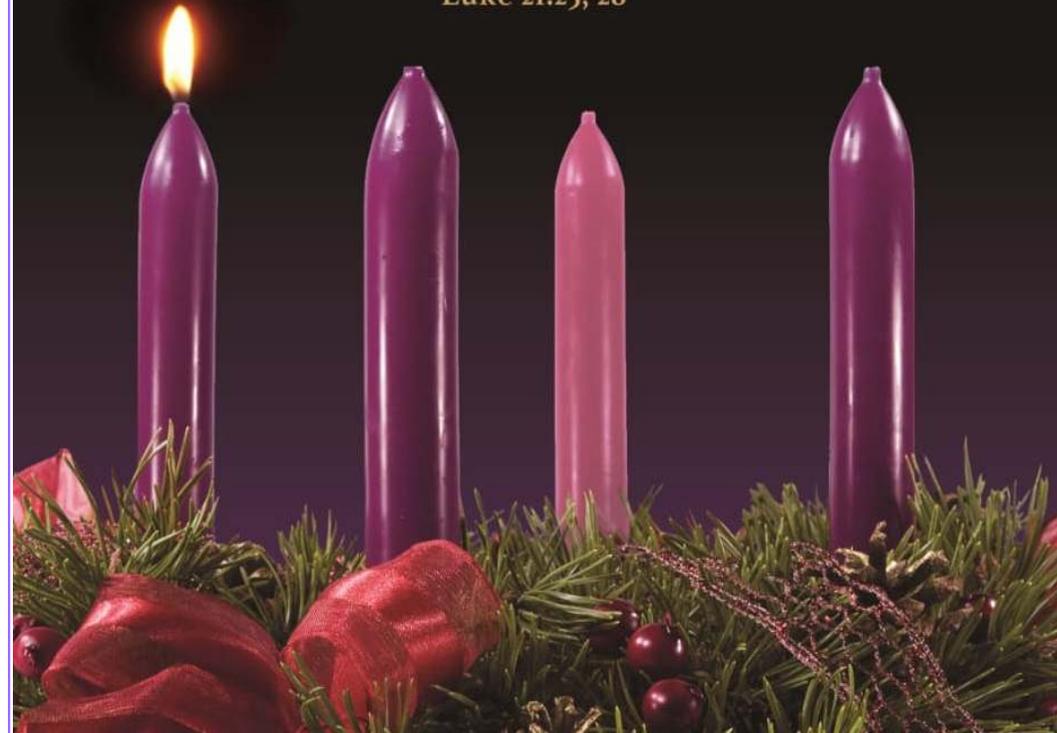
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*There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.  
When these signs begin to happen,  
stand erect and raise your heads  
because your redemption is at hand.*

Luke 21:25, 28





### Sunday Readings

First reading	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 24:4-5,8-9,10,14
Second reading	1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Gospel	Luke 21:25-28,34-36

### 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

<b>English</b>	- 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
<b>Tamil</b>	- 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
<b>Indonesian</b>	- Karismatik Katolik Indonesia Holy Spirit (Thursday)	2.30pm
	- KKIHS Youth Group (2nd and 4th Friday)	7.30pm
	- Mass in Indonesian (1st Sunday)	3.30pm
<b>Filipino</b>	- 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!**

### 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



*"I understand that, each time we contemplate with desire and devotion the Host in which is hidden Christ's Eucharistic Body, we increase our merits in heaven and secure special joys to be ours later in the beatific vision of God." - St. Gertrude*

*"When Our Lord sees pure souls coming to visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament He smiles on them. They come with the simplicity that pleases Him so much." - St. John Vianney*

*"Take refuge often at the feet of Jesus...My dear ones, the Visit to the Blessed Sacrament is an extremely necessary way to conquer the devil. Therefore, go often to visit Jesus and the devil will not come out victorious against you." - St. John Bosco*

**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.**

### Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

#### 24th December 2018 Monday

12.30pm: Mass (English)

#### Christmas Eve Masses

8pm: Carolling & Pageant followed by Mass in English at 9pm

11pm: Carolling in Tamil followed by Mass in Tamil at 11:30pm

#### 25th December 2018 Tuesday - Christmas Day

##### (Day of Obligation)

7:30am: Mass (English)

9:15am: Mass (Tamil)

11:30am: Mass (English)

1pm: Mass (English)

#### 31st December 2018 Monday

12.30pm: Mass (English)

#### New Year's Eve Masses

9pm: Mass (English)

11pm: Thanksgiving Adoration followed by Mass in Tamil at 11:30pm

#### 1st January 2019 Monday - New Year's Day

9:00am: Mass (English)

10:30am: Mass (Tamil)

*Please note that the church gates will be closed after the last Mass on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The parish office will be closed on Public Holidays.*



### 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.