

### Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy." (Diary, 301)" "Tell souls that from this fount of mercy, souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity." (Diary, 1602). 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!

### Advent Reflection Booklets Now Available

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. Also available online at: <http://bit.ly/one-advent-2018>

**PIETA** is a support group for bereaved parents who seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope through prayer and reflection on the WORD OF GOD. Our next monthly session is on Tue 18 December 2018, 7:30pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8. Contact us via email: [pieta.singapore@gmail.com](mailto:pieta.singapore@gmail.com) or facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

The **Chancery Archives**, a department supporting the Archdiocese in records management and archives, is seeking self-motivated and detail-oriented interns who have academic training in historical research and/or are interested in history and heritage matters. Applicants should be students with minimum 'A' level or diploma qualifications, and should be able to commit to the internship for at least 3 months or longer. Kindly submit your resume, your available period for internship and a recent photo to [chanceryrecruitment@catholic.org.sg](mailto:chanceryrecruitment@catholic.org.sg) by 23 December 2018.



#### How can I evangelise at the workplace?

Try this: Be encouraging and positive towards others at your workplace.  
Never take part in gossip or speaking ill of others.

## food for thought

*John preaches repentance and baptizes in the region of the Jordan.*

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

## Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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### Sunday Readings

First reading	Baruch 5:1-9
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 125
Second reading	Philippians 1:4-6,8-11
Gospel	Luke 3:1-6

### 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!



### 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)

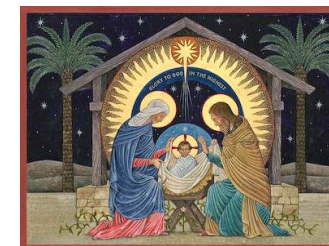
#### New Year's Eve Masses

9pm: Mass (English)  
 11pm: Thanksgiving Adoration followed by Mass in Tamil at 11:30pm

#### 1st January 2019 Tuesday - 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.*



### OLOL Facebook Administrator

The parish office would like to reach out to the person who has been updating the OLOL Facebook page. Kindly call the office at 6294 0624 or email us at [ololpastoral@gmail.com](mailto:ololpastoral@gmail.com) or [ololsec@gmail.com](mailto:ololsec@gmail.com).

### SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$3067.65. The amount given to FINS (friends in need) was \$7680.00 . Thank you for your generous donation.



**Church Cleaning**  
 Date : Sunday, 23rd December 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.

