

Welcoming Returning Catholics 2019

Landings programme will commence at Church of the Holy Spirit (4 March Monday) and Cathedral of the Good Shepherd (25 April Thursday) We invite Catholics seeking a reconnection with the Faith and those interested in this ministry to participate in this 10-week programme. Interested participants will need to register. Registration closes on 18 February (for programme in Church of the Holy Spirit) and 18 April (for programme in Cathedral of the Good Shepherd). An evening of Returning Stories will be held on 22 March 2019 (Friday) at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. You will hear stories of returning to the church – of struggles, challenges, grace and reconciliation. Please register. Please email returning@landings.org.sg or find out more at www.landings.org.sg.

Catholic News is conducting a survey to better serve our Catholic Community. Survey is available online at tinyurl.com/y9qq7kgj. The next issue of Catholic News will be available on the week-end of Dec 22-23.

Catholic Lawyers' Guild

The Catholic Lawyers' Guild has expanded its Pro Bono Legal Services, to include Legal Representation in Court and Mediation, in addition to the giving of legal advice. At the present moment, the Pro Bono Legal Clinic of the CLG operates only at Agape Village. To ensure outreach to the larger community, CLG will be setting up additional Satellite Legal Clinics at these other locations - St Teresa's, Holy Family, Divine Mercy and St Joseph's (Bukit Timah). Please see the Publicity Posters put up at the notice board and refer the needy to the CLG Pro Bono Legal Clinics for assistance.

Personal Moral Compass Course 2019

By Rev Fr David Garcia, OP This one-year systematic course in Moral Theology, consisting of 6 individual modules, is for all Catholics and people of goodwill interested in formation in the foundations of Ethics and Moral Theology. Organised under Caritas Singapore. Begins 11 January, every Friday, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, at Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street. Information and registration: www.caritas-singapore.org or email formation@caritas-singapore.org

food for thought

The boy Jesus is found in the Temple.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost.



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Sunday Readings

First reading	1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 83:2-3,5-6,9-10
Second reading	1 John 3:1-2,21-24
Gospel	Luke 2:41-52

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	- 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!

New Year Mass Schedule

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 New Year's Day. The parish office will be closed on Public Holidays.



Holy Hour

"A Holy Hour of adoration testifies to the fact that the Jesus who died on the cross, is present in the Eucharist, and reigns in Heaven, are identical. - Pope Pius XII

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart! - St. Therese of Lisieux

"During our Holy Hour, those in most need of His Mercy are stamped and marked with the Precious Blood of Jesus. This includes those who are to die that day." - Letters to a Brother Priest

"If we only knew the value of a Holy Hour we would never miss a single day without making one. Because the Cross is infinite in merit, there is no limit to the value of a Holy Hour!" - Letters to a Brother Priest



Come and spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday of the Month.
4th January 2018 @ 7pm AFTER 6.30pm Mass.

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"Tender moments in prayer ... We adore Him as the Word made flesh for our salvation. The Word becomes flesh; God dwells among us, the Word of God, Mercy Incarnate" (Diary, 1745)."

"Jesus comes to make our hearts His dwelling place at every Holy Eucharist. "I saw the Infant Jesus who, with hands outstretched toward us, was sitting in the chalice being used at Holy Mass. In fact, Jesus comes to make our hearts His dwelling place at every Holy Eucharist. As you see Me in this chalice, so I dwell in your heart!" (Diary, 1346).

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!

Down Memory Lane 7 Charity Dinner Show

Down Memory Lane (DML) is Caritas Singapore's biannual fundraising to support the work of our 27 member organisations who serve the vulnerable in our community. Chill with us on Saturday, 2 March 2019 at One Farrer Hotel! We will re-ignite and re-create the 70s and 80s; filling the halls with nostalgic pop-rock music that moved that generation. For reservations and enquiries, please contact: dml@caritas-singapore.org or call: 6338 3448

Office for Young People (OYP) School of Witness 2019

"Are you desiring more of Jesus? Do you believe that Jesus can bring new hope and new life in areas of your life that are wilting and feeling dry? If so, the School of Witness 2019 conducted by the Office for Young People is for you! This live-in discipleship school is for young people aged between 18 to 30 years and runs from Sun 6 Jan to Sat 2 Mar 2019. For more details, contact OYP 62852571 or visit www.oyp.org.sg"