

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 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.

AT HOME RETREAT - (2 choices)

Journey from Ashes to Easter - a 10-week programme based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola to know Jesus more intimately in the midst of life's daily routine. It is a school of prayer and a Lenten preparation for Easter. Includes weekly meeting of faith sharing, daily prayer with Scripture and one spiritual direction by Cenacle Sisters & Team. Register: 97223148
MORNINGS: Date: 26 Feb – 30 April, Tuesdays Time: 9.30am to 11.30am (Morning)
Venue: LaSalle Centre- St. Patrick School – 490 East Coast Road **OR**
EVENINGS Date: 26 Feb - 30 April, Tuesdays Time: 7.30-9.30 pm (Evening)
Venue: Cana - the Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St. Contribution: \$250.00

food for thought

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

WHERE
IS THE
NEW-
BORN
KING?



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel,

they represent the Gentiles' search for a saviour. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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Sunday Readings

First reading	Isaiah 60:1-6
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Second reading	Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12

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.

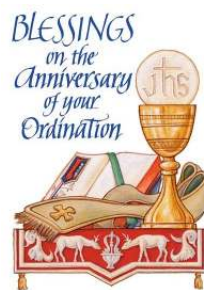
Lourdes Prayer Hall For bookings contact the Parish Office at 6294 0624

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!



"I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service" - 1 Timothy 1:12

We would like to wish Fr. Michael Sitaram, who celebrates his 29th anniversary of his priestly ordination on 7th January 2019, our heartiest congratulations!

Thank you for your loving service to the Church. May God bless you abundantly in your priestly ministry.

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.



Church Cleaning

Date : Sunday, 27th January 2019
Time : 2.30pm

Church will be closed for cleaning from 2.30pm to 4.00pm
All are welcome to help! Registration is not required.



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!

TIME WITH GOD (TWG)- Women Group

Come and gather in a safe space for weekly morning of prayer, reflection and sharing for women. Please call 92985808 to confirm session. Date: Every Wednesday beginning 23 January
Time: 9.30 - 11.30 am Venue: La Salle Centre, 490 East Coast Rd
Contribution: Love Offering

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

Catholic Junior College Open House 2019

Date: The day after the release of 'O' Level Results. Time: 10 am – 4 pm
Address: 129 Whitley Road, Singapore 297822 Two way shuttle between Caldecott MRT and CJC
We look forward to having you join our CJ family!"