

My Journey, An Evening with Kelvin Sng (local filmmaker)

Time: 7pm-9pm light dinner provided talk begins at 7.30pm Date: 31st January 2019
Venue: The Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, 3rd Level, Singapore 187954 Cost: Free of charge (love offering is welcome) To register call 6801 7491/9858 4782 (By registration only)

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 22 January 2019, 7:30pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8. Contact us via email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com or facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

Symposium on Divorce, Separation and Annulment

To help Catholics understand the complexity of the issues related to divorce, separation and annulment, the Archdiocesan Commission for the Family is collaborating with the Archdiocesan Tribunal to organise a Symposium on Divorce, Separation and Annulment. Date: 16 February 2019 (Saturday) Time: 9am to 1pm (includes 1 tea break) St Peter's Auditorium, Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre (2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102) Speaker: Fr Terence Pereira Contribution: Love Offering Register at: <https://catholicfamily.org.sg/dsa>

food for thought

Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. For many Sundays in this lectionary cycle (Cycle C), our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading, which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle.

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfil Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfilment among us.

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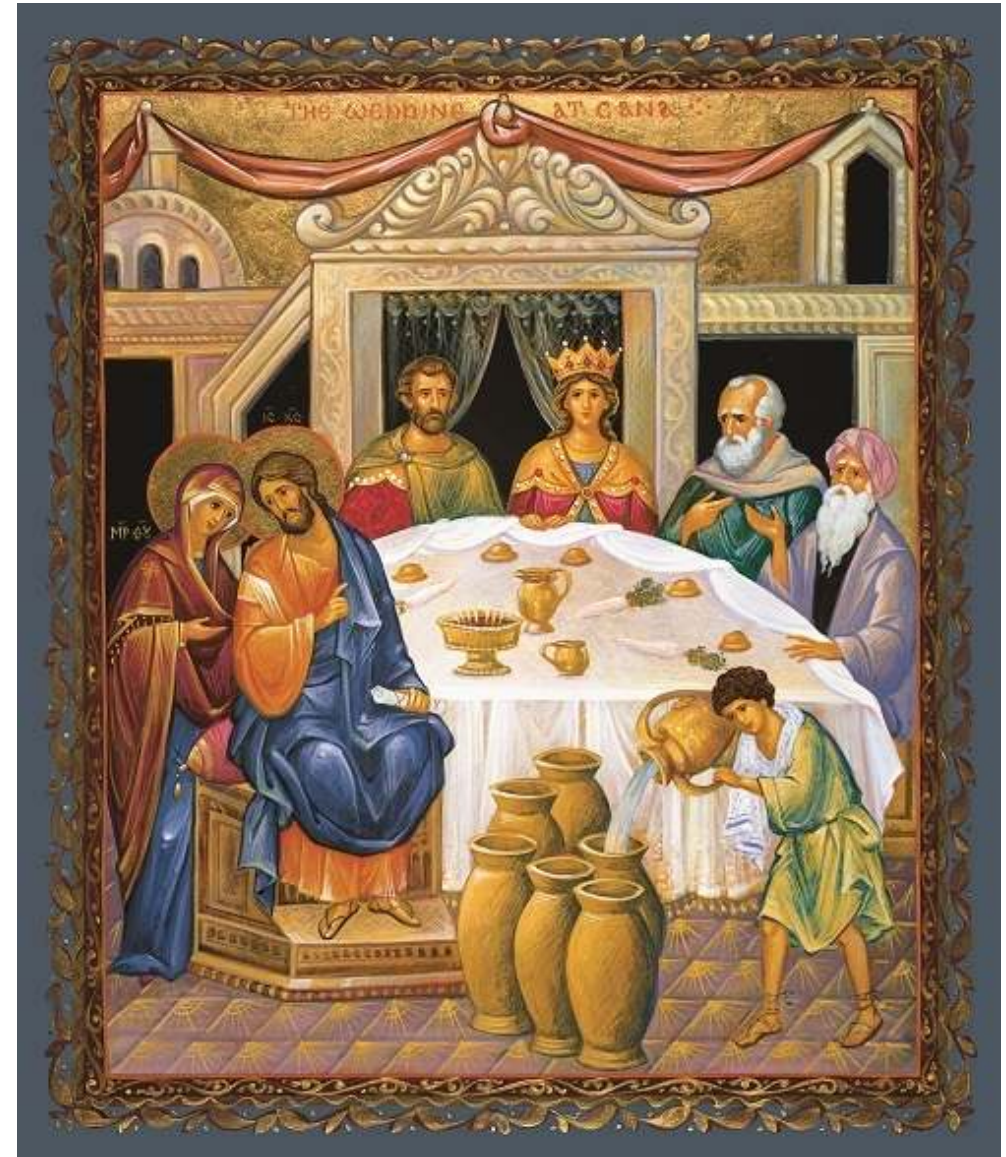
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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading Isaiah 62:1-5
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 95:1-3,7-10
 Second reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
 Gospel John 2:1-11

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!

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day 2019

DATE /DAY	THEME	TIMING
31. 01.19 Thursday	The Cana Sign	Rosary: 5.30pm P & W: 6pm – 6.25pm Mass: 6.30pm
01. 02.19 Friday	The Setting of a Wedding	Rosary: 5.30pm P & W: 6pm – 6.25pm Mass: 6.30pm
02. 02.19 Saturday	The Miracle – Sought by a Woman	Rosary: 5.15pm Mass: 6pm & 7.30pm
03. 02.19 Sunday	The Miracle – Water Pots were the Subject	Rosary: 10.45am Mass: Usual Mass Times
04. 02.19 Monday	The Miracle – Water was the Supply	Rosary: 5.30pm P & W: 6pm – 6.25pm Mass: 6.30pm
05. 02.19 Tuesday (PH)	The Miracle – Wine was the Success	Rosary: 8.30am Mass: 9.00 am (English) 10.30 am (Tamil)
06. 02.19 Wednesday (PH)	Calling Your Mother “Woman”	Rosary: 8.30am Mass: 9.00 am (English) 10.30 am (Tamil)
07. 02.19 Thursday	The Power of Faith and Prayer	Rosary: 5.30pm P & W: 6pm – 6.25pm Mass: 6.30pm (English) 8.00pm (Tamil)
08. 02.19 Friday	Do What He Tells You	Rosary: 5.30pm P & W: 6pm – 6.25pm Mass: 6.30pm (English) 8.00pm (Tamil)
09. 02.19 Saturday	They Have No Wine <i>Feast Day Mass will be presided by Archbishop William Goh</i>	P & W: 5.30pm-5.50pm Mass: 6.00pm

Parish Priest on Medical Leave

Fr. Michael Sitaram had a knee operation on the 17th of January 2019. Please keep him in your prayers and pray for his swift recovery.



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.



GIFT

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign. GIRO forms, cheques or cash can be sealed into GIFT envelopes and dropped into the collection bags that will go around. Spare GIFT envelopes are available in the church pews, and at the parish office. Please give generously for the vision of the archdiocese. More info is available at gift.catholicfoundation.sg.



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!