

# food for thought

A young billionaire rushed into a hospital. He asked the receptionist, "How is my mother? When and why was she admitted?"

The doctor said, "Your mother suffered a mild stroke. She was brought to the hospital in time by the elderly couple sitting there."

The son thanked the elderly couple profusely. "I am sorry I don't recognise you", he said. The lady replied that they didn't know him either. The son was surprised.

"How do you know my mother?" he asked. The gentleman replied, "she is a member of our WhatsApp group". The son looked dazed.

The gentleman continued, "we have a group on WhatsApp — The 60 Plus Group."

Everyone sixty and above is a member. It is the duty of the members to enrol those in their neighbourhood.



Everyone has to send a "Good Morning" message everyday. Similarly in the afternoon and night. The members can chat, exchange views, etc.

If we do not receive the mandatory messages everyday, the neighbouring members are alerted and they make it a point to visit the member.

This morning, we didn't get the message from your mother. That's why we are here."

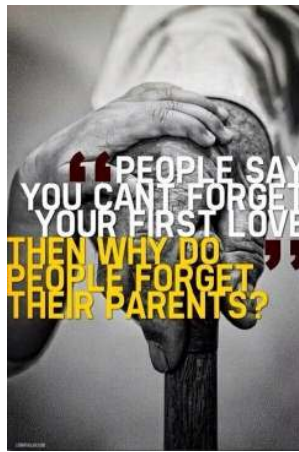
"It is not enough if you have provided your parents with all the facilities money can buy," he continued. "They need people to talk to. When was the last time you visited your mother?"

The son couldn't answer immediately.

"See, that's why we have this group. Otherwise, we 60+ people would be talking to walls and windows", the couple said as they left.

***Don't forget that while you are busy growing up, your parents are growing older.***

**Spend time with your parents  
and always remember to  
treat them well.**



## Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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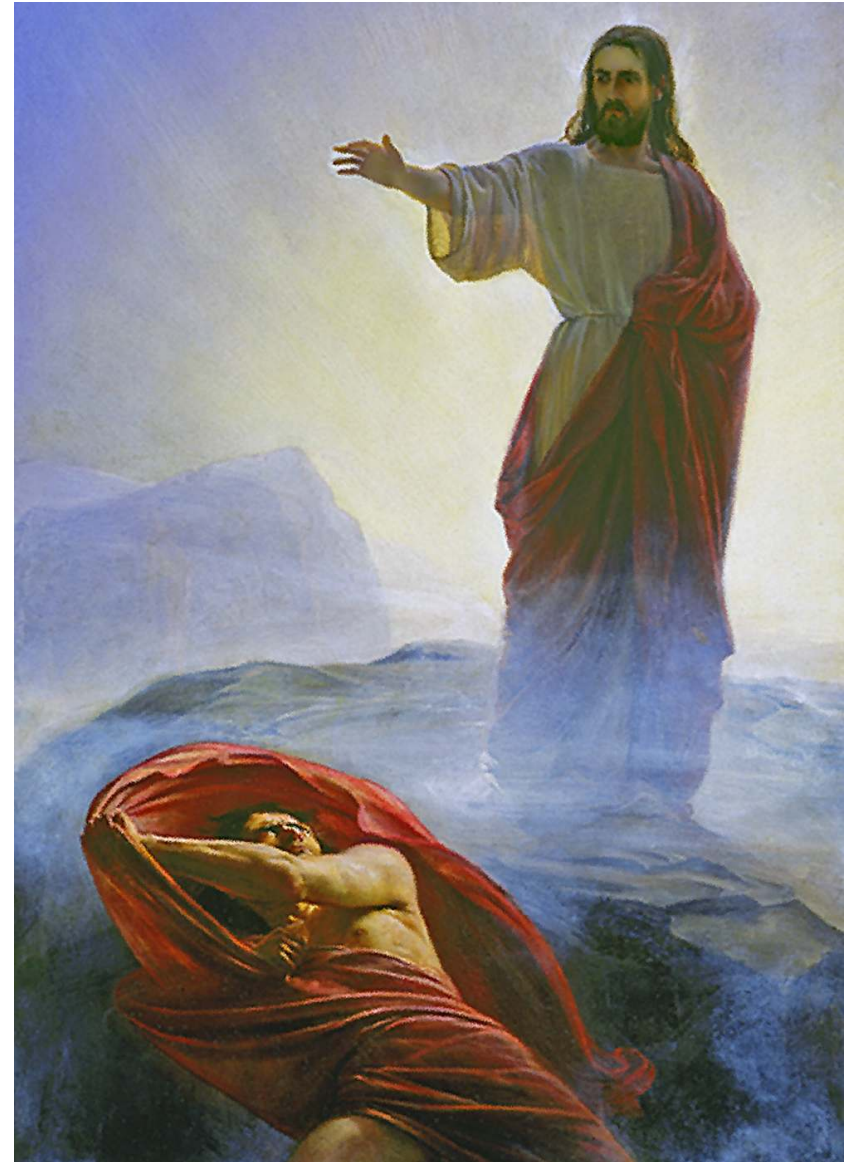
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10 MAR 2019

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## Sunday Readings

First reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 90:1-2,10-15  
 Second reading Romans 10:8-13  
 Gospel Luke 4:1-13

## 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 9:00am (English) 10:00am (Tamil)

## 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 July 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!**

## Lenten Information

During the Season of Lent, **Stations of the Cross** will take place on **Fridays at 12 noon** followed by Mass at 12.30pm and at **6pm** followed by Mass at 6.30pm.

## Lenten Penitential Service For City District

1 Apr Mon Sts Peter & Paul 8pm  
 2 Apr Tue St Bernadette's 8pm  
 3 Apr Wed Our Lady of Lourdes 8pm  
 4 Apr Thu Novena Church 8pm  
 8 Apr Mon St Teresa's 8pm  
 9 Apr Tue St Michael's 8pm  
 10 Apr Wed Sacred Heart 8pm



## SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$4157.75. The amount given to fins (friends in need) was \$7070.00. Thank you for your generous donation.



## Church Cleaning

Date : Sunday, 17th March 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.



## Humanitarian Forum & Fair 2019 Roadshow @ OLOL

Have you ever wanted to do overseas volunteer work but never knew where to start? Or thought about going on a mission trip but never found the time? Come learn more about overseas humanitarian work at the CHARIS Humanitarian Forum & Fair on Saturday, 1st June 2019 at Catholic Junior College. Visit the CHARIS booth after Mass on 9th & 10th of March 2019, else call 63374119 or email HFF@charis-singapore.org for details. To register via our online form, visit our website at [www.charis-singapore.org/hff2019](http://www.charis-singapore.org/hff2019).

## GIFT

Next weekend being the 3rd weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges and contributions for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign. Contributions to GIFT will help others encounter the love of Christ through numerous archdiocesan organisations and building projects of the archdiocese. More info is available at [gift.catholicfoundation.sg](http://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!

## 2019 Lent Reflection Booklets

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a booklet of reflections for the season of Lent in English, Mandarin and Tamil. The theme is "Walking by Faith in Communion". Please take a copy of the booklet for your household. It will also be made available online at: <http://bit.ly/one-lent-2019>

**CANA** invites you to PIMBY KAMPONG BAHRU which will take you on a walk around the vicinity of St Teresa's Church listening to stories of the wonderful MEP Fathers who laboured hard to spread the good news to us. See how St Teresa became a beacon of light on top the hill for sailors, port workers, etc. and visit the Sisters at Carmel. Sunday 24 March 2019. 2.15pm  
 Call: 63384080 for registration. Love Offering.