

REKINDLE and RECHARGE your MARRIAGE with *Laugh your way to a better marriage* by Phil Gungor. 24-25 May or 25-26 May @ \$100 per couple. Register online at philgungor.peatix.com or call 64880278 to book your seat.

CANA invites you to an afternoon of comedy - good laughs, good food, good company. FINDING GOD IN LAUGHTER features our own KEITH NEUBRONNER - if you haven't met him, meet him now 'cos he will come and go real fast! Then meet VICKI QUADE coming to us from Chicago. Vicki has played at Broadway and is known for her religious comedies! They say she is "Holy Impressive!" Those who like to laugh, join us, those needing a good laugh lagi join us! Dates: 1 or 2 June 2019, SFX Training Centre (Seminary/CTIS premises), 1.15 - 4.45pm, \$50 (\$45 if you book before 15 May) - includes tea. www.canacatholiccentre.com or 91768909/63384080

Telling Others About Jesus In Singapore

18 May 2019. 1.30pm - 3pm. PSB Academy @ Marina Sq, 6 Raffles Blvd. Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation. How do we tell the story of Jesus in Singapore? Rev Fr Kenson Koh will share about Mission and Evangelisation in Singapore's pastoral context. This is an event leading up to the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019! Register: www.one.org.sg/events

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 of the hill for sailors, port workers, etc. And visit the Sisters at Carmel. Sunday 26 May 2019 @ 2.15pm. Registration required. Call: 63384080. Love Offering.

food for thought

Jesus describes his care for his sheep.



The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31 and 10:39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.



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12 MAY 2019

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

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Sunday Readings

First reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second reading
Gospel

Acts 13:14,43-52
Psalm 99:1-3,5
Apocalypse 7:9,14-17
John 10:27-30

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

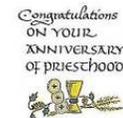
Anointing Make an appointment with a priest before planned admission to hospital.

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!

Congratulations to Fr Paul Yeo on his 27th Sacerdotal Anniversary of His Ordination on 17th May 2018! Thank you for all that you do in the service of God.



The priests of the parish would like to wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day!

~ The heart of a home is a mother ~



The **Daughters of St. Paul** will be in our parish this weekend 11 & 12 May 19 for our annual parish media outreach with a variety of media materials - Books, DVDS, CDS for your spiritual nourishment. Do come and browse to see if there is any material that may help you and your loved ones come closer to the Lord.

SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$4003.25 . The amount given to fins (friends in need) was \$7450.00. Thank you for your generous donation.



Good Shepherd Sunday

Collections taken at all Masses this weekend of 11-12 May 2019, will be for the ongoing formation of Clergy and the expenses relating to the St Francis Xavier Major Seminary.



Public Holiday Mass Times

Date : Monday, 20th May 2019
Time : 9.00am in English
10.00am in Tamil

*Parish office will be closed. *Main Entrance Gates will close at 12 noon.

Charities Week 2019

The season of Lent is the time when the Church conducts its annual Archdiocesan fundraising campaign – Charities Week 2019. Your donation will provide much needed funding to support Caritas Singapore family to serve diverse and marginalised groups including low-income families, youths-at-risk, the incarcerated, people with physical disabilities, and also people with mental health problems. Please pick up an appeal envelope and give generously. It will enable our Catholic charities to further their cause and do more to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in need." All Donations are eligible for 250% Tax Deduction.

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"Talk to Me simply, as a friend to a friend. Tell Me now, My child, what hinders you from advancing in holiness?" (Diary, 1487)

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!

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.