

Everyone in the archdiocese is invited to join in the monthly **Archdiocesan Prayer Mission** at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, our Mother Church.

Purpose: to pray for the Archdiocese Vision and Mission on Thursday 18th July, 2019 at 7.30 pm. Mass followed by Reflection and Benediction. Presider: Msgr Philip Heng,S.J.

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents (regardless of how long ago the loss) who seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope through prayer and reflection on the WORD OF GOD. Our next monthly session (every 4th Tuesday of the month) is on Tue 23 July 2019, 7:30pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8. Contact us via email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com or facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

QUIETING THE SOUL CHIANGMAI 2019 by Cenacle Sisters and Team

A silent 8 or 5-day retreat set in the beautiful environment of the Seven Fountains Retreat Center in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Three choices of dates (includes travel time) :

- 1) 8 days - 29 Nov - 8 Dec. 2019
 - 2) 5 days - 2 Dec - 8 Dec. 2019
 - 3) 5-days – 8 February – 14 February, 2020. Closing registration date: 31 August 2019
- Contact the Cenacle Sisters at 9298-5808 / 6565-2895,
email: cenaclesingapore@gmail.com. <http://www.catholic.org.sg/cenacle>.

food for thought

The parable of the Good Samaritan

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, on loving God with all your heart, and Leviticus 19:18, on loving your neighbour. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbour are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbour whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travellers. The traveller in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbour. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbour in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbour. A neighbour is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbour in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading Deuteronomy 30:10-14
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 68:14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37
 Second reading Colossians 1:15-20
 Gospel Luke 10:25-37

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 (Last Friday of the month) 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!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

We started a new RCIA process on the 25 June 2019 and continue to welcome anyone who wishes to join. Every **Tuesday at 7.30pm**. We welcome;
 ·Non Catholics to find out more about our faith
 ·Baptised Catholics to be part of our team as a sponsor and to journey together with the inquirers. If you are interested please register via email at ololsec@gmail.com or at the parish office.

SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$4644.25. The amount given to fins (friends in need) was \$7500.00. Thank you for your generous donation.



Church Cleaning

Date: Sunday, 21st July 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.

Music Ministry Recruitment

We are looking for organists to join our 7:30am Sunday Mass Choir. Please contact Minda @9195 5907.



Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"My daughter, those words of your heart are pleasing to Me, and by saying the chaplet you are bringing humankind closer to Me." (No. 929)
 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!

The Rosary Apostolate from the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes - presents

A 5Day/4Night Pilgrimage cum Retreat to the following Churches in West Malaysia:

- Church of Our Lady of Lourdes: Ipoh
- St. Joseph's Church: Batu Gajah, Perak
- Church of Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Ipoh

Retreat Theme: Journey into the woods - Dialogue with God: In the light of the messages of the Marian Apparitions in Lourdes and Fatima.
 Dates: Wednesday, 16th Oct 2019 – Sunday, 20th Oct 2019
 Invited speakers: Rev Frs Victor Emmanuel & Augustine Joseph (Fr AJ). Registration forms and itinerary are available at the bulletin stands. For further enquiries or reservation, please contact: Vincent 9199 6714, vincent@pma.com.sg or Carol 9880 850, carol_nas2004@yahoo.com

Primary 1 Registration under Phase 2B (22 and 23 July 2019)

Priority for registration under Phase 2B is for a child of a baptised Catholic parent. The parent's baptism certificate is required at the point of registration under Phase 2B for primary 1 admission. In the event that the baptism certificate is not in English, the Church and the school reserve the right to request the parent to submit a baptism certificate that is translated into English, and certified by your parish priest in Singapore or a notary public.

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.