

Surviving Divorce

Maybe you are going through a divorce or a separation right now; or perhaps it has been some time since your divorce. No matter where you are in your journey, this programme can help. In Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family, we address some of the most immediate challenges men and women experience during and after a divorce.

22nd August to 7th November 2019 (Thursday evenings). 7.30pm to 9.30pm @ St Maximilian Mary Kolbe Classroom (Level 2), Church of St Mary of the Angels, 5, Bukit Batok East Avenue 2 S (659918). Contribution: Non-refundable fee of SGD60. Register at <https://catholicfamily.org.sg/sd/> or contact Joann (97804456) or email: cdsg@acf.org.sg.”

Welcoming Returning Catholics

A. Returned! An evening of testimonies by Catholics who have returned and strengthened their faith with the help of **Landings** will be held on 23 August 2019, Friday at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. You will hear stories of struggles, challenges, grace and reconciliation. Please register via <https://bit.ly/2Dz549P>.

B. The next **Landings** programme will be available in the following parishes from September: 13 Sept – 29 Nov 2019, Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Friday 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

16 Sept – 2 Dec 2019, Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Monday 8.00pm - 10.00pm. 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 25 August 2019. Email returning@landings.org.sg or www.landings.org.sg

RETROUVAILLE Is your marriage tearing you apart? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Have you thought about separation or divorce? **RETROUVAILLE** is a lifeline for troubled & hurting marriages. Registration now open for 4-6 Oct 2019 Weekend program at www.helpourmarriage.sg.

food for thought

Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying “in a certain place.” They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of “sins” rather than “debts,” which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbour who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbour is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbour is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word Holy Spirit. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“And I tell you, Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.” Luke 11: 9-10



Sunday Readings

First reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second reading
Gospel

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 137:1-3,6-8
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13

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 (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.



Holy Hour

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."
- St. Alphonsus Liguori



Come and spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday of the Month. 2nd August 2019 @ 7pm AFTER 6.30pm Mass.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Day of Obligation

Sunset Mass - Wednesday, 14th August 2019
Time : 6:30pm (English) & 8:00pm (English)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Thursday, 15th August 2019
Time : 12:30pm & 6:30pm (English) & 8:00pm (Tamil)



Public Holiday Mass Times

Date : Friday, 9th August 2019 & Monday, 12th of August 2019
Time : 9.00am in English
10.00am in Tamil

***Parish office will be closed.**

***Main Entrance Gates will be closed at 12 noon.**



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



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

"Great love can change small things into great ones, and it is only love which lends value to our actions. And the purer our love becomes, the less there will be within us for the flames of suffering to feed upon, and the suffering will cease to be a suffering for us; it will become a delight!" (Diary, 303)

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!