

Make your marriage a priority!

"Marriage is a project to be worked on together ... and a process of growth." - Pope Francis (Amoris Laetitia, no. 218, 221). Good marriages can always be made better. To deepen and refine your couple relationship, sign up for one of the coming **Marriage Encounter Weekends**: 4 - 6 Oct, 1 - 3 Nov & 6 - 8 Dec. Contact David & Clara @ 96705390 or mewkend@gmail.com

Celebrating Life Together 2019, Mamre Oaks Ltd is organising a Conference and Tea Dance, especially for parents and caregivers of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), free admission and open to public on 14 Sep 2019, Sat, time 10am to 4pm, at the Agape Village, 7A Lor 8, Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264. Please register at 68017476 / email to "admin@mamreoaks.sg" for more queries.

Monthly Archdiocesan Prayer Mission Mass

Our Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, as the Mother Church of our archdiocese is having a Mass to pray God's special protection, guidance and blessings on the many needs of our archdiocese. This monthly Mass, Benediction and brief reflection will be on Thursday 29th August at 7.30 pm, in the Cathedral.

The **Chancery** is looking for a *Projects Assistant (Contract)*. The job holder will assist the Project Manager with administrative and project requirements of the Chancery Office. Please refer to <https://www.catholic.sg/seek-opportunities/> for more details. Application deadline: 23 Aug 2019.

food for thought

*Jesus has come not only to bring peace
but also division.*

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading
Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 39:2-4,18
Second reading
Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel
Luke 12:49-53

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.



Church Cleaning

Date : Sunday, 18th August 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 to build a more vibrant, evangelistic and missionary Church. 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

*"I never reject a contrite heart (1485).
Trust involves a turning back to God, a real conversion of our whole lives to God, repenting of our sins and forgiving others. Trust is a living faith. The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is — trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive" (1578).*

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

Love Life Conference

Suggested text: Pregnancy Crisis & Support presents LOVE LIFE CONFERENCE on 27 Sept 2019 from 7:15pm to 9:45pm. Embrace Life! Hear about the legal, medical and emotional aspects relating to the beginning of life, the options that all mothers have and the impact of abortion. Event is complimentary, register now bit.ly/lc_mail or call 64880278! (Light dinner will be provided.)

HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS (JESUITS)

Thursdays 22, 29 August and 5 and 19 September 2019. 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm.
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