

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 2 September 2019. Please email returning@landings.org.sg or find out more at www.landings.org.sg.

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents. We come together as bereaved parents - in prayer, in WORD and in faith. The session, run by bereaved parents, meets monthly to pray, reflect and break open the WORD OF GOD. We welcome any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to unite with us in faith. Our monthly session is on every 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8, and the next one would be held on Tue 27 August 2019. Email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com and we can also be found on facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

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/llc_mail or call 64880278! (Light dinner will be provided.)



'Faith is strengthened when it is given to others!' St. John Paul II
Tell others about Jesus.

food for thought *People will come from north and south, east and west, and take their place in the Kingdom of God.*

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says "gate" then "door," but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading
Isaiah 66:18-21
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 116
Second reading
Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13
Gospel
Luke 13:22-30

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 (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.

The Feast of Our Lady of Good Health Vailankanni 2019 @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Feast of Our Lady of Vailankanni will be celebrated at all Masses the weekend of the 7th and 8th of September 2019. High Mass in Tamil on 8th of September 2019 at 6pm followed by Our Lady of Vailankanni procession with Rosary recitation and special blessing.

We welcome all donations, contributions and offerings for the feast day. Please contact the parish office for more details.

Floral arrangements and candles will be on sale. Special holy oil from Vailankanni will also be available for purchase.



Holy Hour



"Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the end of the Church Militant just as adoration of God in His glory is the end of the Church Triumphant."

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

"A Holy Hour before the Most Blessed Sacrament repairs for evils of the world."

- St. John Paul II

Come and spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday of the Month. 6th September 2019 @ 7pm AFTER 6.30pm Mass.

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"The Holy Spirit does not speak to a soul that is distracted and garrulous. He speaks by His quiet inspirations to a soul that is recollected, to a soul that knows how to keep silence." (Diary, 552)
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

Novena Youth Rally – A Journey

Mon 2 September 2019. 7.00PM – 10.00PM @ Novena Church. Target age group: 13-30 y/o
Calling all youths & young adults. Dive deep. Join us at the Novena Youth Rally.
Bring your friends to come experience the stillness of God's presence.