

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



Feast of Our Lady of Vailankanni will be celebrated at all Masses this weekend of the 7th and 8th of September 2019. Mass intensions will be read out at all Masses.

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 will also have a **bazaar** from 4pm to 8pm of pre-loved men, women and children's clothing. Toys and books will also be on sale. Items will be priced at \$1, \$2 or \$5. Please bring your own bags to carry purchases from the bazaar. **Floral arrangements and candles will be on sale. Special holy oil from Vailankanni will also be available for purchase.**

Do note that the car park will be closed after the 1pm Mass in preparation for the procession. We welcome all donations, contributions and offerings for the feast day. Please contact the parish office for more details.

SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$5701.90. The amount given to fins (friends in need) was \$6570.00. Thank you for your generous donation.

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 8501, carol_nas2004@yahoo.com

Christ@Work Conference is a biennial full-day conference organised since 2005. The conference is targeted at working professionals and those interested to see how we can live out our Catholic faith in the market place. The theme for this year's conference is "Connecting Faith+Work". Catholic Business Network. Monday, 28 October 2019 (Public Holiday). 8.30 am to 6.00 pm @ Singapore Conference Hall, 7 Shenton Way, Singapore 068810
<http://www.christatworkconference.com/> Enquiry: admin@cbn.sg / 6801 7491

food for thought *Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship*

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to loving them more than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

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8 SEP 2019

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Our Lady of Good Health, Vailankanni - Pray for Us!



Sunday Readings

First reading
 Responsorial Psalm
 Second reading
 Gospel

Wisdom 9:13-18
 Psalm 89:3-6,12-14,17
 Philemon 9-10,12-17
 Luke 14:25-33

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!

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes Fund Raising Update

We are happy to announce that we have raised, to date, \$4.3 million through all our fundraising efforts of church visitations and the fundraising dinner. We would like to thank all the generous donors who have come forth so far. We look forward to your continued support and prayers in raising the \$6.2 million that we need to complete the restoration of our church!



Church Cleaning

Date: Sunday, 22nd September 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.

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

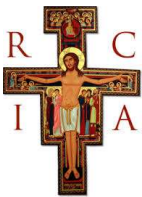
"Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (Diary, 300). "Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet." (Diary, 699).

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!

Fr. Michael Sitaram will be leaving for a short break from the 11th of September onwards.

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.



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.

SSVP Shop

The Society of St Vincent De Paul is pleased to announce the launch of its social enterprise, the SSVP Shop. The shop sells new and pre-loved items of good quality with something for everyone at affordable prices. Profits will fund SSVP programmes for the needy. Come visit, have wonderful shopping experience and show your support. Address: 501, Geylang Road, Singapore 389459. Opening Hours: Tues – Sun, 10am – 6pm Tel: 6974 2480. Email: shop@ssvpsingapore.org Nearest MRT station: Aljunied