

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

The Archdiocese has designated next weekend, 15 September as **Catholic Education Sunday**. The theme is “Many Gifts, One Mission”. Besides a prayer of blessing for Catholic teachers, screening of a 3-minute video and distribution of book marks at all masses in all parishes. School students will also join the congregation in worship at masses.

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

Marriage Encounter Weekends

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

food for thought

Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with the unworthy.

In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers, and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what he has to say. In Luke's Gospel, hearing is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about him associating with sinners. So he tells them these three parables.

In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd rejoices not alone as in Matthew's version, but with friends and neighbors. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes. The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

Finally we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the center of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, “full of compassion,” runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

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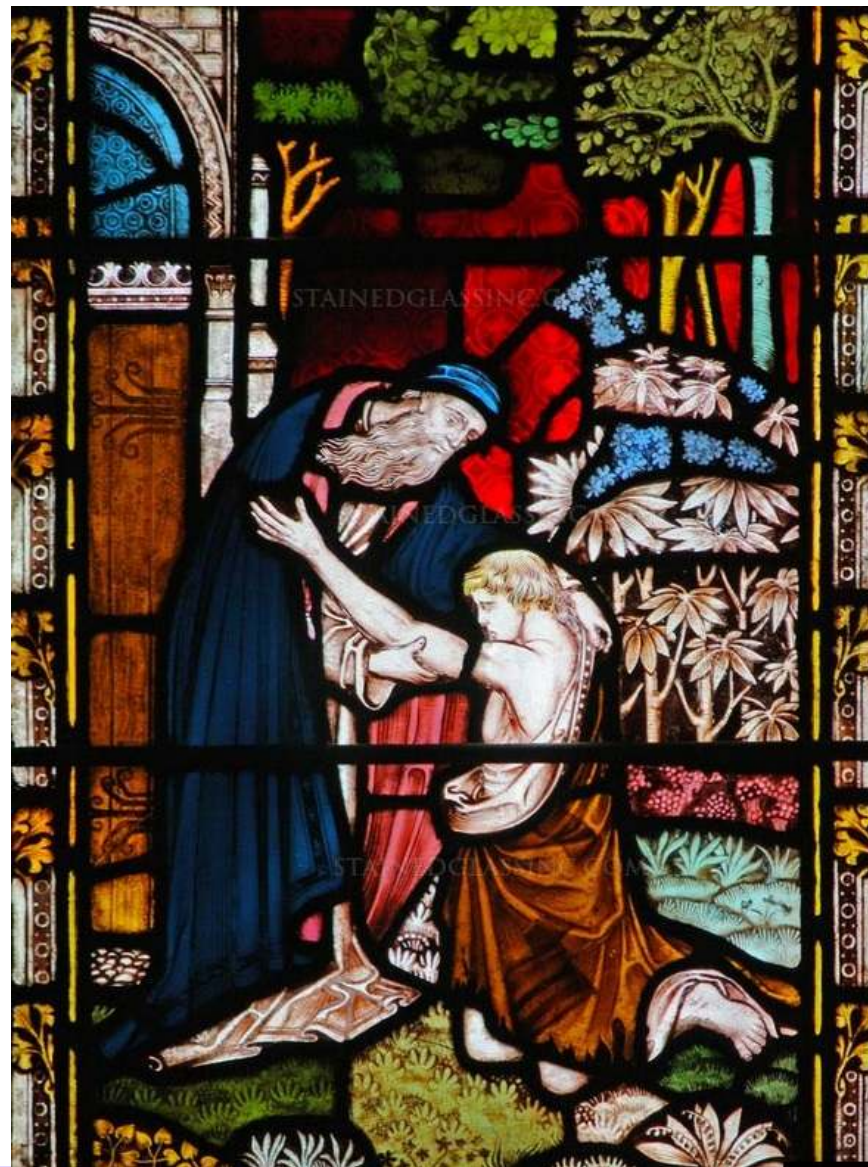
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15 SEP 2019

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading Exodus 32:7-11,13-14
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 50:3-4,12-13,17,19
 Second reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17
 Gospel Luke 15:1-32

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.

RCIA

Please pray for the 11 catechumens who will be going through the Rite of Acceptance this weekend at the 11.30am Mass.

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

Treasure Retreat 2019 for Young Working Adults

"We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." - 2 Cor 4:7 Do you believe that God has the power to bring about Hope and New Life despite the circumstances you are in? Are the treasures of the world unable to satisfy your soul? We invite you to come and discover the Treasure that He offers you! OYP's Catholic stay-in encounter retreat for young working adults, Treasure 11, is now open for registration. It will be held from 25 October (Friday) 8pm – 28 October (Monday) 6pm, at \$130 per person. (No taking of annual leave required as 28 October is a public holiday.) Register: oyp.org.sg/treasure11

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