

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who have united in faith to seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope. The session, run by bereaved parents, meets monthly to pray, reflect and break open the WORD OF GOD. We invite 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 26 November 2019. Our contact details are email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com and we can also be found on facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>



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: 6 - 8 Dec 2019, 3-5 Jan 2020 & 6-8 March 2020
Contact David & Clara @ 96705390 or mewkend@gmail.com

SJI INFORMATION DAY

St Joseph's Institution will be holding an Information Day on 25 November for current P6 boys who are seeking Secondary 1 admission in 2020. Registration for the event via www.sji.edu.sg.

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 21st November at 6.30 pm, in the Cathedral. Please give this important initiative of the Cathedral your support. For further details please phone the Cathedral office: Tel: 6337 2036.

ADVENT RECOLLECTION 2019

An invitation to spend a day of prayer to prepare for the feast of the Nativity of the Lord (Mass included). By Cenacle Sisters. Date: 8 Dec 2019 Time: 9.30 am - 5 pm Venue: Cenacle, 47 Jurong West St. 42 Contribution: Love Offering Register at www.cenaclemission.com

food for thought *Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time.*



In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

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Sunday Readings

First reading Malachi 3:19-20
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 97:5-9
 Second reading 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
 Gospel Luke 21:5-19

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 soon. Cheque donations can be made in favour of 'Church of Our Lady of Lourdes' with 'Building Fund' written on the back. Please give generously!

Holy Hour

"Perpetual Adoration extends its influence far beyond the individual adorers, touching their homes and families and reaching out to the parish community and beyond." - Pope Paul VI
"Come to Me, all of you...Behold, for you I have established a throne of mercy on earth and from this throne I desire to enter into your heart!"

- Jesus to St. Faustina

"Through Perpetual Adoration a Parish gives the King all the love He truly deserves. Perpetual Adoration is the Divine romance between Jesus and His people." - Fr. Martin Lucia

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



Church Cleaning

Date: Sunday, 17th November 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.

Is God calling you to be a Catechist?

Would you like to see a more Vibrant, Evangelising and Missionary Church with Families who Pray? Be a Catechist – **YOU** can make a difference. Email lucynetto@gmail.com with your queries.



Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity". (Diary, 1602)

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 Parish will be forming a **BIBLE MINISTRY** which will be responsible for planning Bible Programs for the parish. Those interested to join this ministry please contact Mary Rajadurai (HP - 96677825).

Lourdes Experience 2019 @ Singapore Indoor Stadium

Saturday 7 December from 2pm. For those interested, please collect tickets from the Parish Office from 2 – 3 Nov weekend onwards. Due to limited tickets, parish office will not entertain any reservations. The tickets are free. No food and drink allowed. However, you may bring an empty water bottle to fill up at the stadium. For more information, please check the church bulletin board at the exit gate. www.orderofmaltasingapore.org or <https://www.facebook.com/events/1023515518040439>.

GIFT

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign to build a more vibrant, evangelising and missionary Church. GIFT funds the Office for Young People (OYP), which seeks to raise up a generation for Christ. Watch the video on <https://youtu.be/t0SdKJR83tw> to see how they create opportunities for young people to encounter the Lord. Please give generously for the vision of the archdiocese."