

PIETA Day of Reflection for Bereaved Parents

Saturday 29th February 2020. 9:30am to 4:30pm at SFX Seminary Building, 618 Upper Bukit Timah Road. If you have suffered the death of your child, come and draw comfort from our Lord through prayer and reflection. Register with your name and contact details before 18 February 2020 via PietaDayOR@gmail.com or SMS/Whatsapp Audrey at 92990113.

3RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE RE-DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL

Presided by His Grace, Archbishop William Goh on Friday, 14 February 2020 at 7.30 pm.

EMHC/ Wardens Day of Recollection

Come away with the Lord! Be still in His presence, listen to His voice and bask in His infinite love and mercy. Let the Good Shepherd refresh your soul, strengthen and guide you along the right path this year. 15 February 2020 (Sat). 9:30am - 4pm. Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, S549102. Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation
For more info/ to register: tinyurl.com/onedor-15feb

Lectors/ Choirs/ Small Christian Communities Day of Recollection

In this day of recollection, spend time in prayer to listen to Him and draw strength from the Lord. Let Him restore you and be your guide in this year. 29 February 2020 (Sat). 9:30am - 4pm. Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, S549102. Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation. For more info/ to register: tinyurl.com/onedor-29feb

BRAVE – CATHOLIC YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE 2020

Saturday 22 February. 9am – 6.30pm (Registration opens at 8am) Venue : Caritas Singapore – Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264 Tickets: \$20 (\$10 for students) For youths aged 16-35, this conference aims to bring up some of the mental health issues or challenges that youths in Singapore face and encourage dialogue among them on their views and/or experiences about these challenges and explore how our Catholic faith plays a role in mental health recovery. To register: tinyurl.com/clarityBRAVE Registration is required for all participants. Walk-ins will not be accepted. For more info: tinyurl.com/BRAVEconf

Family Life Society presents **GOTTMAN SEVEN PRINCIPLES FOR MAKING MARRIAGE WORK** (Covered in 2 sessions: 22 Feb 2020 9am to 5pm & 23 Feb 2020 2pm to 5pm). A weekend of discovery and learning about what it takes to have a great relationship. CNY SPECIAL DEAL* - Refer your friend & you can both receive S\$50 OFF. *To get the S\$50 off for you and your friend, please email to fls@familylife.sg to do an offline registration.

food for thought

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

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9 FEB 2020

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading
 Responsorial Psalm
 Second reading
 Gospel

Isaiah 58:7-10
 Psalm 111:4-9
 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
 Matthew 5:13-16

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!



Fr. Michael Sitaram, Fr. Nithiya Sagayaraj, Fr. Paul Yeo and our visiting priest Fr. Thomas Korivi, would like to wish everyone a happy and blessed feast of Our Lady of Lourdes!

Lenten Information

Ash Wednesday 26th of February 2020

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. **It is a day of fast and abstinence.**

Times of Masses: 12.30pm (English), 6.30pm (English) and 8pm (Tamil)

Blessing and distribution of ashes at all masses. Kindly leave your old palms in the baskets near the entrance of the church before Sunday the 23rd of February 2020.

During the Season of Lent, **Stations of the Cross** will take place on **Friday at 12 noon** followed by Mass at 12.30pm and at **6pm** followed by Mass at 6.30pm.

SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$4751.50. Thank you for your generous donation. The amount given to fins (friends in need) was \$6870.00.



Church Cleaning

Date: Sunday, 16 February 2020. 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

"Pure love is capable of great deeds, and it is not broken by difficulty or adversity. As it remains strong in the midst of great difficulties, so too it perseveres in the toilsome and drab life of each day. It knows that only one thing is needed to please God: to do even the smallest things out of great love — love, and always love. Pure love never errs. (Diary, 140)

Please be informed there will be no DMD sessions on 8 Feb. 2020.

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!

Suspension of Catechism Classes

The Archbishop, in consultation with his Consultors have decided to suspend all Catechism Classes for children until 1st March, 2020 in view of the Wuhan Coronavirus as precautionary measures to protect our children.

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.