

### Lenten Reflection Booklets

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a booklet of reflections for the season of Lent, with the theme "Communion in Growth". Please take a copy of the booklet for your family. It is also available online [tinyurl.com/oneLent2020](http://tinyurl.com/one Lent2020).

### 2020 BRAVE – CATHOLIC YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

Due to the current evolving situation of the COVID-19 virus, 2020 BRAVE Conference has been postponed.

### COUPLE EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

Building Christ-centred marriages! Venue: Church of St Bernadette.  
Introductory session: 1 March 2020 (1pm - 5.30pm). Programme dates: 6, 12, 30, 27 March; 3, 17, 24, 25, 26 April. For more details, contact 9105 9921 or 9857 9075 or visit [CEP-SG.org](http://CEP-SG.org)

### 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](http://tinyurl.com/onedor-29feb)

### 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](mailto:PietaDayOR@gmail.com) or SMS/Whatsapp Audrey at 92990113.

**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 upcoming Marriage Encounter Weekends: 6-8 March; 20-22 March (Mandarin) & 1-3 May & 5-7 Jun 2020. Contact David & Clara @ 96705390 or [mewkend@gmail.com](mailto:mewkend@gmail.com)

## food for thought

*I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfil them.*



Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

## Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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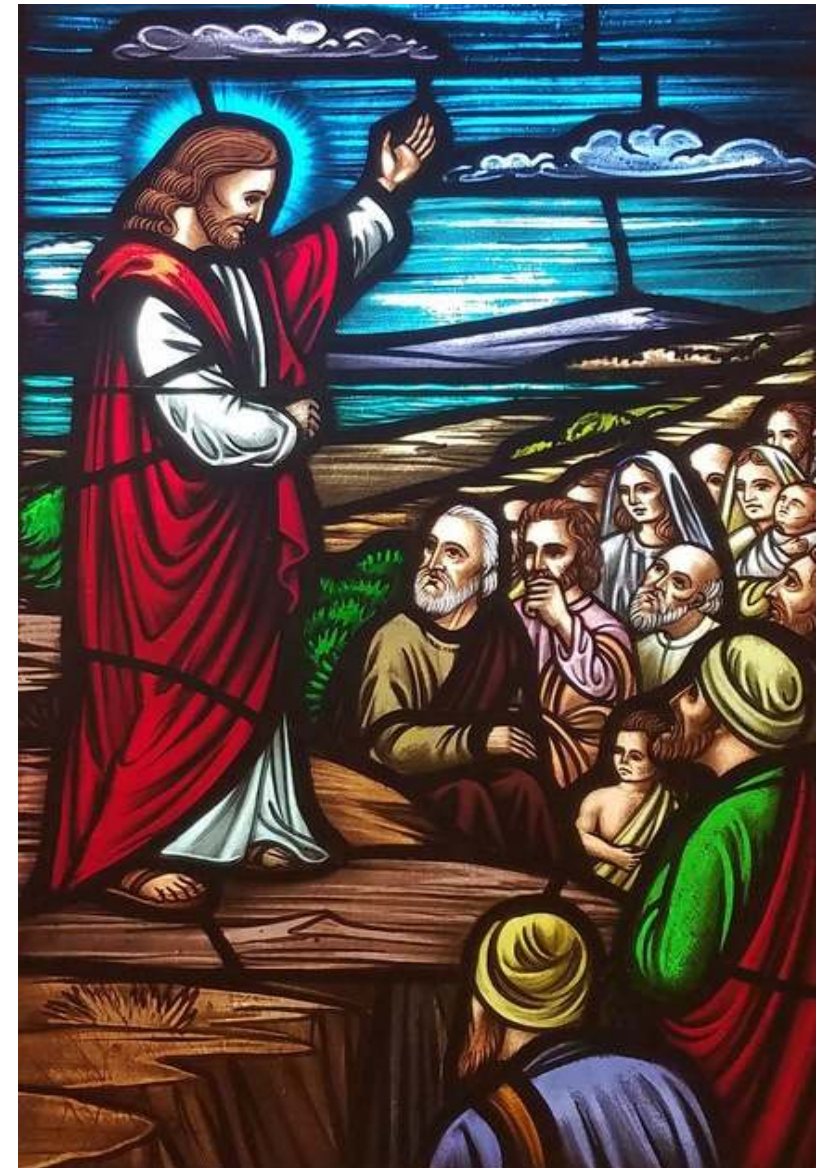
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### Sunday Readings

First reading Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21  
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34  
 Second reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
 Gospel Matthew 5:17-37

### 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!**

### Journeying towards the Cross (Walking with the Bible)

On Wednesdays during the season of Lent  
 Prayer and Worship - 7.30pm  
 Talk - 7.45pm



We begin with a talk on **Overcoming Temptation** by Fr Michael Sitaram on 3 Mar 2020. Come journey with us towards a prayerful Lent and spiritual Easter. All are Welcome!

### 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.

### 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](http://gift.catholicfoundation.sg)

### Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

*"The humble person also avoids being judgmental, as he knows he is a sinner and everything good comes from God. Jesus told Saint Faustina who wrote, "I must never judge anyone, but look at others with leniency and at myself with severity. I must refer everything to God" (Diary, 253)"*

**Please be informed that there will be no 3pm DMD sessions on Saturdays from this Saturday 15 February 2020, until further notice.** Divine Mercy Devotions every Tuesday at 5:45pm and in Tamil on Fridays at 5.45pm will be as per normal.

### 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.

### 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.

