



## FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES - FEB 11, 2012

The Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in southern France is one of the most visited pilgrimage sites in the world - principally because of the apparent healing properties of the waters of the spring that appeared during the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to a poor and sickly 14-year-old girl, Bernadette Soubiroux.

The first apparition occurred Feb 11, 1858. There were eighteen in all; the last took place Jul 16, of the same year. The mysterious vision Bernadette saw in the hollow of the rock Massabielle, where she and friends had gone to gather firewood, was that of a young and beautiful lady.

"Lovelier than I have ever seen" said the child, as she described the Lady as clothed in white, with a blue ribbon sash and a Rosary in her hand. Now and then the apparition spoke to Bernadette.

One day, the Lady told the girl to drink of a mysterious fountain within the grotto itself. Bernadette was asked to scratch at the ground, and a spring immediately bubbled up and soon gushed forth.

On another occasion the apparition bade Bernadette go and tell the priest she wished a chapel to be built on the spot and processions to be made to the grotto. At first the clergy were incredulous. The priest said he would not believe it unless the apparition gave Bernadette her name. After another apparition, Bernadette reported that the Lady told her, "I am the Immaculate Conception".

Though the girl was unfamiliar with the term, Pope Pius IX had proclaimed the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* ("Ineffable God") on Dec 8, 1854.

The Bishop of the Diocese appointed a commission to study the matter and in 1862 accepted the apparitions of our Lady at Lourdes as true. Papal approval followed and a basilica was built upon the rock of Massabielle by M. Peyramale, the parish priest. In 1883 the foundation stone of another church was laid, as the first was no longer large enough. It was built at the foot of the basilica and was consecrated in 1901 and called the Church of the Rosary. A large church called a basilica was built where Bernadette saw Our Lady. Although the apparitions took place over a hundred years ago, miracles still happen there. Many people are cured of sicknesses: Crippled people walk again; blind people see again; lonely, broken people find hope again. There, where she once appeared to St Bernadette, Our Lady still shows her love for us. The grotto is still being visited yearly by countless pilgrims seeking both physical and spiritual healings.

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognised over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus' healing miracles - now performed at the intercession of his mother. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters. However, there are also people who doubt the apparitions of Lourdes. Perhaps the best that can be said to them are the words that introduce the film Song of Bernadette: "For those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible."

### World Day of the Sick

The World Day of the Sick is a feast day of the Roman Catholic Church which was instituted on May 13, 1992 by Blessed John Paul II. Beginning Feb 11, 1993, it is celebrated each year on the commemoration of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, for all believers to be a "special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering." World Day of the Sick has three consistent themes. First, it reminds the faithful to pray intensely and sincerely for those who are sick. Second, the celebration invites Christians to reflect on and respond to human suffering. And third, this day recognises and honours all persons who work in health care and serve as caregivers.



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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11 / 12 Feb 2012

### AT A GLANCE

**MONDAY 13 FEB**  
6th Week, Ordinary Time

**TUESDAY 14 FEB**  
SS. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop,  
Patron Saints of Europe, *memorial*

Dedication of the Cathedral of the  
Good Shepherd, *anniversary*

**WEDNESDAY 15 FEB**  
6th Week, Ordinary Time

**THURSDAY 16 FEB**  
6th Week, Ordinary Time

**FRIDAY 17 FEB**  
Seven Holy Founders of the Servite  
Order, *memorial*

☞ God's Extravagant Love Lecture  
7.30 - 9.30pm | St Clare Hall

**SATURDAY 18 FEB**  
☞ Parish Assembly  
7 - 9.30pm | Main Church

**SUNDAY 19 FEB**  
Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

☞ Parish Event

☞ Special Notice

✝ Liturgy Related

☞ Outward Bound

**INFANT BAPTISM:**  
Sun 4 Mar | 3pm

Preparation Course:  
Thur 1 Mar | 8pm | Main Church

**Baptism Application Form:**  
Available from Parish Office, church  
racks or website. Submit completed  
form with a copy of child's Birth  
Certificate to Parish Office **1 week**  
before Baptism date.



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### DISEASE AND SIN

The begging leper and the paralytic dropped in, and both wanted to be cured of their ailments, including their sin. Overcoming religious fears and social customs, they made their requests. Jesus replied, "Yes, of course," and then made the point that healing from sin and healing from disease are two sides of the same coin.

Do we have courage enough to overcome worries and beg healing from the Lord in the Church? If we seek sacramental reconciliation, Jesus will surely reply, "Yes, of course."



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## HIGHLIGHTS

### PARISH ASSEMBLY 2012 - REGISTER NOW!

**SAT 18 FEB | 7 - 9.30pm | Main Church**

This year is the 50th Anniversary of the Vatican II. Pope Benedict XVI declared a Year of Faith which will begin on 11 October 2012 and will conclude on 24 November 2013, the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King.

Our Parish Assembly 2012 will focus on how we can continue to grow in our faith and be disciples of Christ in- and out-side Church.

REGISTER for our Parish Assembly 2012 which will be held on SATURDAY, 18 FEB, from 7pm to 9.30 pm at the CHURCH.

Registration can be done online at [www.stmary.sg/pa2012](http://www.stmary.sg/pa2012) or at the Piazza. Registration is necessary to facilitate plans for dinner which will be served after the assembly.

This year a new Parish Pastoral Council will be elected. Nomination closes on 12 Feb. Nominations can be submitted to Chairman, PPC at [leow.shirley@gmail.com](mailto:leow.shirley@gmail.com).

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### EUCHARIST

Sat: 6.55am (Morning Mass)  
 Sat: 5.30pm (Sunset Mass)  
 Sun: 7.30am (Mandarin), 9am, 10.45am,  
 12.30pm, 5.30pm, 7.15pm  
 3rd Sun: 3.30pm (Indonesian)  
 Weekday: 6.55am (with Morning Prayer)  
 & 6.30pm



### NOVENA

To Our Lady:  
 Sat, 5pm  
 To St Anthony:  
 Tue, after 6.30pm Mass



### ROSARY DEVOTION

Mon-Sat, after Morning Masses  
 Family Rosary: Every Sat, 4.30pm



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

R1 Is 43: 18-19, 21-22, 24b-25  
 R2 2 Cor 1: 18-22  
 G Mk 2: 1-12



### RECONCILIATION

20 mins before Sunday Masses, or by personal appointment with priest

# HIGHLIGHTS

## What is Vatican II all about?

The 2nd Vatican Council started in 1962. This year marks the 50th anniversary since this council started. As part of this celebration, our parish has organised a series of talks throughout 2012. You are invited to come for the 1st series of talks, which will give a broad overview and introduction to Vatican II, on the following dates:

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|-------------|--|--|
| 21 Feb 2012 | Vatican II – Introduction, Background, History |  |
| 28 Feb 2012 | Vatican II & Me                                | Speaker : Arthur Goh, Director - Singapore |
| 6 Mar 2012  | Vatican II & My Work                           | Pastoral Institute                         |
| 13 Mar 2012 | Vatican II & My Parish                         | Venue: St Clare Hall   Time : 8 – 10pm     |
| 20 Mar 2012 | Vatican II & My Neighbour                      | To register: ✉ aff@stmary.sg               |

## NCC SECRETARIAT

Stephen Wong, Pastoral Assistant | stephen@stmary.sg

### NCC MEETINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

**Mon, 13 Feb – Fri 17 Feb 2012**

*The following Neighbourhood Christian Community (NCC) will be having their meetings for the coming week:*

#### **Bukit Timah Area**

49 Toh Tuck Place | Wed 15 Feb 10:30am

Mystical Rose NCC | Monica ☎ 9328-6862

15J Bangket Mayfair Park | Wed 15 Feb 8pm

May Fair NCC | Tim ☎ 9835-9798

#### **Bukit Batok Area**

Blk 203 Bukit Batok Street 21 | Wed 15 Feb 8pm

West Mall NCC | Helen ☎ 9479-7964

Blk 367 Bukit Batok Street 31 | Mon 13 Feb 8pm

Mary Help of Christians | Teofilo ☎ 9653-1828

#### **Bukit Panjang Area**

Blk 654 Senja Road | Thur 16 Feb 8:30pm

Bukit Batok NCC | Rey ☎ 9680-4761

#### **Choa Chu Kang Area**

Blk 681 Choa Chu Kang Crescent | Thur 16 Feb 8:30pm

Yew Tee NCC | Gani ☎ 9154-8405

Blk 638A Choa Chu Kang Crescent | Fri 17 Feb 8pm

Mary's Soldiers NCC | Gina ☎ 9168-3047

Blk 610 Choa Chu Kang Street 62 | Sun 19 Feb 8pm

Bread & Water NCC | Harold ☎ 9785-9398

Blk 286 Choa Chu Kang Ave 3 | Mon 13 Feb 8pm

Choa Chu Kang Ave 4 NCC | Charles ☎ 9237-5737

#### **Hillview Area**

49 Hillview Avenue Hillington Green | Fri 17 Feb 8pm

Hillington Green | Brendan ☎ 8180-5648

#### **Malayalam Community**

Bukit Batok Central | Sat 18 Feb 7:15pm

Angels | Joju ☎ 9734-1824

*Please contact the respective NCC coordinators for more details.*

## CATECHETICAL OFFICE

Agatha Cheong, Director | acheong@stmary.sg

### Registration for Adult Confirmation

Closing date for registration is 15 Mar. Forms can be obtained at the parish office or downloaded from the church website.

A copy of the baptism certificate is to be enclosed with the registration form. Classes start on 19 Mar at 7.30pm in Classroom 5.

Please email ✉ acheong@stmary.sg or ✉ joan@stmary.sg

### Registration for Children Baptism (RCIC)

Classes for children from Primary 1 to 6 who wish to receive baptism in 2013 will start on 21 Apr at 4pm in Classroom B3. Closing date for registration is 31 Mar. Registration form can be downloaded from the church website and emailed to ✉ joan@stmary.sg or ✉ acheong@stmary.sg.

## AROUND ST MARY'S

### Journey through Lent with Heartspace

Sundays Feb 26, Mar 4, 11, 18 and 25 | 2-5pm | Room 11  
Hearspace will open its studio on Sunday for duration of Lent. Come for a moment to reflect on and create the images of this season with paint, pastels or even clay. You need not be an artist to participate this faith journey. Everyone will benefit from the sessions with a little imagination and prayer.

### Little Rock Bible Ministry

Registration is open to 26 Feb. A 5-session programme, 'Biblical Walk through the Mass', starting 29 Feb and ending 29 Mar. Please refer to SMOTA website, Feb issue of Tomorrow or LRBM banner on church notice board for details of this. For more info: ☎ www.stmary-lrbm.org.sg

### RCIY

The new RCIY cycle for inquirers will commence on 13 Mar every Saturday, 3.30pm at Assisi Room. This is an introduction for youth aged 13-19 to find out more about the faith. If you feel called to join the Catholic faith or would simply like to learn more about it, you're most welcome to join us! Catholics who are interested in serving with the RCIY team are also welcome to make inquiries with us. For more info, visit our booth after Mass or contact Andrew Martin ☎ 9100-4832 ✉ andndrew@hotmail.com

### Social Worker Required

The parish is looking for a qualified social worker (MSW/BSW) to address the social needs of parishioners, to liaise with appropriate community resources, and to co-ordinate family life ministry activities. Interested applicants, kindly send your Curriculum Vitae along with education certificates to Fr John Paul Tan, OFM ✉ jptan@stmary.sg

### Volunteer Carpark Supervisors on Weekdays

The parish would like to invite volunteers to supervise the use of the car parks on weekdays. Interested volunteers can submit their names and contact numbers at the parish office.

### Collection of Palm Leaves for Ash Wednesday

The parish is now collecting old palm leaves for ash Wednesday. Kindly drop them at the collection points near the entrance doors.

### Mass timings for Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Masses on Feb 22 will be at 6.55am, 1.15pm, 6.30pm and 8.15pm.

### miniSTRY: St Francis Kids' Club

Register NOW for Y2012

Be part of our Family Faith Formation programme with your Pre-school children, ages 4, 5 & 6 years in Y2012.

Choose from either Saturday (4 - 5pm) or Sunday (10.30 - 11.30am). We begin with combined Opening Session on 26 Feb 2012 (3 - 5pm) @ St Clare Hall. Thereafter, weekly sessions on respective days continue. To assist in our administration/preparation, please register NOW via Email.

For more info, contact: Carol Seow ☎ 9636-3655

✉ carolseowlee@gmail.com

### miniSTRY: Choir Kids (Ages: 7 to 16)

Choir practice resumes for Lent/Easter Celebrations THIS Sunday, 5 Feb, and continues EVERY WEEK until Easter Sunday.

Time: 12noon\* to 1.30pm. Venue: Room B11 @ St Clare Centre (Dance Studio).

(\*Teens join practices at 12.20pm after Catechism Classes)

New interests please text: "Parent's name+Child's name" to ☎ 9636-3655 (Carol) or ✉ carolseowlee@gmail.com for more info.

### Family Life Ministry's Next PSG Session

26 Feb (1st Sunday of LENT) | 3pm – 5pm | Classroom 2

Come and join us in CREATING POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS on how we can Speak and Live the Faith & Share on: 'What Catholic principles we should teach our children and when do we begin', 'How do we love God if we don't love our neighbour', 'Trials & Temptations are part of our lives but with God's help we can Survive'. Video Clips on 'We are the Reason Christ suffered & died' and 'Temptation of CHRIST' (Mark 1:12-15) Silent Reflection/Faith Sharing/Tea & Fellowship. All are Welcome and bring others with you. (Non-Christians are welcome too). Further enquiries: Parent Support ☎ 9699-3134 | ✉ htwong55@singnet.com.sg

## MANDARIN CORNER 堂区通讯

### 堂区大会2012—立即报名!

今年是梵蒂冈第二大公议50周年纪念, 教宗本笃十六世宣布从2012年10月11日开始为信德年直到2013年11月24日的耶稣基督普世君王节结束。

我们2012年的堂区大会的中心点将探讨如何使我们的信德继续成长并在教会内和外如何活出基督。

2012年堂区大会将在2月18日星期六晚上7点到9点30分在教堂内举行。

你可在广场或上网报名, 网址: [www.stmary.sg/pa2012](http://www.stmary.sg/pa2012)

为了准备足够的晚餐供大家会议后享用, 因此登记报名是必要的。

由于今年将改选新的堂区理事, 因此现在开始接受提名。

从1月28日开始到2月12日, 你可向理事会的主席提名, 网址: [leow.shirley@gmail.com](mailto:leow.shirley@gmail.com)

### 圣灰仪礼

日期: 22/2/2012 星期三

时间: 早上6.55分, 下午1.15, 傍晚6.30分 和 晚上 8.15分

### Chill Out With Francis

Feb 26 | From 5.30pm

Want to follow Christ in the footsteps of St Francis?

We're inviting young men between 18 and 35 to join the Franciscan Friars for an evening of fellowship, starting with the Eucharistic celebration at 5.30pm, followed by dinner in the friary and a healthy dose of hearty conversations, before ending the night with prayer as a community - a perfect way to end the week. for more information, contact Fr Derrick ✉ johnderrick@stmary.sg

### Knights are Recruiting!

Want to serve the Lord at the sanctuary? Want to enjoy closeness to Him that no one else does? The Knights of The Altar are having a recruitment drive on 19 and 26 of February, 8.30am to 8.30pm, at the Piazza.

We are looking for boys who:

- Have received First Holy Communion

- Open to learning about and spending more time in church

If you feel a deep calling to serve your Lord as an Altar Server, come visit us at our booth and find out more from one of us!

### Patrician Meeting - An Open Forum

11 Mar | 2.30pm to 4.30pm | Classrooms 6 & 7

Theme: Contraception

All Catholics are welcome. Organised by The Legion of Mary @ SMOTA. For more information, please contact:

Cheryl ✉ cheryledinateo@gmail.com or

Vina ✉ etansari@yahoo.com.sg

### God's Extravagant Love | 17-19 Feb

An invitation to experience God's Extravagant Love from a Franciscan perspective. Love & Primacy of Christ;

Creation & Humility of God; Dignity of the Human Person.

Come see how much more there is to God's plan than meets the eye! Contribution \$100 for whole package. \$20 for only the Public Lecture on 17 Feb.

Register Now: Janet ☎ 9756-0239 | Fred ☎ 9008-0544

Email ✉ franciscanfamily@gmail.com

☎ <http://www.stmary.sg/announcement/515/gods-extravagant-love>

### 2012年四旬期证道会

主题: 通过信德之门

地点: 耶稣复活堂 (大巴窰)

时间: 7.45pm-9.45pm

形式: 苦路善功、弥撒与证道

日期: 2月29日 (星期三)

主祭: 萧永伦神父

讲题: 耶稣是信德之门

日期: 3月7日 (星期三)

主祭: 董立神父

讲题: 基督是天主子

日期: 3月14日 (星期三)

主祭: 沈再德神父

讲题: 基督是活水

日期: 3月21日 (星期三)

主祭: 蔡汉坤神父

主题: 基督是光

日期: 3月28日 (星期三)

主祭: 郑肇强神父

讲题: 基督是复活与生命

### 天使驿站

日期: 2012年2月26日 (星期日)

时间: 下午5点到晚上8.30分

地点: 圣佳兰中心课室B1到B4

对像: 所有还不认识天主教信仰的人。

我们提供丰富的晚餐、茶水和节目。

欲参加者清一定要向黄修女报名,

以方便我们准备足够的晚餐和茶水。

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