

Grapevine

A word from the Editor,

The curtains fall on The Lourdes Experience: "Lourdes, The Joy of Conversion", which was recently held on 6th December 2014 at the Singapore Indoor Stadium. If you're been out of town recently, this event marks the 3rd time it's been to Singapore, bringing healing and Holy Water to the sick who are unable to make the long arduous journey to the Holy Waters of Lourdes.

This writer remembers the first time he attended The Lourdes Experience in Singapore – that was in 2008 as a year 4 medical student. He had never previously heard of it during the 1st edition in 2004. Of course, this writer remembers vaguely the huge crowd of congregation, the mad rush for blessed medallions, the flag processions, the sick and wheelchair-bound sitting in the centre – but what was most impressionable then, was actually the very impressive choir led by Sir Peter Low. To a young impressionable (ok, maybe not *that* young) medical student, hearing the Cathedral choir belt out lines of "*Laudate Dominum*", was literally mindblowing, while trying to keep an eye for unwell people sitting in our allocated sector that we were "guarding".

Fast forward 6 years, this writer returns for round 2, albeit having to rush from the airport to the Indoor Stadium so as not to be late for the event. Oh yes the choir was good, but seeing His Grace carry the Monstrance around the Indoor Stadium during the procession, and literally stopping 50cm in front of your face – the awe and power of the whole scene, is really indescribable. Unbelievable.

Ahem, coming out of the reverie, in this edition of the Grapevine, we bring you the latest from our 62nd AGM which was held in October 2014 at the Church of St Ignatius, as well as photos from The Lourdes Experience.

We're now entering a brand new year, and Lent will be upon us in a few months' time! Hope everyone will have a peaceful and fruitful 2015!

Have a fantabulous year ahead! =)

CMG 62nd AGM - Oct '14

CMG's 62nd AGM, Mass and dinner was held at the Church of St Ignatius. This year was different, as it marks the first time we rejoined the general church congregation to celebrate Mass.

Mass was celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop William Goh, along with concelebrants Fr Edward Lim, Fr David Garcia and Fr Colin Tan.







62th CMG Council Master Immediate Past Master Deputy Master Honorary Secretary Honorary Treasurer Chaplain Council Members (Elected)

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<u>The Lourdes Experience:</u> <u>"Lourdes, the joy of</u> <u>conversion" – Dec'14</u>

CMG members had the privilege of assisting in providing manpower for medical cover for this year's The Lourdes Experience: "Lourdes, The Joy of Conversion", held at the Singapore Indoor Stadium on 6th December 2014.



Previously held in Singapore in 2004 and 2008, the 3rd edition of the Lourdes Experience was also brought in by the Singapore Association of the Order of Malta, for healing of the sick.

Together with our brothers and sisters from the Catholic Nurses' Guild, as well as from St John's Ambulance school groups, volunteers were positioned across the stadium





during the whole event, on the lookout for members of the congregation who might feel unwell, or require assistance during the event.

It was certainly an afternoon to remember for all involved!





+ What's New on Doctor's Blog:

"A Prayer for Deliverance 2 " Too often, we have seen our patients opt for non conventional therapy – be it traditional medicine, homeopathy, prayer, etc etc. You name it, most of us (probably) would have heard it.

How then, do we navigate these little minefields and do our best for our patients?

Full article

"Happy New Year 2015" Someone's gotta do it – the only question is, would it be you on call on that day?

A new year's eve call into 2015!

Full article



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1. Monthly CMG Mass

- Date: 23rd Jan 2015, Friday
- Venue: Lvl 3, St Mary Room The Catholic Centre 55 Waterloo Street
- Time: 7.15pm

Our CMG masses are now held at the last Friday of each month! Hope to see you there! P.S. Join us for dinner after! =)

2. Outram Campus Weekly Mass

- Every Wednesday, 12.15pm
- Venue: Medical Alumni Association Hall, Level 1 (Junction of College Road & Outram Rd)

More details here

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