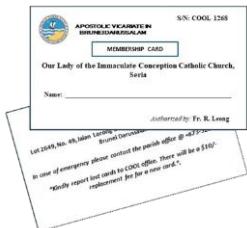


DAY	FEAST	READINGS	TIME
Mon 19	2 nd Week in Ordinary Time Psalter week II	1 Sam 15: 16-23; Mk 2: 18-22.	5:30 PM
Tues 20	2 nd Week in Ordinary Time Psalter week II St Fabian and St Sebastian	1 Sam 16: 1-13; Mk 2: 23-28.	5:30 PM
Wed 21	2 nd Week in Ordinary Time Psalter week II St Agnes	1 Sam 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3: 1-6.	5:30 PM
Thu 22	2 nd Week in Ordinary Time Psalter week II St Vincent	1 Sam 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7; Mk 3: 7-12.	5:30 PM
Fri 23	2 nd Week in Ordinary Time Psalter week II	1 Sam 24: 3-21; Mk 3: 13-19.	12:15 PM
Sat 24	2 nd Week in Ordinary Time Psalter week II St Francis De Sales	2 Sam 1: 14, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3: 20-21	5:30 PM
Sun 25	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Is 8: 23—9: 3; 1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17; Mt 4: 12-23 (or 4: 12- 17).	8:00 AM 5:30 PM

COOL Parish ID

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6;
Responsorial Psalm: 39: 2, 4, 7-10.

Reading II: 1 Cor 1: 1-3.

Gospel: John 1: 29-34.

Revised Roman Missal: 488 (Bahasa 867)



REFLECTION: There is the Lamb of God

In today's Gospel, we are drawn into the powerful moment when John the Baptist proclaimed, *"Look, there is the Lamb of God!"* With these words, he boldly identified Jesus as the Chosen One of God, the Messiah. This declaration captures the essence of John's mission: to be a steadfast voice crying out in the wilderness and a guiding finger pointing directly to Jesus. As we enter this sacred time of prayer, we are invited to reflect deeply on the example set by John the Baptist. We must ask ourselves, *"What about me? In my daily life, do I actively draw attention to Jesus?"*

We often seek attention because of our pride and ego. We yearn for the world's gaze to linger on us, seeking recognition and validation. This desire can sometimes lead us to scrutinise the flaws and shortcomings of others, allowing discontent to grow as we complain and engage in comparisons. In contrast, John the Baptist directed the crowd's attention toward Jesus, urging them to follow the true path laid out before them. Today, let us strive to redirect our focus firmly toward Jesus. Like John the Baptist, may our lives encourage others to follow Jesus and lead purposeful lives.

Reflective question:

What is stopping me from following Jesus today?

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Second Collection

The Second Collection today will be for Parish Event Fund.

Sunday School Classes Registration (18th January)

Registration for Sunday School and COM Classes will begin today and continue the following two Sundays, 25th Jan and 1st Feb from 10:30AM to 12:00PM at the Parish Hall. The registration fee is \$20. A Parents' Orientation will be held on 8th Feb at 10:30AM in the Parish Hall.

1st PPC Meeting for 2026 (21st January)

The first PPC Meeting for 2026 will be held on Wednesday, 21st Jan at 6:30PM. A light potluck fellowship will take place before the meeting. During the meeting, upcoming programmes as well as plans for activities in 2026 will be discussed. Members are kindly requested to come prepared to share their respective group activities for the year.

Infant Baptism

Infant Baptism is normally celebrated on Saturdays at 2:00PM. Parents are kindly requested to register with the parish office so that the baptism of your child can be scheduled accordingly. The pre-baptism class for parents and godparents will be held on the Wednesday before the baptism at 7:30PM. Attendance at this class is compulsory for godparents. Please submit/bring a copy of both parents' Baptism Certificates, Marriage Certificate, and the child's Birth Certificate, together with an administrative fee of \$50 per child.

Laudato Si' 2-days Workshop (24th – 25th January 2026)

In his encyclical Laudato Si', mi Signore, Pope Francis called all Christians to an ecological conversion—to become instruments of God in bringing healing to our common home. Let us respond to this call together! Join us for a Workshop on Good Stewardship, conducted at COOL on 24th & 25th Jan 2026, in English and Bahasa Melayu. To register, kindly scan the QR code on the right. The closing date for the registration is Tuesday 20th January.



COOL Daily Bread and Evening Prayer

Did you know we have WhatsApp groups for Daily Gospel Reflections and Evening Prayer (Vespers)? If you are interested in subscribing to any of these resources, please register by scanning the QR code on the right.



LAUDATO SI'

2-DAY WORKSHOP

Date: 24th-25th January 2026 (Saturday-Sunday)

Venue: Hall, Church of our Lady, Seria

Program:

Saturday 24th January 2026

6:00 pm Start of Workshop – Welcome
State of the World
Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* Encyclical
9:00 pm Close of Day 1

Sunday 25th January 2026

10:00 am 7Rs Decarbonisation & Plastics Problem
Our Response – Call to Action
Creation Justice – Ecological Parish Protocols
Laudato Si' Sunday School Teachers' Resource Book
12:00 pm Lunch (provided for participants)
1:00 pm Candle Reconciliation Prayer Session
Framework for Action Plans
Commissioning of Creation Justice Ministry
4:30 pm Close of Workshop