

Private Worship

The Church of Our Lady of Lourdes is also open for private worship.

1. **Church opening hours are ONLY on weekdays from 2.00pm and 5.00pm**
2. Each private prayer session is 10 minutes. Only 5 households will be permitted per time slot. A maximum of 5 members from each household can be praying together at any one time in the Church with safe distancing measures.
3. Each household is only allowed to book once.
4. Incomplete entries will not be accepted.
5. Please note that if you have not registered, you will not be able to enter the Church compound.
6. For successful bookings please come at your allocated time so that other families would have an opportunity to pray as well.
7. Please ensure that mobile phones are equipped with the QR code scanner and that your mobile phone has a data plan. Please wear a mask and ensure that the mask is worn at all times.
8. Please bring along your NRIC or Work Pass for verification. Temperature taking will also be administered.
9. Volunteers will be at the Church to ensure that the measures are strictly adhered. Please follow their instructions and cooperate with them fully.
10. Due to the enhanced safety measures, there are limited parking slots during this time. It is advisable not to park in the Church. Public carparks are available outside the church.

• Link for Booking <https://bit.ly/3gGJy3v>

food for thought *Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.*

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.



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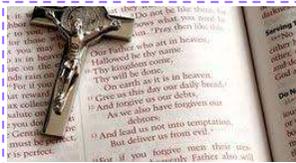
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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading	Isaiah 55:10-11
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 64(65):10-14
Second reading	Romans 8:18-23
Gospel	Matthew 13:1-23

Mass Schedule @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekdays	12:30pm (English) 7:00pm (Tamil)
Saturday (Sunset - English)	4:00pm, 6:00pm and 7:30pm
Sunday (English)	8:00am, 11:00am and 12.30pm
Sunday (Tamil)	9:30am and 6:30pm
Public Holiday	9:00am (English) 10:00am (Tamil)

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 Anointing** For bookings contact the Parish Office at 6294 0624
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!**

To make a donation or contribution to Mass collection

As the parish will still need funds for the general operations and maintenance of the church, we seek your kind generosity and support to continue making a weekly donation to the Church by electronic bank transfer using PayNow at the current time.

Here is what you need to do:

- Step 1: Select bank transfer
- Step 2: Key in Parish UEN # **T08CC4026C**
- Step 3: Check Name – **Church of Our Lady of Lourdes**
- Step 4: Key in amount
- Step 5: Key in Ref - **Mass Collection**

Alternatively, you can issue a cheque and mail it to the Parish Office. If any parishioner chooses to give cash, please drop the cash in the existing donation box at the Parish.

Thank you for your generosity.

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes Online Masses

Please follow our Masses online at
on the Church of Lourdes YouTube channel at <http://tiny.cc/ololsg>.
Do remember to click **Subscribe** to receive notifications
when we upload the videos.

MARS (Mass Attendance Registration System)

Steps to be done for Mass registration and booking for The Church of Our Lady of Lourdes are as follows;

STEP 1

Please register at www.myCatholic.sg.

Catholics are to register with only ONE church during this time (COVID-19 Phase 2 onwards).

STEP 2

Only ONE mass booking is allowed per month.

Mass Timings:

Saturdays

4.00pm (English), 6.00pm (English), 7.30pm (English)

Sundays

8.00am (English), 9.30am (Tamil), 11.00am (English), 12.30pm (English), 6.30pm (Tamil)

Weekdays

12.30pm (English) 7.00pm (Tamil)

- For more info – www.mycatholic.sg/faq
- Registration user guide - www.mycatholic.sg/help

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

1. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) times are on **Mondays, Wednesdays, Friday from 2pm to 5pm.**
2. You **MUST** be registered in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes at myCatholic.sg website. You will be required to show this to volunteers .
3. For successful bookings please come at your allocated time.
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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

We started a new RCIA process on Tuesday 23 June 2020 at 7.30pm and continue to welcome anyone who wishes to join. Every **Tuesday at 7.30pm.**

We welcome;

- Non Catholics to find out more about our faith
- Baptised Catholics to be part of our team as a sponsor and to journey together with the inquirers. If you are interested please register via email at ololsec@gmail.com or at the parish office. Due to Covid-19 situation, RCIA will be conducted via an online platform.