

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://calendly.com/ololsec/private-worship-at-church-of-our-lady-of-lourdes>

food for thought

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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Sunday Readings

First reading	Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16
Second reading	Romans 8:26-27
Gospel	Matthew 13:24-43

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
- Link for Booking - <https://calendly.com/ololsec/mass-at-olol>

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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5. Please bring along your NRIC or Work Pass for verification. Temperature taking will also be administered.

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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 and 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.