

## 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. Incomplete entries will not be accepted.
  4. Please note that if you have not registered, you will not be able to enter the Church compound.
  5. For successful bookings please come at your allocated time so that other families would have an opportunity to pray as well.
  6. 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.
  7. Please bring along your NRIC or Work Pass for verification. Temperature taking will also be administered.
  8. Volunteers will be at the Church to ensure that the measures are strictly adhered. Please follow their instructions and cooperate with them fully.
  9. 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>

## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

*Evangelisation: Our Families*

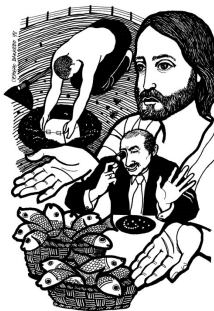
We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

## food for thought *Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.*

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.



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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*The kingdom of heaven is like  
treasure hidden in a field.*

When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

Matthew 13:44





### Sunday Readings

First reading 1 Kings 3:5,7-12  
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130  
 Second reading Romans 8:28-30  
 Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

### 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) - August Onwards

### 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](http://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](http://www.mycatholic.sg/faq)
- Registration user guide - [www.mycatholic.sg/help](http://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.
  4. Please ensure that mobile phones are equipped with the QR code scanner and that your mobile phone has a data plan. Please ensure that the mask is worn at all times.
  5. Please bring along your NRIC or Work Pass for verification. Temperature taking will also be administered.
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- Link for Booking - <https://calendly.com/ololsec/confession-at-olol>

### 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](mailto:ololsec@gmail.com) or at the parish office. Due to Covid-19 situation, RCIA will be conducted via an online platform.