

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES
ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST 2020**

You **MUST** be registered in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes at **myCatholic.sg**. You will be required to show the registration to volunteers to participate in the following activities. Please follow the volunteers' instructions and cooperate with them fully. Please ensure that your

- mobile phones are equipped with the QR code scanner (you will need it to scan for SafeEntry as well as for the pew where you are seated)
- mobile phone has a data plan.
- mask is always worn.

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

PRIVATE WORSHIP

1. Opening hours are on weekdays from 2pm and 5pm
2. 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.

Link for booking: <https://calendly.com/ololsec/private-worship-at-church-of-our-lady-of-lourdes>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) times are on Wednesdays and Fridays from 2pm to 5pm

Please click to register: <https://calendly.com/ololsec/confession-at-olol>

MASS

Church Mass times in August are:

Weekdays – 12.30 pm & 7pm (Tamil)

Weekends

Saturday – 5pm, 6pm and 7.30pm

Sunday – 8am, 9.30am (Tamil), 11am, 12.30pm, 6.30pm (Tamil)

(All Masses are in English unless otherwise stated)

For the following Mass times;

10 August 2020 (Public Holiday) – 9am (English) & 10am (Tamil)

14 August 2020 (Friday) –

12.30pm – Feast of St Maximilian Kolbe (Friday of 19th Week in Ordinary Time)

6pm – Sunset mass for Solemnity of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (English)

7pm – Sunset mass for Solemnity of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (Tamil)

15 August 2020 (Saturday) –

12.30pm (Solemnity of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary)

5pm, 6pm, 7.30pm – Sunset Mass for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Link for first Mass booking for the month: <https://mycatholic.sg/login>

Link for subsequent Mass booking: <https://calendly.com/ololsec/mass-at-olol>

Thank you for your understanding.

God Bless
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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading Isaiah 55:1-3
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 144(145):8-9,15-18
 Second reading Romans 8:35,37-39
 Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

Mass Schedule @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekdays 12:30pm (English) 7:00pm (Tamil)
 Saturday (Sunset - English) 5:00pm, 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.

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.

Change in Timing for Sunset Mass on Saturday

From 1 August 2020, Sunset Mass times on Saturday will be at 5:00pm, 6:00pm and 7:30pm.

10th August 2020 Monday (Public Holiday*)

Mass: 9:00am (English) & 10:00am (Tamil)

**Please note that the church gates will be closed after the last Mass. The parish office will be closed on Public Holidays.*



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Day of Obligation

Sunset Mass - Friday, 14th August 2020
 Time : 6:00pm (English) & 7.00pm (Tamil)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Saturday, 15th August 2020
 Time : 12:30pm (English)

food for thought Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagreness of their own provisions—five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children.

Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus performs this same miracle on two separate occasions. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.