

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

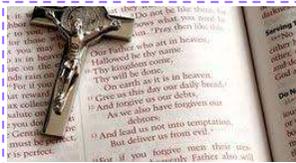
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## Sunday Readings

First reading	Jeremiah 20:7-9
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 62(63):2-6,8-9
Second reading	Romans 12:1-2
Gospel	Matthew 16:21-27

## 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

<b>Wedding Arrangements</b>	Church Wedding bookings must be made in advance. Please contact the Secretariat.
<b>Infant Baptism</b>	Register at the Parish Office. <b>Please provide photocopy of church marriage certificate of parents, birth certificate of infant and confirmation certificate of Godparents.</b>
<b>Mass Intentions</b>	Please drop your Mass intention into the Box located outside the Parish Office <b>by 7pm on Friday</b> for the following week's intentions.
<b>Lourdes Prayer Hall</b>	For bookings contact the Parish Office at 6294 0624
<b>Anointing</b>	Make an appointment with a priest before planned admission to hospital.
<b>Holy Communion for the Homebound</b>	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](mailto:ololsec@gmail.com) or at the parish office. Due to Covid-19 situation, RCIA will be conducted via an online platform.

If you have big questions about Christianity or know someone who does, **ALPHA** is a series of sessions with a safe environment to ask questions or to discuss. Join us online every Thursday 8pm, from 10 Sept for Alpha in the Catholic context on Zoom! Believers and inquirers are all welcome. Interested or know someone who is? Please contact Michael at [michael.chiam@alpha.org.sg](mailto:michael.chiam@alpha.org.sg)

**CBN CAREER COUNSELLING SERVICE** is now available on Zoom. You can have discussions with a trained counsellor on Career Exploration, Career Planning, Career Transitions, Workplace challenges, job search strategies, etc. Call 9111 7325 or email [admin@cbn.sg](mailto:admin@cbn.sg). A nominal fee charge of \$10 to cover administration cost.

## food for thought *Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.*

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.