

**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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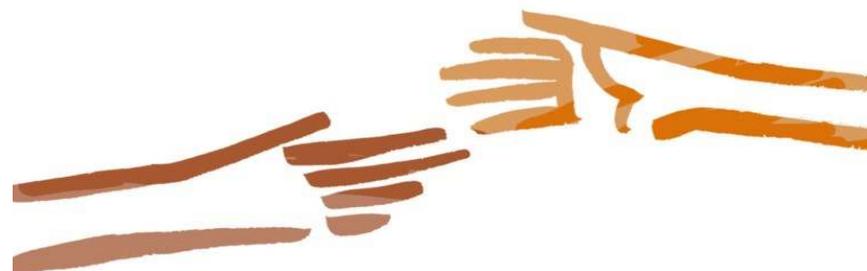
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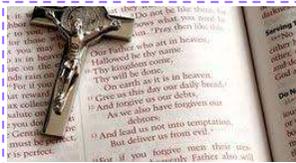
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A



...how often should
I forgive?
"Not SEVEN times,
but, I tell you,
SEVENTY-
SEVEN
times."

Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV



Sunday Readings

First reading Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 102(103):1-4,9-12
 Second reading Romans 14:7-9
 Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

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)

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.

SSVP Collections - The amount given to fins (friends in need) for September was \$4460.00. You may donate to Society of St. Vincent de Paul @ Lourdes by issuing a cheque in favour of **SSVP-Conference of Our Lady of Lourdes** to the church. Details for bank transfer as follows. Payee : SSVP-Conference of Our Lady of Lourdes, Bank : DBS, Account No : 011-015833-1. Thank you for your generous donation.

SCRIPTURE-BASED ONLINE RETREAT, OCTOBER 2020 - This scripture-based retreat with the theme, "A journey from fear to faith", is for young adults who yearn to encounter God and grow in faith in these uncertain times. The organizers are from the Verbum Dei Missionaries and Disciples. The retreat will be held over 4 Saturdays: 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st October 2020, via Zoom, from 10.30am to 12pm. The registration cost is \$10. Please register at: <https://verbumdeisingapore.org/forms/a-journey-from-fear-to-faith>

FAMILIES UNITE AGAINST OCD An online support group for caregivers with loved ones affected by Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder. Join us for a tea session to interact with fellow caregivers and find out more about your emotions in your caregiving journey. Date/time: Saturday, 19 September, 10am – 11am To register: tinyurl.com/fuaocdtea (closes on 16 September) Fee: FOC. via Zoom (more details at a later date)

food for thought *Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.*



The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

