

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES
IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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 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)

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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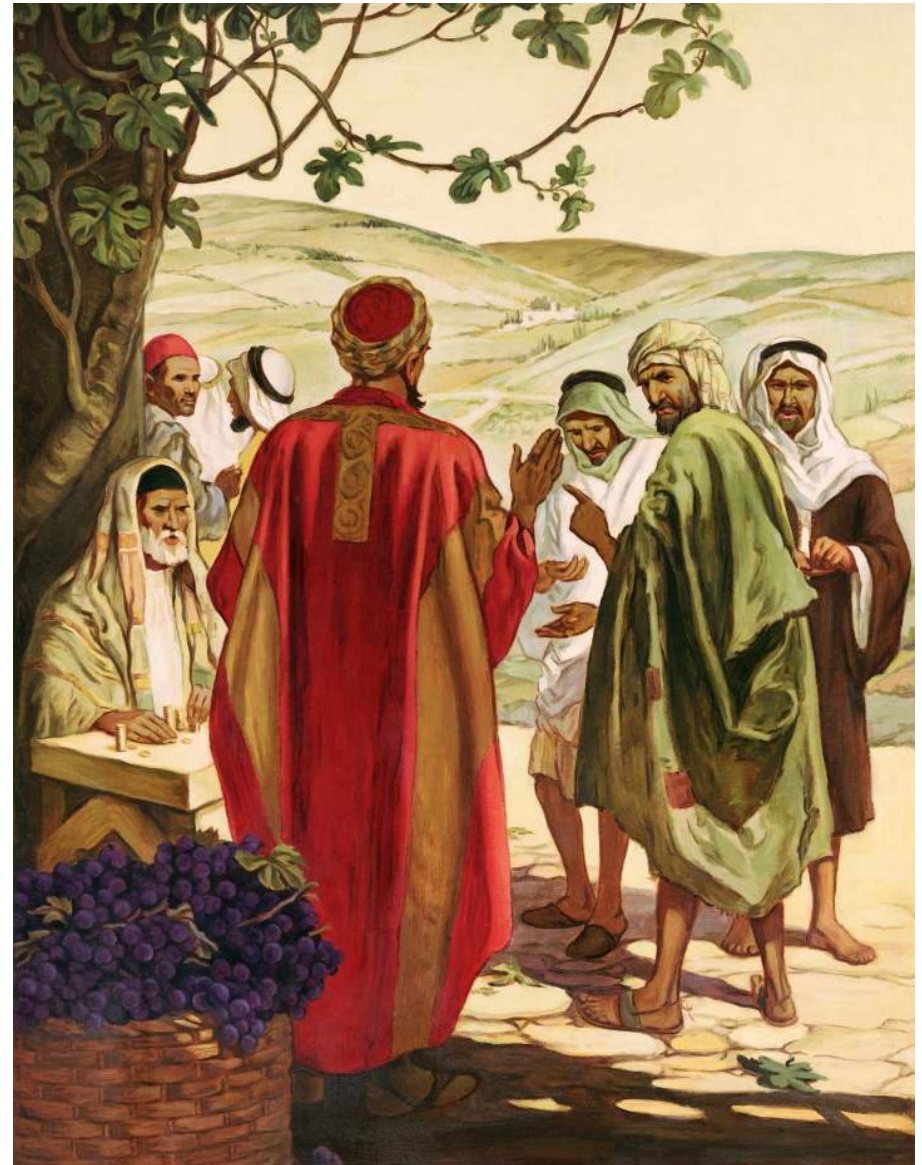
Parish Secretariat: ololsec@gmail.com

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20 SEP 2020

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading Isaiah 55:6-9
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18
 Second reading Philippians 1:20-24,27
 Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

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/ololsq>.
 Do remember to click **Subscribe** to receive notifications
 when we upload the videos.

100th Birth Anniversary of Saint John Paul II

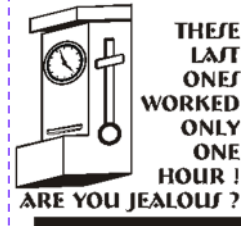
The Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Singapore presents the special anniversary website dedicated to life and deeds of Pope John Paul II, Great Pole and Saint of the Catholic Church. As 2020 marks the 100th birth anniversary of Karol Wojtyła, you are invited to visit the website to explore a richly illustrated and annotated on-line exhibition "The Pope of Freedom" and learn more about his contribution to peace and reconciliation processes, interreligious dialogue, transformation in Central Eastern Europe, end of the Cold War, and more. Additionally there is an interactive biography featuring archival photographs. The website is also an excellent source of information on Poland's unique religious treasures and 200 sanctuaries. <https://bit.ly/3my1UYi>

BRAVE – CATHOLIC YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE 2020

Date : 10 – 31 October Tickets : \$20 (\$10 for students) Youths, between 16-35 years old, are invited to this virtual festival via Zoom, to have raw, authentic and valuable conversations about our mental health, and how it coexists with our Catholic faith in our journey towards mental well-being. To register: tinyurl.com/BRAVEfestreg W: <https://www.clarity-singapore.org>

food for thought

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.



On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who laboured in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

