

SSVP Collections - The amount given to FINS (friends in need) for this month was \$4590.00. 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.

**CATHOLIC WELFARE SERVICES (CWS)
EMMANUEL SECOND CHANCE EDUCATION (ESCE) PROGRAMME**

The ESCE program is seeking to support those who have encountered adversity through social issues, past failures, or mistakes in their lives and desire a second chance for a brighter future through further education, and are also in need of financial assistance. A mandatory personalised mentoring programme is included so that there is someone assigned to accompany them in their education journey and support them through their issues. Participants may pursue a course of his or her choice either at college, university, vocational, or technical school, on condition that the course of learning must lead to employable skills. The programme is available to all Singapore citizens and permanent residents regardless of race or religion. If you are interested, additional information can be found at <https://www.catholicwelfare.org.sg/ESCE.html>.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS – October 2020

Evangelisation: The Laity's Mission in the Church We pray that the by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

food for thought

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

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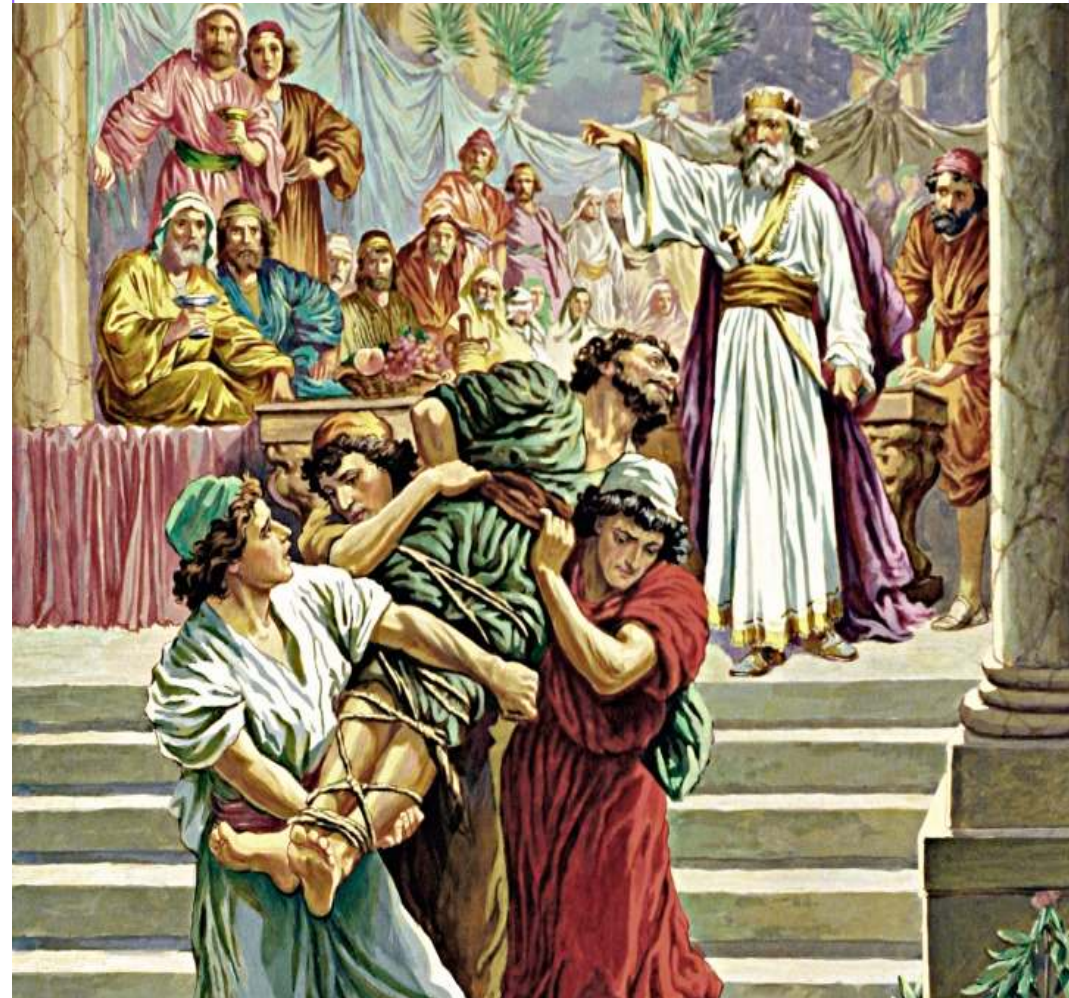
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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

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| First reading | Isaiah 25:6-10 |
| Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 22(23) |
| Second reading | Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 |
| Gospel | Matthew 22:1-14 |

Mass Schedule @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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| 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.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES ACTIVITES FOR OCTOBER

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

- ◆ Opening hours are on weekdays from 2pm and 5pm
- ◆ 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 October 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)

Weekend Mass

Link for *first* mass booking of the month: <https://mycatholic.sg/login>

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

Weekday Mass

Link for all weekday mass - <https://mycatholic.sg/login>

(Please note that calendly will no longer be available for booking for weekday masses)

Thank you for your understanding.

God Bless

Rev Fr Michael Sitaram

Parish Priest