


CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF SINGAPORE (CTIS) is inviting applications from Catholics for the Certificate in Theology Programme for Semester 1, 2021. The application forms are available on CTIS website and also from CTIS Office. Financial aid is available for students who require it. Information Night is on 5 November (Thursday) at 8.00pm. For more information and registration please email CTIS at admin@ctis.sg or call 6902-8700. Please submit your application by email by post, or in person before 5 December.

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. <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.

 *The 3P's of Evangelisation*
Prepare - Write a testimony of God's love in your life
Pray - Pray for opportunities to share and for the other person to listen
Proclaim - Share your story simply and sincerely with respect to the other
Tell others about Jesus.

food for thought *The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.*
This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.
The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.
The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.
Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.

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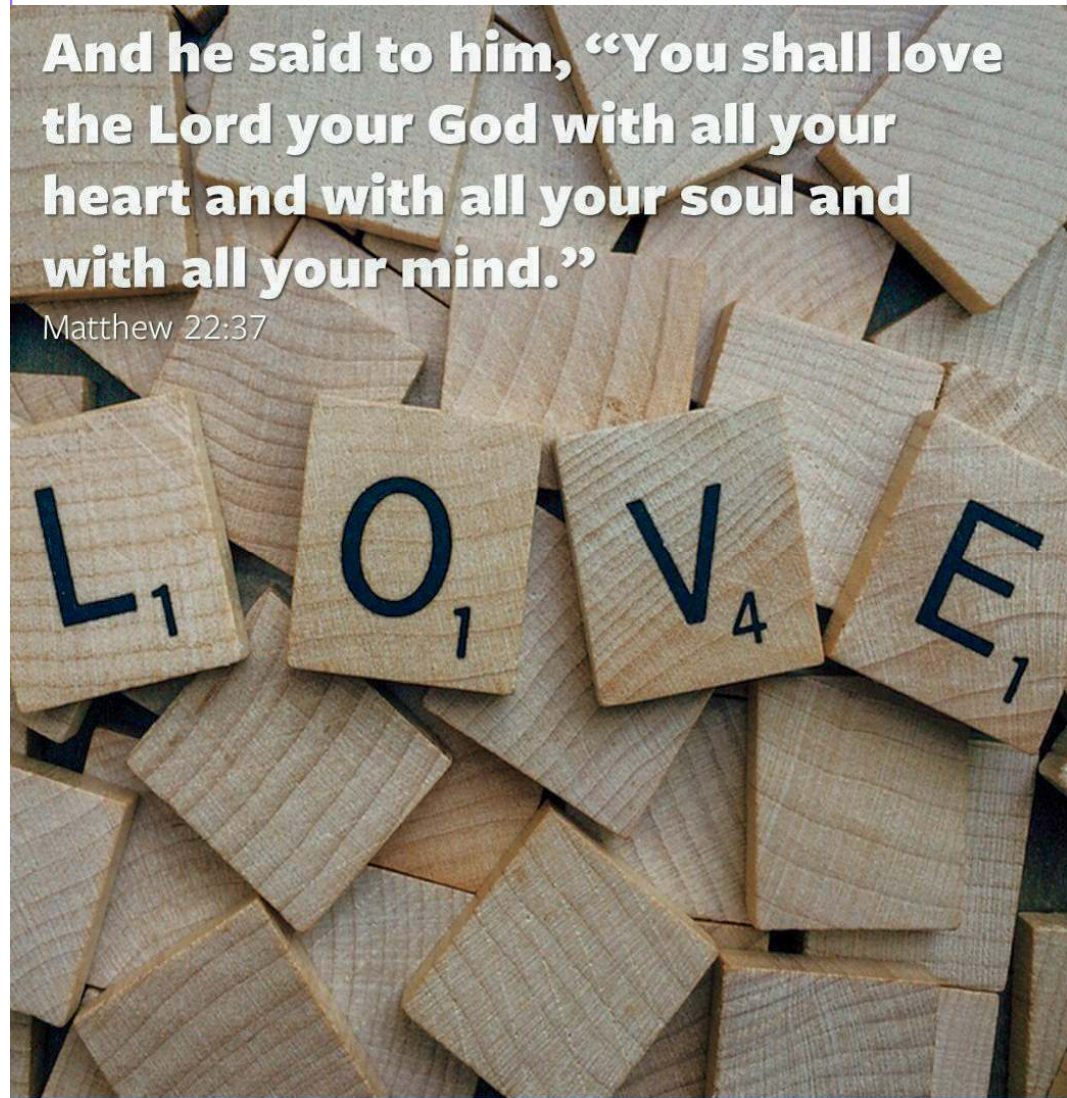
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And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

Matthew 22:37



Sunday Readings

First reading Exodus 22:20-26
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51
 Second reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
 Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

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.

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