

December Mass Booking Schedule

Dec 8th, Tuesday - 2nd Weekend Mass Booking Opens for all Churches at 9am

Dec 15th, Tuesday - 3rd Weekend Mass Booking Opens for OLOL at 12pm

24/25th Christmas Eve and Day Booking, 1 Booking per person

Christmas Eve will be any Mass starting between 2:30pm on 24th Dec and 11:59pm.

All parishioners can either book only one Mass for Christmas 24/25th, and any other Weekend Masses that is still available. Mass Bookings to be made at mycatholic.sg/login

Christmas Mass Schedule at OLOL

24th Dec 2020 *Christmas Eve* - 7pm & 9pm in English. 11.30pm in Tamil

25th Dec 2020 *Christmas Day* - 8am, 11am & 12.30pm in English. 9.30am in Tamil

ADVENT TO CHRISTMAS REFLECTION E-BOOKLET

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a reflection e-booklet to journey with you throughout Advent & Christmas. They are available in English, Chinese and Tamil. The reflection themes for Advent & Christmas are *"The Coming Word"* and *"Word Among Us"* respectively. Please download the e-booklet at: bit.ly/AdventChristmas2020. Short weekly videos that complement the e-booklet will also be uploaded on Mon 8pm, starting 23 Nov 2020 at tinyurl.com/oneyoutubechannel

GIFT 2020: Passing the Baton of Faith. This weekend, the Catholic Foundation is renewing its annual appeal for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) programme to build a more vibrant, evangelising and missionary Church. Share the gift of faith and support the organisations and projects of the archdiocese by making a monthly giving pledge – the most reliable source of funding for the archdiocese. Or, give via PayNow (UEN: 201231391K). Pick up the GIFT 2020 brochure or visit catholicfoundation.sg for more info.

food for thought *Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes.*

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

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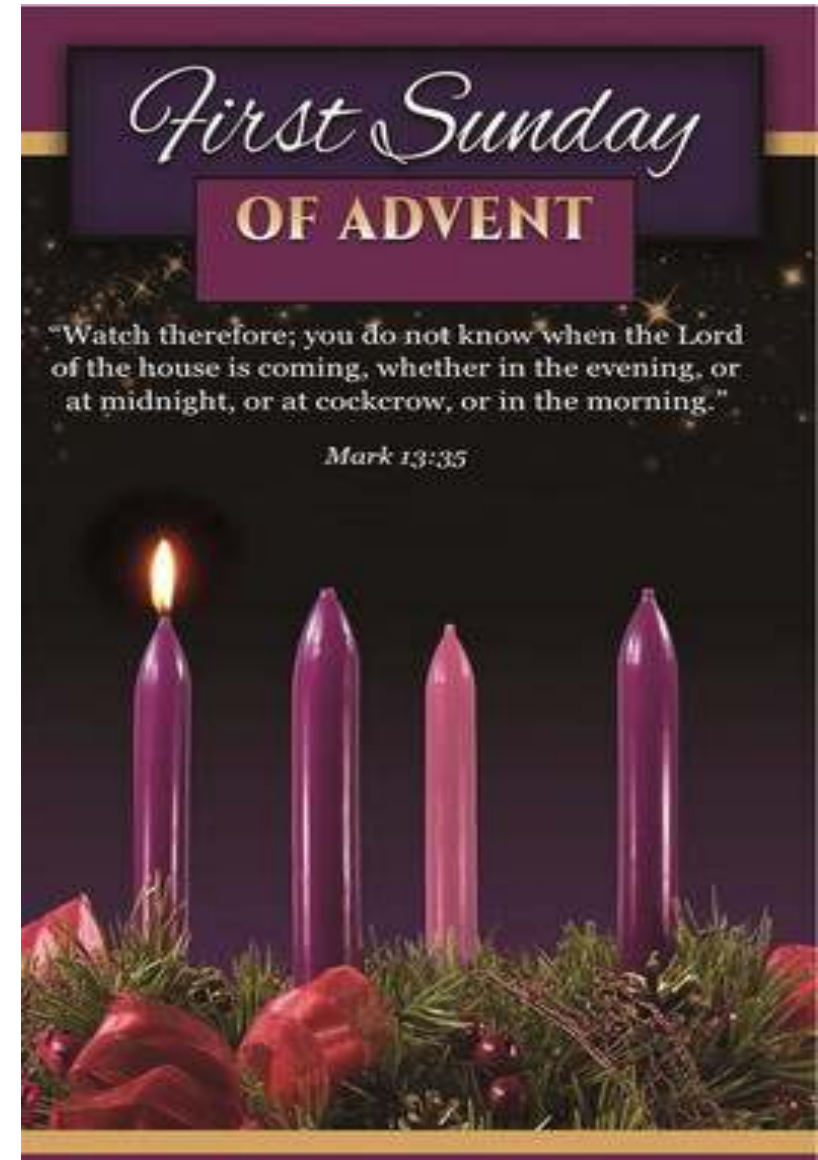
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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Sunday Readings

First reading	Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19
Second reading	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel	Mark 13:33-37

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/Donation**

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

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 November 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

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Parish Priest