

Public Holiday Mass Times

Date : Saturday, 14 October 2020
Time : 5:00pm, 6:00pm and 7:30pm
*Parish office will be closed.



SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$1800.00. The amount given to FINS (friends in need) for this month was \$4260.00. 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 PROGRAMME

Application Deadline is now extended to - 16 November 2020!

We are still seeking those who desire a second chance for a brighter future through further education, but have encountered adversity and are in need of financial assistance. This program includes a mandatory personalised mentoring programme so that there is someone assigned to accompany them in their education journey and support them through their issues. If you are interested additional information can be found at <https://www.catholicwelfare.org.sg/ESCE.html>.

food for thought

Jesus teaches his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

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Be Ready

“THEREFORE KEEP WATCH,
BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW
THE DAY OR THE HOUR.”

Matthew 25:1-13





Sunday Readings

First reading Wisdom 6:12-16
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 62(63):2-8
 Second reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

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

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