

### Public Holiday Mass Times

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



### 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](http://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](http://tinyurl.com/oneyoutubechannel)

### 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 about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities. This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

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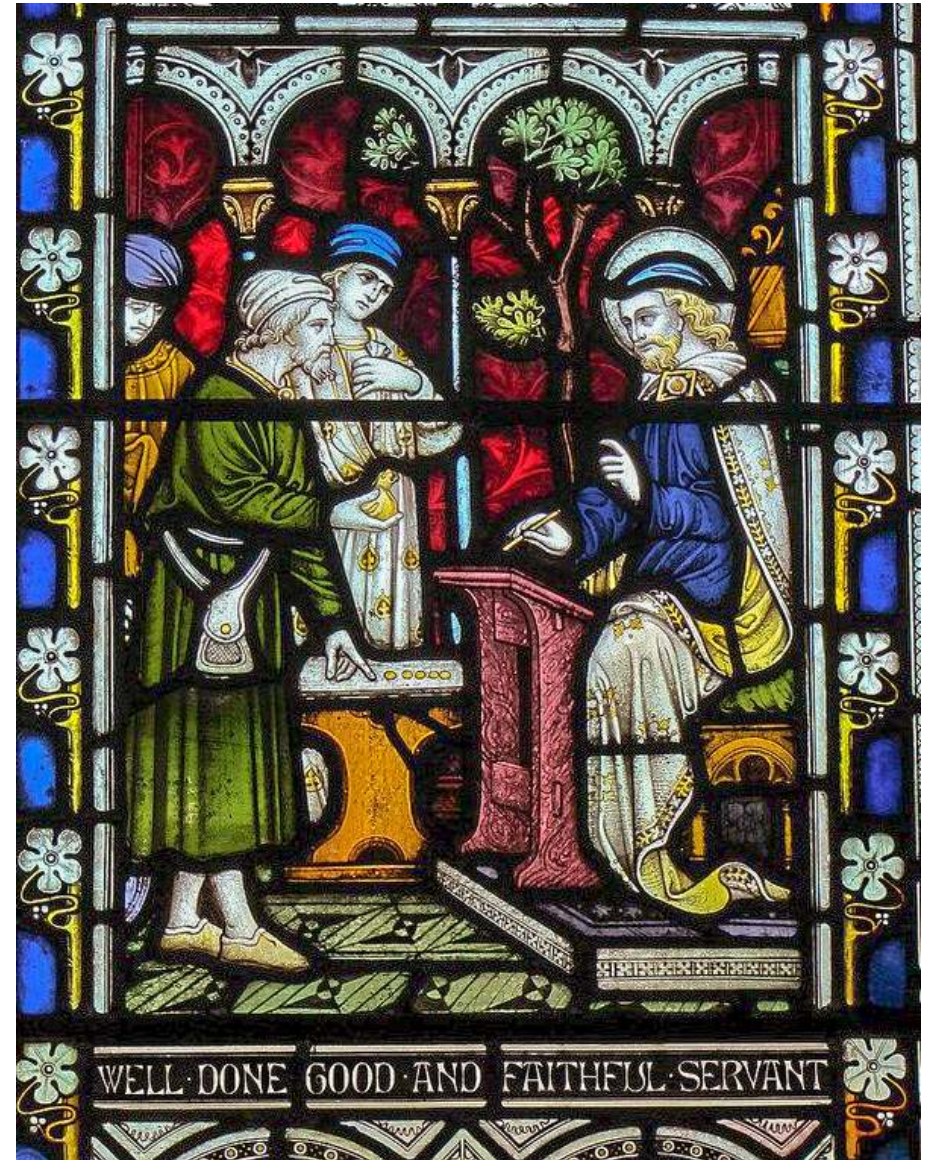
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### Sunday Readings

First reading Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31  
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 127(128):1-5  
 Second reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6  
 Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

### 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