

### New Year Mass Schedule

All bookings to be made via [myCatholic.sg](http://myCatholic.sg)

**31st Dec 2020** New Year's Eve - 9pm (English). 11.30pm (Tamil)

**1st Jan 2021** New Year's Day - 9am (English). 10.30am (Tamil)

Please note that the number of parishioners allowed at each mass is 60.

The church gates will be closed after the last Mass on New Year's Day.

The parish office will be closed on Public Holidays.

### JANUARY MASS BOOKINGS @ OLOL

**Bookings at OLOL will be at 12noon at <https://mycatholic.sg/login> on the following dates.**

**Dec 29th, Tuesday** - The first Mass booking for a weekend and all weekday Mass Bookings in January.

**Jan 12th, Tuesday** - Book for a second Mass for a weekend in January.

**Jan 19th, Tuesday** - Book for a third Mass for a weekend in January.

Weekday Masses are limited to one Mass per day. Please be gracious and only book for Masses that you are able to attend. A no-show for Masses that have been booked will be tracked in the system.

### food for thought *Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses.*

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfilment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, Nunc Dimittis, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.

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### Sunday Readings

First reading Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3  
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 104(105):1-6,8-9  
 Second reading Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19  
 Gospel Luke 2:22-40

### 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/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 ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER

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 December 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)

**\*Please see following page for New Year's Mass Schedule \***

Thank you for your understanding.

God Bless  
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 Parish Priest