

## CATHOLIC200SG: IGNITE AND SHINE WITH FAITH

All Catholics are invited to light a fire in our hearts and to charge up our faith lives as we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Catholic Church in Singapore. The year-long celebration, under the theme of "Ignite and Shine with Faith", invites us to deepen, discern, renew and celebrate our faith as evangelising disciples of Christ. **Join the weekly Intercessory Prayer every Tuesday at 8pm via Zoom.** Please register via <https://forms.gle/wfXjDe7XaynMUQ26> to receive the Zoom details. For more information, go to [catholic200.sg](https://catholic200.sg)

## ARCHDIOCESAN BIBLICAL APOSTOLATE

How and when was the Bible written, and by whom? What are the key themes of the Bible and how do the Old and New Testaments relate to each other? Why are there more books in the Catholic Bible than the bibles of other Christian communities? Given that the Bible was written thousands of years ago how can I read it to ensure the correct interpretation? Join us for Introduction to the Bible – a two part lecture series via Zoom presented by Helen Chong with a Q&A session at the end of the second lecture hosted by Fr Ferdinand Purnomo, OCD. Part 1: Friday Evening, 22 January, 8.15 - 9.45pm Part 2: Saturday Morning, 23 January, 9.00-10.30am Register at [tinyurl.com/y6rhftnf](https://tinyurl.com/y6rhftnf)

## food for thought *John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus receives his first followers.*

Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him Peter, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

## Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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17 JAN 2021

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Sunday Readings

First reading 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19  
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10  
 Second reading 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20  
 Gospel John 1:35-42

### 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 FOR FEBRUARY

You MUST be registered in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes at [myCatholic.sg](http://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

- ◆ bring the TraceTogether token or mobile phone is equipped with the TraceTogether app
- ◆ mask is always worn.

Please note that the number of parishioners allowed at each mass is 60. Please bring along your NRIC or Work Pass for verification. Temperature taking will also be administered.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Sacrament of Reconciliation 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 February 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>

### Mass times for the following dates in February 2021

All bookings to be made on <https://mycatholic.sg/> unless otherwise stated

- 02/02/2021 Presentation of Our Lord (Mass as per normal)
- 03/02/2021 Mass at 6pm – English (Day 1 Triduum of Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)  
 Mass at 7pm – Tamil (Day 1 Triduum of Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)
- 04/02/2021 Mass at 6pm – English (Day 2 Triduum of Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)  
 Mass at 7pm – Tamil (Day 2 Triduum of Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)
- 05/02/2021 Mass at 6pm – English (Day 3 Triduum of Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)  
 Mass at 7pm – Tamil (Day 3 Triduum of Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)
- 06/02/2021 Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (Mass as per normal)
- 07/02/2021 Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (Mass as per normal)
- 12/02/2021 Day 1 Chinese New Year (Mass at 8am, 9am and 10.30am (T))
- 13/02/2021 Day 2 Chinese New Year (Mass as per normal)
- 14/02/2021 (Mass as per normal)
- 17/02/2021 Ash Wednesday (Mass at 12.30pm, 6pm, 7pm (T), 8pm (T))

### Fridays in Lent

Stations of the Cross (on 19/02/2021 & 26/02/2021) followed by Mass at 12.30pm, 6pm, 7pm (T) <https://calendly.com/ololsec/mass-at-olol>

Thank you for your understanding. God Bless

Rev Fr Michael Sitaram

Parish Priest