

FEBRUARY MASS BOOKINGS @ OLOL

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

26 January (Tues) - 1st weekend Mass and all weekday Mass bookings in February

2 February (Tues) - Book 2nd weekend Mass in February

9 February (Tues) - Book 3rd weekend Mass in February

16 February (Tues) - Book 4th weekend Mass in February. 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.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD The Bible Sunday usually celebrated in July in this region is replaced with the celebration of the “Sunday of the Word of God” universally on the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 24 January 2021. It is devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

CBN CAREER COUNSELLING SERVICE is now available on Zoom. You can have discussions with a trained counsellor on Career exploration, Career planning, Career transitions, Workplace challenges, job search strategies, etc. Call 9111 7325 or email admin@cbn.sg to register. There will be a nominal charge of \$10 to cover administrative costs.

food for thought *Jesus calls the fishermen, Simon and Andrew, James and John, to be his disciples.*

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus’ birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus’ baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus’ public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus’ own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today’s Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus’ pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus’ preaching is greater than John’s. Jesus begins the time of fulfilment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus’ words and in the actions that follow. Jesus’ healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week’s Gospel, in Mark’s Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them “fishers of men.” James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus’ words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark’s Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today’s Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus’ disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfilment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God’s kingdom?

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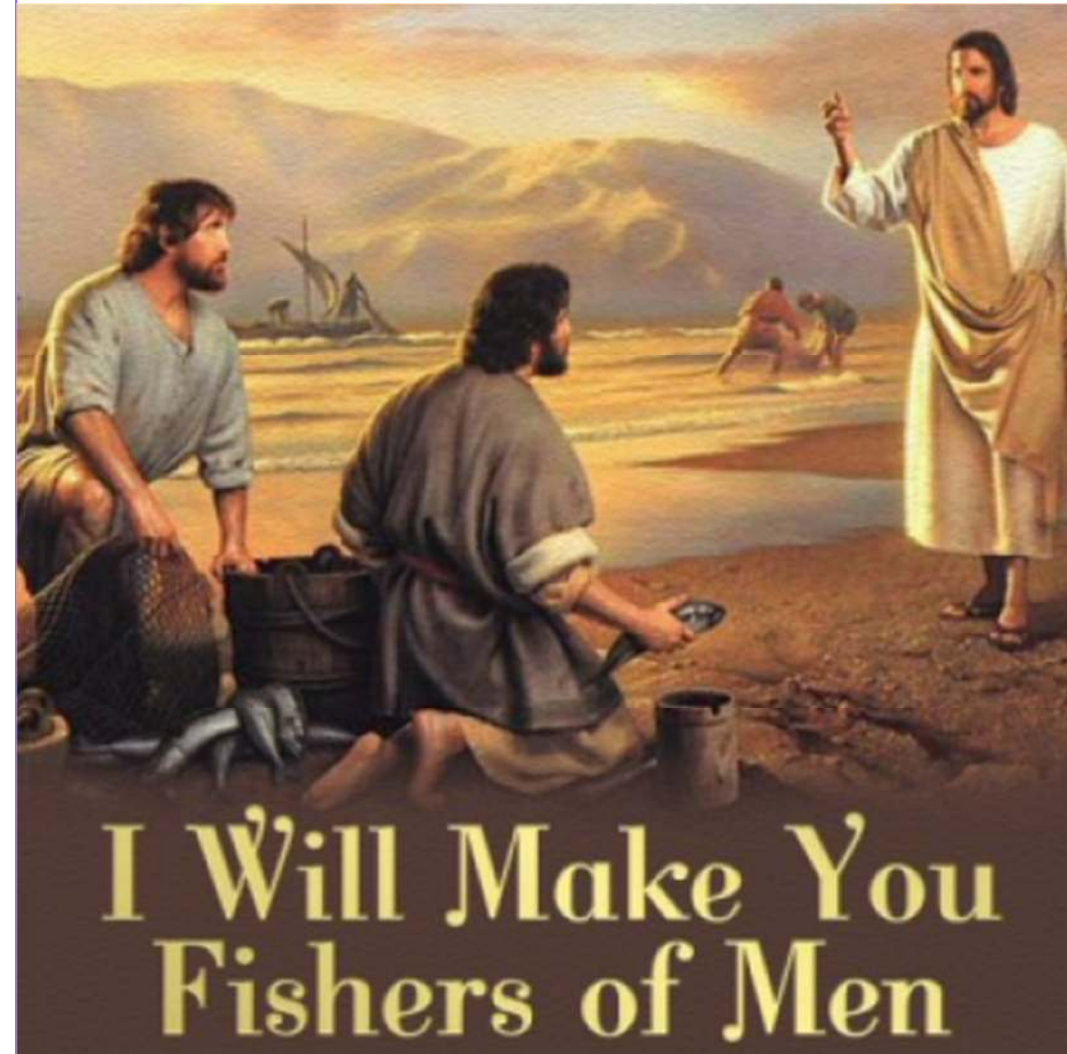
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24 JAN 2021

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

YEAR B



I Will Make You
Fishers of Men



Sunday Readings

First reading Jonah 3:1-5,10
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9
 Second reading 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Gospel Mark 1:14-20

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. 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

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Parish Priest