

## FEBRUARY MASS BOOKINGS @ OLOL

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

**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.

## DISPENSATION FROM ABSTINENCE DURING LUNAR NEW YEAR 2021

The Conference grants dispensation from abstinence to all the faithful celebrating the Lunar New Year in any way on the three consecutive Fridays, 12, 19 & 26 February.

**However, all are asked to observe the regular fast and abstinence for Ash Wednesday on 17 February.**

## LENT REFLECTION BOOKLET 2021

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a reflection e-booklet to journey with you throughout Lent. They are available in English, Chinese and Tamil. The reflection theme for Lent is "The Word, Source of Life". Please download the e-booklet at: [bit.ly/Lenten2021](http://bit.ly/Lenten2021)

## food for thought *Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit and his fame spreads throughout Galilee.*



Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

## Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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31 JAN 2021

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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... I KNOW WHO  
YOU ARE—  
THE HOLY ONE OF  
GOD."  
MARK 1:24



### Sunday Readings

First reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9  
 Second reading 1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
 Gospel Mark 1:21-28

### 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

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