

MARCH MASS BOOKINGS @ OLOL

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

23 February, Tuesday - 1st booking for Weekend Mass & all weekday Mass

2 March, Tuesday – 2nd booking for Weekend Mass

9 March, Tuesday – 3rd booking for Weekend Mass

16 March, Tuesday – 4th booking for Weekend Mass. 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 on Friday, 26 February 2021.

Welcoming Returning Catholics

Landings presents Returned!, a testimony event on Zoom. If you are exploring a reconnection with the Catholic faith, we welcome you to join us on 6 March 2021 (Saturday), from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Please register for the Returned! event at this link: <http://bit.ly/Landings-Returned-Mar2021>

food for thought

Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfilment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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*And saying, The time is fulfilled, and
the kingdom of God is at hand: repent
ye, and believe the gospel.*

Mark 1:15





Sunday Readings

First reading Genesis 9:8-15
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9
 Second reading 1 Peter 3:18-22
 Gospel Mark 1:12-15

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 MARCH 2021

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

- ◆ you bring the TraceTogether token or mobile phone is equipped with the TraceTogether app
 - ◆ your mask is always worn.
- Please note that the number of parishioners allowed at each mass is **80**. 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 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)

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 March 2021

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

Penitential Service

17 March 2021 from 7.30pm

Fridays in Lent (Stations of the Cross followed by Mass)

05/03/21, 12/03/21, 19/03/21 & 26/03/21
 12.30pm, 6pm, 7pm (T)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

27/03/21 – **4.30pm**, 6pm, 7.30pm
 28/03/21 – 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, 6.30pm

Information for April 2021

Holy Thursday – 7pm followed by exposition of Blessed Sacrament
 Good Friday – 10am, 1130am (T), 1pm, 3pm, 5pm (T), 6.30pm (T)
 Holy Saturday – 7pm (Easter Vigil), 10pm (Easter mass – T)
 Easter Sunday – 7am (T), 8am (E), 9.30am (T), 11am (E), 12.30pm (E), 6.30pm (T)

Thank you for your understanding.

God Bless
 Rev Fr Michael Sitaram
 Parish Priest