

## MARCH MASS BOOKINGS @ OLOL

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

**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.

Para-counselling service by **Catholic Family Life** - Need someone to journey with you through the stages and challenges of life? Trained Para-Counsellors are available via Zoom. Please call 66318963 (Mon – Fri 12pm to 4pm), email [paracounselling-info@familylife.sg](mailto:paracounselling-info@familylife.sg) or visit <https://cpc.familylife.sg/> to book your session.

## Discipleship Retreat 2021 - By Msgr Ambrose Vaz

Are you more a Disciple than a Volunteer in serving the Lord? Come learn about Christian Commitment and the marks of Servanthood in the Bible. The retreat will be held online over three Saturdays, 6, 13 and 20 March from 9am to 12 noon. For queries and registration, please email [formation@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:formation@caritas-singapore.org)

## food for thought

*Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.*

Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew’s and Mark’s Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke’s Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah’s return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus’ disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel’s history with Jesus signifies Jesus’ continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfilment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter’s offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter’s confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God’s Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus’ baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus’ Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples’ confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus’ Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus’ Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus’ Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus’ passion and death.

## Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them,  
and a voice came from the cloud:  
“This is my Son, whom I love.

Listen to him!”

Mark 9:7





### Sunday Readings

First reading Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18  
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 115(116):10,15-19  
 Second reading Romans 8:31-34  
 Gospel Mark 9:2-10

### 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](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

- ◆ 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

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Parish Priest