



*Fr. Michael Sitaram, Fr. Paul Yeo and Fr. Nithiya Sagayaraj would like to wish all parishioners a very happy and prosperous Chinese New Year filled with God's blessings, peace, joy and good health.
Gong Xi Fa Cai!*

FEBRUARY MASS BOOKINGS @ OLOL

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

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.**

food for thought Jesus cures a person with leprosy, who reports his cure to everyone.

In Jesus' time, religious and social taboos dictated the behaviour of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honours the Law of Moses. Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

50 Ophir Road, Singapore 188690 Tel: 6294 0624
www.lourdes.sg

Parish Priest: Rev Fr Michael Sitaram
Email: frmichaelsitaram@gmail.com

Asst. Parish Priest: Rev Fr Paul Yeo
Email: fryeopaul@gmail.com

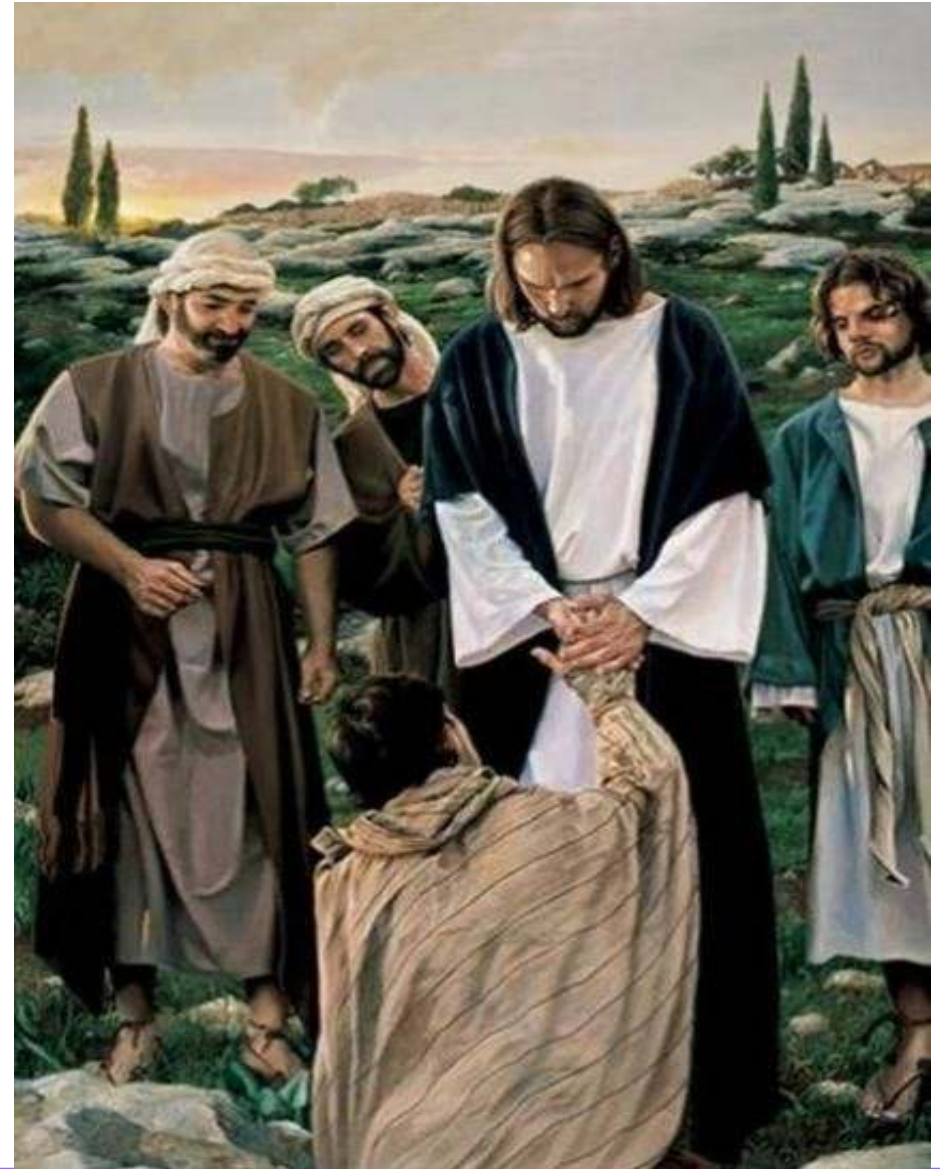
Asst. Parish Priest: Rev Fr Nithiya Sagayaraj
Email: nithiya@catholic.org.sg

Parish Secretariat: ololsec@gmail.com
and colol.pastoral@catholic.org.sg

14 FEB 2021

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B





Sunday Readings

First reading Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 31(32):1-2,5,11
 Second reading 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
 Gospel Mark 1:40-45

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 7am(T),12.30pm, 5pm, 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