

APRIL MASS BOOKINGS @ OLOL

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

30 March, Tuesday – 2nd booking for Weekend Mass

6 April, Tuesday – 3rd booking for Weekend Mass

13 April, 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.

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a reflection e-booklet to journey with you throughout Easter. They are available in English, Chinese and Tamil. The reflection theme for Easter is *“The Word Liberates”*. Please download the e-booklet at: bit.ly/TheWordLiberates. Short weekly videos that complement the e-booklet will also be uploaded on Thursday 8pm, starting 1 April at tinyurl.com/oneyoutubechannel

Landings Singapore will start an 8-week programme on Thursdays (8pm to 10pm) commencing on 15 April 2021 till 3 June 2021. We invite Catholics seeking a reconnection with the faith to register. Please register for the programme at bit.ly/LandingsApr2021 by 7 April 2021. For more info, email singapore@landings.org.sg

food for thought *Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. The centurion who witnessed his death declared, “This man was the Son of God.”*

In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus’ passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark’s account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus’ death. In Mark’s telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God’s will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfilment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter’s denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus’ passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God’s Son.

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28 MAR 2021

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Sunday Readings

First reading Isaiah 50:4-7
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24
 Second reading Philippians 2:6-11
 Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47

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 - Updated

Holy Thursday 1st Apr - 7pm, 8.30pm (T)

Good Friday 2nd Apr - 9.30am, 11am (T), 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm (T), 6pm (T)

Holy Saturday – 7pm (Easter Vigil), 9pm(Easter Mass), 10pm (Easter mass – T)

Easter Sunday – 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