

MARCH MASS BOOKINGS @ OLOL

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

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.

SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$3102.00. The amount given to FINS (friends in need) for this month was \$4410.00. You may donate to Society of St. Vincent de Paul @ Lourdes by issuing a cheque in favour of SSVP-Conference of Our Lady of Lourdes to the church. Details for bank transfer as follows. Payee : SSVP-Conference of Our Lady of Lourdes, Bank : DBS, Account No : 011-015833-1. Thank you for your generous donation.

CATHOLIC200SG: FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

A showcase of Catholic musical talent, a celebration of the diversity of music in Singapore. All Catholic individuals and groups are invited to submit music videos of covers or original works by 31 May 2021. For enquiries and submission guidelines go to catholic200.sg/catholic200sgfestival/ or email music200@catholic.org.sg

food for thought *Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man will be raised up so that those who believe in him will have eternal life.*

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Today’s Gospel consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus’ reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today’s Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses’ prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today’s Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus’ words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John’s Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John’s reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

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14 MAR 2021

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR B



LIFTED UP
to
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*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
John 3:14-15*



Sunday Readings

First reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 136(137):1-6
 Second reading Ephesians 2:4-10
 Gospel John 3:14-21

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