

## APRIL MASS BOOKINGS @ OLOL

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

**23 March, Tuesday** - 1st booking for Weekend Mass & all weekday Masses

**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](http://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](http://tinyurl.com/oneyoutubechannel)

**MAKE YOUR MARRIAGE A PRIORITY!** "Marriage is a project to be worked on together and a process of growth" – Pope Francis (Amoris Laetitia, no. 218, 221). Good marriages can always be made better. To deepen your couple relationship, sign up for a Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 16, 17, and 18, 2021. This In-person and non stay-in weekend will be at Agape Village, 7A Lor 8 Toa Payoh. Please contact David & Clara at 96705390 or email [mewkend@gmail.com](mailto:mewkend@gmail.com)

## food for thought

*Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.*

In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus. Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

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21 MAR 2021

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Unless a wheat grain falls  
on the ground and dies,  
it remains only a single grain;  
but if it dies,  
it yields a rich harvest.

John 12: 24



### Sunday Readings

First reading Jeremiah 31:31-34  
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15  
 Second reading Hebrews 5:7-9  
 Gospel John 12:20-33

### 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