



PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
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 (Announcements:)

PELAN PERMULIHAN NASIONAL (PPN) FASA 1,2,3/ National Recovery Plan (NRP) PHASE 1, 2, 3 effective from 29 June, 2021 until further notice.
 These guidelines may be revised in line with updates and additional SOPs issued by the authorities.
 In view of this and the alarming figures of new infections and increase in infectivity, ALL MASSES (weekday and weekend) are suspended **till further notice.**

The main gate of the church will remain closed and only **Individuals** (*not in groups*) who have a special and urgent reason to see the priest or office staff must first make a prior appointment before the visit. As far as possible, if the matter could be handled by avoiding any physical contact, alternative means of communication should be used – telephone call or email.
 Visitors with prior appointments should have their hand sanitized and should be masked. Check in with MySejahtera App. Contact details of visitors will be recorded for the purpose of contact tracing.

CONTRIBUTION to OMPH church (Parishioners & friends who wish to contribute towards their monthly church contributions please do online trf. at Public Bank – A/c 3096864807 (Parish of Our Mother of Perpetual Help) or give us a call at the parish office to make an appointment. No one is authorized to collect any money on behalf of the church.)

OMPH BECs ONLINE Live-Mass
 Parish priest initiates Online Live-Mass for BECs followed by drive-thru communion. This is a safe platform & we will get the opportunity to communicate with you directly before and after the live-streaming masses. Get in-touch with your BEC leader, Area Coordinator to schedule for your BEC online live-mass.

FORMED.org
 Diocese of Penang has subscribed for Formed.org so that all individuals, families, ministries, communities and beyond can access to Catholic programs, talks, movie, audios and other materials for free.
 Steps to self-registration for every individual –
 a) <https://formed.org/>
 b) Sign up today. Click blue box that says Sign Up.
 c) 'How would you like to sign up?' – click on "Sign up as a parishioner"
 d) While in the 'Create a New Account page' to find your parish or organization:
 i) Search & type "Penang Diocesan Pastoral Institute" then click on it.
 e) Personal individual account –
 i) Put your name & personal email address which have not been used before to sign up for FORMED. (you can create a new email if necessary)
 ii) Click Sign up & you are logged in.

ETERNAL HAPPINESS TO:
 + Juliana Tan Sock Teck departed on 5 September, 2021.

(food for thought) (Bulletin 12 September, 2021)
 Gospel: Mk 8: 27-35. **"Two Questions, Two Rebukes"**



On the road to Jerusalem Jesus asks his disciples two questions. The first is a general question. "Who do people say that I am?" The disciples respond with what people were saying about him. The popular notion was that Jesus was someone like John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the great prophets. Then He asks, "but who do you say that I am?" Only Peter has the courage to answer.

Jesus did not want to become a celebrity simply known only for his miraculous powers. It was too early in the formation of his disciples to have them spread word of his messiahship. They would have gotten the message all wrong. They would have missed what Jesus meant when he invited us to "take up your cross and follow me."

The Gospel is suggesting that becoming a disciple is a process of growing in understanding. Peter's quick answer seems correct, at first, but we learn the real answer is much more complex. Peter and the disciples will have to keep quiet for a while; they have more to learn. It is also obvious from what Jesus says to them at this stage of instruction: he is not going to be a quick fix for people's problems.

We cannot just declare our faith in Jesus. If we don't translate our faith into actions it means nothing and is not enough to save us.

"Who do you say I am?" is not a question that we need only to answer once in our lives. Our responses will vary, depending upon how we experience God's presence in our lives, and upon our own level of maturity and faith. The Gospel challenges us: Who is Jesus for us now and what is the meaning of Jesus for our lives now? It is important for us to take Jesus' question seriously each day of our lives.

