



PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
 Redemptorist Community
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting
 All councilors are requested to be present for the 1st meeting on Sun. 21/1/2018 at 7.30 pm in St. Mark's Room.

KLEPTOPOLY

All are invited for a presentation on good governance, corruption, future of our country, our responsibility on
 (date) Tuesday, 23 January, 2018
 (time) 8.00 pm to 10.00 pm
 (venue) OMPH parish hall.
 Presenters: Cynthia Gabriel & Sudhagaran Stanley.

"HOPE IS A DISCOVERY OF SELF"

(date) Wed. 24 Jan., 2018
 (venue) OMPH church
 (time) 8.00 pm
 All are welcome to join in the road of discovery!

RITE OF PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE NICENE CREED

Our Catechumens will be celebrating "The Rite of Presentation of the Lord's Prayer and the Nicene Creed" on Saturday, 3 February, 2018 during the 6.45pm Mass. The Elect will be officially presented with the Nicene Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

YOUTH FORMATION for Primary(#1) & Secondary catechism children will take place on
 (date) **Sunday 28 January, 2018**
 (time) 10am to 12 noon.
 Parents kindly take note of the time schedule when you pick up your children

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

We celebrate Catechetical Sunday in our Diocese on the weekend of 27 & 28 January, 2018. During our Eucharistic celebration we pray for our RCIA facilitators, our Baptism instructors and our Faith Educators from all language groups.

"GOOD SAMARITIAN!"

Your help will be deeply appreciated by the Elderly from Simee Old Folks Home. They are looking for do-gooder to help out in ping-pong, games, board-games, mahjong, poker cards, puzzles, Chinese calligraphy, coloring etc... from 9 am to 11 am. Share your time with the Elderly; we hope our retirees can respond to this invitation Pastoral Care. Remember we have spoken about this already!
 Contact: Ms Alicia Yong or Ms Cherlyn (Tel 05 5473252/05 5452449)

(Food for thought) Gospel: Mk 1: 14-20

"The Grace of Discipleship"

There is a grace present in all of Scripture, a grace that we too often narrowly associate only with scriptural figures. The God of today's Jonah story is the same God we see Jesus reveal to us in the Gospel. Both readings today are tales of mercy, freely given, unlimited and unearned. God, it seems, is free to bestow mercy on whomever God chooses. Yet that same grace is eternally present and given, just as freely, to each of us.

Like Jonah and the prophets, Jesus preached repentance, "*metanoia*." He invited people to have a change of heart and return to God.

Repentance means acknowledging one's sins and seeking forgiveness. Jesus links repentance with believing the good news, "Repent and believe the gospel."

Today's Gospel, God's call is a challenge to us to respond to service. Each of us has been called and is being called by name right now. Our baptism reminds of that. We will pray at this Eucharist for open ears to hear again Jesus' call, "Come follow me...." We'll ask to be shown concretely how we can respond now to that call - on the job, in our homes and out in the world.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the Parish Priest at least SIX MONTHS in advance.

WEDDING BANNES: (3rd Publication)

* Joshuan Luke a/l Anthony Dass & Andrea Maleni a/p Palanichamy.

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Priest at least ONE MONTH in advance.

PARISH ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS:

(January/February 2018)

- * 21/1/2018 - 8.00 am - CLOW (St.Mark's Rm.)
- 10.00 am - Distribution of rations (Wallace hse.)
- 11.30am - RCIA (T) (Wallace Rm.)
- 2.00 pm - St.Cecilia's Choir practice (church)
- 2.30 pm - RCIA (E) (St.Mark's Rm.)
- 7.30pm - Parish Pastoral Council (St.Mark's Rm.)
- * 22/1/2018 - 7.00 pm - CCR (Meditation Rm.)
- * 23/1/2018 - 8.15 pm - Legion of Mary (C) (St.Matthew Rm.)
- * 25/1/2018 - 8.00 pm - Tamil Choir (St.Paul's Rm.)
- 8.00 pm - Holy Trinity Prayer group (Meditation Rm.)
- 8.00 pm - Area Coordinators, Representatives (St. Mark's Rm.)
- * 26/1/2018 - 8.00 pm - RCIA (C) (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- * 27/1/2018 - 6.45pm - CLOW (St.Mark's Rm.)
- * 28/1/2018 - 8.00 am - CLOW (St.Mark's Rm.)
- 10.00 am - Youth Formation (Pri & Sec.) (church grounds)
- 11.30 am - RCIA (T) (Wallace Rm.)
- 11.30 am - Tamil Hospitality (St. Paul's Rm.)
- 2.00 pm - St.Cecilia's Choir (Church)
- 2.30 pm - RCIA (E) (St.Mark's Rm.)
- * 29/1/2018 - 7.00 pm - CCR (Meditation Rm.)
- * 30/1/2018 - 8.15 pm - Legion of Mary (C) (St.Matthew Rm.)
- * 1/2/2018 - 8.00 pm - Tamil Choir (St.Paul's Rm.)
- * 2/2/2018 - 8.00 pm - RCIA (C) (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- * 4/2/2018 - 11.30am - RCIA (T) (Wallace Rm.)
- 2.00 pm - St.Cecilia's Choir practice (church)
- 2.30 pm - RCIA (E) (St.Mark's Rm.)
- 3.30 pm - Eucharistic Ministers (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- * 5/2/2018 - 7.00 pm - CCR (Meditation Rm.)
- 8.00 pm - Chinese Apostolate (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)

2018 COFFEE MORNINGS:

- * 21/1/2018 - St. Mary's Chapel YOUTH. * 28/1/2018 - BEC St. Monica.
- * 4/2/2018 - BEC St. John the Apostle (Zone 4)* 11/2/2018- Sunday Catechism Teachers.

BIBLE REFLECTION & HOME-GATHERING:

- * 21/1/2018 – 7.30 pm – BC St. Teresa; Home of Carmen & Edward Ngu.
- 7.00 pm - BEC St.Philip; Home of S. Phillips.

ETERNAL HAPPINESS TO:-

- + Rose Choke Siew Thye departed on 10 January, 2018.
- + Josephine a/p Anthonysamy departed on 11 January, 2018.

PARISH UPGRADING!!!!

The parish will be constructing a roof covering from the St.Gerard's Cafeteria to the office. It will be fitted with lights and fan to make the place more conducive for gathering for our breakfast morning and other events. The whole project will cost approximately RM35,000/-. The project will begin in January 2018.

Donations can be made payable to "Parish of Our Mother of Perpetual Help". We look forward to your support and help. (Parish priest)

Thank you for your support and to parishioners and friends who supported this project.

To-date donations collected RM7480.00

HEALING SEMINAR

organized by OMPH Catholic Charismatic Renewal (date) Wed. 23, Thurs 24 & Fri 25 May,2018 (time) 7.30pm to 10.00 pm (venue) OMPH church, Ipoh Gdn. (Speaker) Rev.Fr. Matthew Linn,SJ. Solidarity share RM10/-.

EVENING FOR THE ENGAGED 2018

Couples planning to get married in the year 2018, please take note of the EE Weekends english during the year. You are requested to register six (6) weeks before the weekend dates.

EE114	19-21 January, 2018
EE115	6-8 April, 2018
EE116	22-24 June 2018
EE117	24-26 August 2018
EE118	26-28 October 2018

Application forms can be obtained from your Parish priest or on website: www.ceepenang.org

NOVENA PRAYERS TO ST.PEREGRINE

EVERY TUESDAY AT 5.45 PM in the Meditation Room. During this Novena Devotion, names of cancer patients will be lifted up. All are invited.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION TIME

All are welcome to join the Christian Meditation group which meets * **EVERY SATURDAY** AT 11.00 A.M. – 12 NOON in the Meditation room.

OMPH CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Come join us in our Praise & Worship * Every Tuesday at 8.00 pm (T) * Every Wednesday at 8.00 pm (E)

TAMIL MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND – 2018

Chapel of St.s Chastan & Imbert	Feb 23, 24, 25. August 24, 25, 26.	Closing date on 1st day of each month
Domus St.Anne, Bukit Mertajam	May 25, 26, 27. November 23, 24, 25	Closing date on 1st day of each month

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CHURCH HISTORY

by Rev.Fr. Arul Sagaraj, OFM (date) Saturdays (27 Jan; 10 Feb, 3 & 17 Mar.) (time) 9.00 am to 1.00 pm (venue) Penang Diocesan Pastoral Institute To register, please call (04 2611350)