



PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
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CHANCERY NOTICE

The Bishop also request that all parishes, priest, parishioners take necessary steps to prevent any possible infection and more importantly to curtail any spreading of the infection within our community. The following steps should be encouraged as a public service in instilling good prevention protocols.

- 1)** Any person feeling ill or having symptoms of influenza is requested to voluntarily self-isolate at home until back to health.
- 2)** Wash hands frequently. Proper hand hygiene should be practiced at all times.
- 3)** All persons who have recently returned from China, Korea, Japan, Italy and Iran are advised to self-quarantine for 14 days as per the advisory of the Ministry of Health, Malaysia.

"We remain united with the nation and the entire world in prayer."

NEW DEVELOPMENT ON MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER(MCO) IMPLEMENTATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

In strict compliance to the Movement Control Order, the churches, chapels, prayer rooms (where applicable) including the Shrine of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam will be entirely closed during the period of restriction from 18 – 31 March, 2020.

As to-date (25/3/2020), Movement Control Order (MCO) extended till 14 April, 2020.

(*) Should there be a requirement from the government for a total lockdown, then the closure will be implemented immediately.

Take note that the parish office will be closed from 18 March till 14 April 2020.

Funeral service is allowed with the immediate family following the necessary permission by the Ministry of Health, Local police station. Contact the parish priest for funerals at 05 5458220.

LIVE BROADCAST OF SUNDAY & SOLEMNITY MASSES from 14 – 29 March, 2020.

* 5th Sunday of Lent
 Sat. 28/3/2020 – 6.00 pm Mass
 Sun. 29/3/2020 – 6.00 pm Mass
 (youtube.com/user/LiveOnlinePenang)

(Food for thought)
 Gospel: John 11: 1-45.

"Called to Resurrection"

The entire season of Lent points to one central theme: Resurrection. The Easter story is not only an account of Jesus' resurrection from the dead; the story of Easter is also a living, continuing account of humanity striving to rise and live life to the full. The Easter message is not only about the Risen Lord, but also about humanity, whom God has saved all throughout salvation history.

Ezekiel is speaking to the Jews in Babylonian exile and isn't just addressing the misery of individuals; he is speaking about the nation's desolation as well. Not only are they enslaved, but they interpret their condition as a punishment from God for their past infidelities. They can make no argument for their defense; no excuse to God to warrant God's coming to their rescue. But God will save them, not because of their merit or eloquently-voiced defense, but because God is merciful.

The letter to the Romans goes a step further: The Spirit of God dwells in us and will give life to our mortal bodies simply because it is the spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead.

And so, we need to:

- leave our self-imposed exile of comfortable religion and see to the needs of those outside our circle
- be healed of past hurts that set us apart and keep us fearful of new relationships
- give up sinful patterns that only drive us further into exile
- stop being apart, suspicious, or fearful of others who are different from us
- simplify our lives and stop using resources as though we were the only inhabitants on the earth
- put aside our fears and respond to God's invitation to come away to a place of intimacy and dependence on God

Resurrection changed Jesus. Resurrection changed Lazarus. So, for us, too, resurrection must mean change. Resurrection takes place in real life situations... with real people... not only our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers or employers - but also with all of our sisters and brothers who inhabit this fragile planet of ours. It is impossible to ignore our need for one another - our common need for resurrection.

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

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS: (Mar.2020)
(All activities & meetings are cancelled 14 – 29 March, 2020)

COFFEE MORNINGS 2020: (All fellowship cancelled)

- * 5/4/2020 – Hospitality Ministers (E)
- * 19/4/2020 – BEC St.Michael.
- * 26/4/2020 – BEC St.Francis de Sales.
- * 3/5/2020 - BEC St.Jude
- * 10/5/2020 – BEC St.Monica.
- * 17/5/2020 – Chinese Apostolate
- * 24/5/2020 – Tamil Hospitality.
- * 7/6/2020 - St.Peregrine group
- * 14/6/2020 – St.Mary’s Chapel project & upgrading committee
- * 5/7/2020 – Sun.Sch (Form 4)
- * 12/7/2020 – Fund Raising Committee.
- * 19/7/2020 – Divine Mercy.
- * 26/7/2020 - BM Apostolate.
- * 9/8/2020 - CCR.
- * 16/8/2020 - BEC St.Jude
- * 23/8/2020 – Chinese Apostolate
- * 30/8/2020 – BEC St.Faustina.

NEW-INTAKE for “ADULT ENQUIRY TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH” The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a program of induction into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you know of friends who are interested in making enquiry into the Catholic Faith please **register now** at the Parish office. The sessions will be held in English, Mandarin, Bahasa Malaysia & Tamil. Be a disciple to bring others to know the love of Jesus and His teachings.

4th Catholic Singles Dating Hub programme
The Catholic Singles Dating Hub (affiliated to Penang Diocesan Family Life Ministry) is organizing a stay-in programme as follows:
(date) 9 – 11 May 2020 (3D2N)
(venue) YMCA, Ipoh.
First come first serve basis.
For more information, please contact Lim Chin Chin (019 4112113/Theresa 017 5788192)

CHOICE TAMIL PENANG 29
(Date) Thurs. 16 – Sun. 19 April, 2020
(Time) Thurs. 7pm – Sun 5 pm
(Venue) Church of St.Francis De Sales, Sitiawan
(Closing date) 10 April, 2020.
Contact: Christina (012 5983588)

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. For enquiries, call: 019-5769166/ 012-5833904.
(All activities cancelled)

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.
(All activities cancelled)

OMPH CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL
Come join us in our Praise & Worship
* CCR Tamil Every Tuesday at 8.00 pm (T)
* CCR Every Wednesday at 8.00 pm (E).
(All activities, cancelled)

EVENING FOR THE ENGAGED 2020
Couples planning to get married in the year 2020, please take note of the EE Weekends in english during the year. You are requested to register six (6) weeks before the weekend dates.

Stella Maris, Penang	*5 – 7 June, 2020
Domus St.Anne, BM	*4 – 6 Sept, 2020
	*20 – 22 Nov., 2020

Please see your Parish Priest for registration.

TAMIL MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND - 2020
Closing date for registration (T): on 1st day of each month.

Dormitory	May 22-24
St.Anne,	Aug. 28-30
Bukit Mertajam	Nov.27-29