

## PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP Redemptorist Community

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## NEW-INTAKE (or "ADULT ENQUIRY TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH"

All who have registered for RCIA 2015 – 2016; Sessions are held on -

RCIA (T) - Sunday, 9 August, 2015 @ 11.30am in St.Matthew's Rm. & Senali Rm.

**RCIA** (E) - Sunday,9 August, **2015** @ 3.30 pm in St.Mark's Rm.

RCIA (C) – Friday, 14 August, 2015 @ 8 pm in ven Francis Xavier Room.

If you know of friends who are interested in making enquiry into the Catholic Faith, a baptized person of a catholic church who has not received the Sacrament of Holy Communion and/or Sacrament of Confirmation, please invite them now to register at the Parish Office.

### SVDP GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER

SVDP from Church of Our Lady of Lourdes Silibin will be celebrating their Golden Jubilee with a dinner. Tickets @ RM50/-will be on sale during the weekend 8 & 9 of August, 2015 after mass in OMPH church. Sponsor of tables for the less fortunate is most appreciated.

#### BOOKS & MEDIA SALE ...

Daughters of St.Paul will be having book & media sale on the weekend of 22 & 23 of August, 2015 after the weekend masses. Please give them your support.

## 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FEASTDAY OF ST.MARY'S CHAPEL, KG. TERSUSUN.

The Tamil community of St.Mary's Chapel, will be celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Feastday with Rt. Rev. Bishop Emeritus Antony Selvanayagam, D.D on (date) **Saturday**, **15 August**, **2015** (time) 6.30 pm

with Novena, Eucharistic celebration, Procession, Benediction and ends with a fellowship dinner. All are welcome. To help defray the expenses of the feast day, donations can be handed at the parish office.

## solemnity of the assumption of

**THE B.V.MARY -** August 15 (Sat.) Holy day of Obligation –

For pastoral reasons, to facilitate maximum participation, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia-Singapore-Brunei had decided that this Solemnity is to be celebrated on Saturday sunset Mass (15/8) and on all Masses on Sunday (16/8) following the liturgy of the Solemnity and not the liturgy of the 20<sup>th</sup> Sun. in Ordinary Time.

The liturgy on Saturday morning (6.30am) will be that of the 19<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time.

## (food for thought) Gospel: John 6: 41-51.

Discouragement, fear, disappointment and frustration can all lead to a first response of shock and rejection. Elijah felt it - and those who first witnessed Jesus' words and works felt it. In today's' Gospel reading, we can almost hear the shock and unbelief spread throughout the crowd. Looks of dismay and disappointment are interspersed by the flashing angry eyes of indignation. They grumble and complain that what they have just heard Jesus say seems to border on blasphemy. To make matters worse, Jesus expected them to take his words literally. Their grumbling was not unlike that of their ancestors in the desert when they too expressed their ingratitude by judging the ways of God's infinite Goodness.

Jesus' words were life-giving. People today continue to wander aimlessly in a way not very dissimilar to the Jews wandering in the desert, starving for lack of food and a living relationship with the Father. Even as the heavenly manna was sent to nourish the physical bodies of the ancient Israelites, so our God sent us his Son, the true heavenly food, to nourish our entire beings.

Jesus is the Living Bread of Life, all that we need to sustain our lives. He was sent from the Father to be freely received by those who believe. Like those in the Gospel reading, Jesus is telling us that we have nothing to fear - that we should not be discouraged. He is the One the world has been waiting for.

It is easy to be negative. It is also contagious. One negative thought leads to another. One negative person easily infects another.

But we have been gifted with the eternal positive. The Word of God has become one of us. He who from the beginning of time has had a intimate relationship with the Father, shares his life with us. St. Paul could have had plenty of reason to grumble. He was mocked, insulted, scourged, beaten, etc. Yet he writes to the Christians at Rome, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us."

St. Paul speaks about the necessity for a positive attitude to the Christians at Corinth: "For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, was not "Yes and No"; but in him it is always "Yes." For in him every one of God's promises is a "Yes." Jesus speaks about the effect of faith and trust: "He who eats my Body and drinks my Blood will have life to the full."

**MARRIAGE:** 

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

**BAPTISM:** 

Please contact the Parish Priest at least <u>ONE MONTH</u> in advance. Next Infant Baptism - Sunday, 23 August, 2015.

### PARISH ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS:

(August, 2015)

* 9/8/2015	- 11.00 am	- Tamil Apostolate

- 11.30 am - RCIA Tamil

- 2.00 pm - PHDC tuition

- 3.30 pm - RCIA in English

\* 10/8/2015 – 8.00 pm – Chinese Apostolate

\* 11/8/2015 - 6.30 pm - St. Peregrine Support Group

-8.15 pm - Legion of Mary (C)

-8.00 pm - Fund Raising Committee

\* 12/8/2015 - 8.00 pm - Chinese group

\* 14/8/2015 - 8.00 pm - RCIA (Chinese)

\* 16/8/2015 - 11.30 am – RCIA Tamil

- 2.00 pm - PHDC tuition

- 3.30 pm - RCIA in English

(St.Paul's Rm.)

(Senali Rm & Matthew Rm.)

(3<sup>rd</sup> floor) (St.Mark's Rm.)

(ven Francis Xavier Rm.)

(Meditation room) (St.Matthew Rm.)

(Foyer)

(ven Francis Xavier Rm.)

(ven Francis Xavier Rm.) (Senali Rm & Matthew Rm.)

(3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

(St. Mark's Rm.)

#### **BIBLE REFLECTION & HOME-GATHERINGS:**

\* 9/8/2015 - 5.00 pm – BEC St. Philip; Home of Sandanadass.

- 8.00 pm – BEC St. Anne; Home of Colin & Jennifer.

\* 11/8/2015 - 8.00 pm – BEC St. Paul; Home of Janice & Aloysius Lai.

- 8.00 pm - BEC St. Joseph; Home of Dominic & Florence. \* 12/8/2015 - 10.00 am- BEC St. Mary Magdala; Home of Agnes Chong.

\* 13/8/2015 - 8.00 pm - BEC St. John; Home of Cecilia Su.

\* 18/8/2015 - 8.00 pm - Home of Dr. Francis & Evelyn Toh.

\* 21/8/2015 - 8.00 pm - BEC St. Francis De Sales Mass; Home of S. Benedict & Helen.

## **COFFEE MORNINGS 2015:**

(All breakfast will go on till 11.30 a.m.)

- 9/8/2015 BEC St.Christopher. (Bibiana)
- 16/8/2015 BEC St.Francis Xavier. (Abby)
- 23/8/2015 BEC St.Anne. (Ivy Andrews)
- 30/8/2015 St.Mary's Chapel. (Peter James)
- 6/9/2015 BEC St.Joseph (Dominic Goh)
- 13/9/2015 BEC St.Mary Magdalene (Annie Jeya)
- 20/9/2015 BEC St. Matthew (Pauline)
- 27/9/2015 BEC St.Gerard (T) (Victor)

## ETERNAL HAPPINESS TO: + Patrick Leong Yen Mun departed on 1 August, 2015.

### YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Pope Francis has declared 2015 as the Year for Consecrated Life to Wake up the World. Rev.Fr. David Reegon, OFM,Cap will be presenting a session on the topic "To Bring God's Embrace" on

(date) *Tuesday, 18 August, 2015* postponed to 3 September, 2015

(time) 8.00 pm

(venue) OMPH Pastoral Centre, ven Francis Xavier Room.

Come join us for an experience of us being found, touched and transformed. This will be followed with light refreshment.

#### M.E. ANNUAL DINNER

(date) Sunday, 6 September, 2015

(time) 7.00 pm

(venue) Peter Pang Hall, Church of St.Michael, Ipoh.

There will be **Renewal of Marriage** Vows during the 5 pm Mass at Church of St.Michael, Ipoh. (Contact:) Joanne Choo (012 4543144)

# 1PDH CATHOLIC BUSINESS MEN & WOMEN GATHERING

There will be a gathering of the Catholic Business men & women of Ipoh at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes on (date) Sunday, 23 August, 2015 (time) 8.00 pm Please bring along your business cards.

For more information please contact Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. (Tel: 05 5279349)

#### CONFIRMATION CAMP 2015

(date) Fri. 28 – Mon 31 August, 2015. (venue) St.Anne church, Bkt Mertajam. (fee) RM150/- per person. (bus leaving) Fri. 28 @ 3 pm in OMPH grounds

Attendance is compulsory.

## PARENTS' SESSION for Confirmation

candidates on

(date) Monday, 31 August, 2015

(time) 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

(venue) ven Francis Xavier Room

Attendance compulsory for all parents of Confirmation candidates.

Godparents are welcome.

**SUNDAY CATECHISM** – There will be no sunday catechism on 30 August, 2015.

Classes resume on 6 September, 2015. 'Selamat Hari Merdeka!"

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

will be held on **Saturday**, **12 September**, 2015 during the 7.00 pm
Mass. **Please take note**.

# 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.

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION TIME

All are welcome to join the Christian Meditation group which meets \* EVERY FRIDAY (6 PM TO 7 P.M.)

\* EVERY SATURDAY AT 11.00 A.M. – 12 NOON in the Meditation room.