



## PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Redemptorist Community

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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.

**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.

### 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 MCO has been extended from 18 March, 2020 till 9 June 2020.

#### Effective from 4 of May, 2020:

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. Contact details of visitors will be recorded for the purpose of contact tracing.

These guidelines may be revised from time to time in line with updates and additional SOPs issued by the authorities.

(food for thought)

Gospel: Jn. 17: 1-11

### "Models of Love"

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The Gospels speak of Jesus giving his disciples a new commandment: that they love one another as He has loved. To love as Jesus loved is no easy task. We are all influenced by our own likes or dislikes - our own preferences or prejudices. Easy or not, this is how others will know that we are His followers. The God who is Love has commanded us to love in the same manner.

We learn of God's love from the mother of Jesus as well. Mary was a woman totally dedicated to God and family. She was a simple housewife, who struggled with her husband, to keep their little family together in the midst of hard times. Her daily life was not unlike that of any other woman of her time, or of our time. Yet, she totally immersed herself in her God, and in her Son's ministry. Her strength, her faith and her compassion were important components of Jesus' mission. And it was she who taught Jesus the meaning and the potential of human love. If there was ever an example of the active role of a woman in the ministry, Mary is it.

Jesus life was one big embrace. Jesus lived to bring hope, and peace, and compassion. He died for those in prison, for the homeless, for the poor, the prostitutes and sinners, the rejected and the despised. He took time to heal those possessed, the leprous, the dying. He loved them as much as he loved all.

By commanding us to love, Jesus asks us to become instruments of something we didn't fully expect and of something we can never fully understand. We have models to guide us: our own mothers, His mother, Holy Mother Church. But it is up to us to begin the journey.

That's the journey we are taking. That's the work we are to do. That's the kingdom this resurrected and now-ascended Jesus has promised to all of us. And we also have His promise that the Spirit will be making the journey with us.

**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:** (May.2020)  
(All activities & meetings are cancelled )

**COFFEE MORNINGS 2020:** (All fellowships are cancelled)

- \* 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.

**ETERNAL HAPPINESS TO:**

+ Agatha Kwong Sze Moi departed on 1 May, 2020.

### 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. But, more than that, it is a faith journey designed to meet our fundamental spiritual needs as God's children and help us identify with and become a part of a faith community.

If you know of friends who are interested in making enquiry into the Catholic Faith and deepening your personal relationship with Jesus Christ, if you are seeking to learn about Catholicism as the result of an interfaith marriage or other relationship, have not fully completed the sacraments of initiation, or simply wonder what the journey entails please **register** by calling at the Parish office (05 - 5458220). 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.

### 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 are 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 are 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 are 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.

<b>Stella Maris, Penang</b>	<b>*4 – 6 Sept, 2020</b>
<b>Domus St.Anne, BM</b>	<b>*20 – 22 Nov., 2020</b>

**Please see your Parish Priest for registration.**

### TAMIL MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND - 2020

Closing date for registration (T): on 1st day of each month.

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