



PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
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CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Our three Ipoh Catholic Parishes (SMC, OLOL & OMPH) are jointly organizing a Christmas Carnival filled with fun performances, games & food stalls held in OMPH church grounds on
 (date) **Friday, 20 December, 2019.**
 (time) 6.30 pm – 10.00 pm
 Come with your family and friends to spread Christmas cheer and goodwill among ourselves, with other fellow Christians and people of other faiths.

TALK ON SOCSO

Come and update yourself to the latest information on issues pertaining to SOCSO benefits, claims etc...
 (date) **Sunday, 8 December, 2019.**
 (time) 10.00 am to 11.00 am
 (venue) parish hall.
 The State Director of PERKESO will be in attendance to answer your questions.

SUNDAY CATECHISM NEWS:-

Sacrament of Reconciliation for the candidates – Sat. 4 Jan., 2020 at 9.30am
 # **Rehearsal for Confirmation** – Sat. 11 Jan at 10.00 am.
 # **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** on **Sunday, 12 January, 2020 will start at 7.45am.**

Kindly take note of the changed of time.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

In preparation for Christmas, penitential service will be held at –
 * **OMPH church** –
 Tues. 17 Dec., 2019 at 8.00 pm
 * **Church of St. Michael, Ipoh** –
 Wed. 18 Dec., 2019 at 8.00 pm
 * **Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Ipoh**
 Thurs. 19 Dec., 2019 at 8.00 pm

RECHOSO CAROLLERS

Carollers will be visiting homes to bring Christmas joy and glad tidings to one and all on –
 * Thurs., 19, Sat. 21 & Sun 22 of December, 2019 from 7pm till 11 pm.
 Please fill the request form from the parish office or contact Christopher Wong (017 5785223)

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS at OMPH church

* **Tues., 24/12/2019** –
 Carols (T) – 7.45pm
 Christmas night Mass (T) – 8.00 pm
 Carols (E) – 10.30 pm
 Christmas Midnight Mass (E) – 11.00 pm
 * **Wed. 25/12/2018**
 Christmas Day - Carols (E) – 8.00am
 - Mass (E) – 8.30 am
 Christmas Day – Carols (C) – 11 am
 - Mass (C) – 11.30am

St. Mary's Chapel, Tersusun
 25/12/2019 – 8.00 am Mass.

(food for thought)

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12.

“Be Open to His Coming”

The message that runs all through the Readings for this Sunday in Advent is one of being prepared... of staying awake... of keeping our eyes and hearts open to the coming of the Lord.

Modern man is not one to enjoy the process of waiting. In terms of our relationship with God, the waiting of the faithful is so often fraught with disappointment. The fulfillment of God's promise of peace and justice so often seems delayed and improbable. In every age, but especially in our own times, believers seem to be besieged by evil, swamped by misfortune and almost overcome by catastrophe. We lose heart; we become impatient.

But Jesus just didn't respond with words of hope: The blind were now able to see, cripples could walk, lepers were cured, the dead were raised to life. Our presence in this chaotic world must be the same kind of sign. Our lives must proclaim the same miracles of love, of healing, of reconciliation. Our goodness and compassion must touch those who are blind and deaf to the Lord. Our mercy and acts of service must free those who are crippled by pride and hate.

Most of all, I think the temper of our times calls for us to banish fear and be sources of strength and courage to those around us who are really destroyed by the evil of our day. So many of our brothers and sisters have lost hope. They are convinced that the forces of evil have prevailed. They want to give up. Many people don't have the heart to keep trying. They don't have any reason to rejoice, to celebrate, to sing and dance in the Lord.

As we prepare to be touched again by the mystery of Christmas, we should try to be more fully aware of the many ways that God continues to visit us, to touch us, to announce good news to us. But He comes in unexpected disguises, in strange circumstances, using unusual people and places.

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:

(Dec, 2019/Jan 2020)

- * 8/12/2019 - 10.00 am - Talks on benefits of SOCSO (parish hall)
- 11.30am - RCIA (T) (St.Matthew Rm.)
- 1.30pm - Combined Choir practice (church)
- * 9/12/2019 - 8.00 pm - Chinese Apostolate (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- * 10/12/2019 - 8.15 pm - Legion of Mary (C) (St.Matthew's Rm.)
- * 11/12/2019 - 8.00 pm - PHDC (St.Mark's Rm.)
- * 12/12/2019 - 8.00 pm - Tamil Choir (St.Paul's Rm.)
- * 13/12/2019 - 8.00 pm - RCIA (C) (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- 8.00 pm - PHDC packing of rations (Wallace hse.)
- * 15/12/2019 - 11.30am - RCIA (T) (St.Matthew Rm.)
- 10.00am - PHDC distribution of rations (Wallace hse.)
- 2.00 pm - Combined Choir practice (church)
- * 16/12/2019 - 9.30am - Religious mtg. (St.Mark's Rm.)
- 8.00 pm - RCIA (E) (St.Mark's Rm.)
- * 17/12/2019 - 8.15 pm - Legion of Mary (C) (St.Matthew's Rm.)
- * 19/12/2019 - 8.00 pm - Tamil Choir (St.Paul's Rm.)
- * 20/12/2019 - 6.30pm - Christmas carnival
- * 24/12/2019 - 10.00 am - Choir practice (Sun) (church)
- * 30/1/2020 - 8.00 pm - Area Coordinators, Representatives (St.Mark's Rm.)

BIBLE REFLECTION & HOME-GATHERINGS:

- * 11/12/2019 – 8.30pm – BEC St.Anthony (C); Home of Theresa Kong.
- * 11/12/2019 – 8.15pm – BEC St.Peter (C); Home of John Ng.
- * 12/12/2019 – 8.30pm – BEC St.Joseph (C); Home of Jack Chan.

COFFEE MORNINGS 2019:

- * 8/12/2019 - Lectors & Commentators(E)
- * 15/12/2019 - Tamil Hospitality.

COFFEE MORNINGS 2020:

- * 12/1/2020 – BEC St.Jude (Catherine S.)* 19/1/2020 – BEC St.Augustine (Benny)
- * 26/1/2020 – Tamil Hospitality (Preto) * 9/2/2020 - Sun. Sch. Form 3
- * 16/2/2020 – Divine Mercy * 23/2/2020 – Eucharistic Ministers.

ETERNAL HAPPINESS TO:

+ Mariammah a/p Savarial departed on 28 November, 2019.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL IN AID OF THE POOR –

PHDC would like to say Thank You to all generous Donors over the years. As the Yuletide season is just round the corner, we once again appeal to your generous Christmas donation. Any contribution that comes from your heart is greatly appreciated. Contributions in cash & cheque can be handed to the parish office. Enclosed is our newsletter 2018/2019 to share with you the work done by the PHDC.

DISCOVERING CHRIST

Eight (8) Saturdays
9am – 12 pm starting on
Sat. 15 February till 4 April, 2020.
(venues:)

PDPC, Penang Island
Church of St. Michael, Ipoh
Church of St. Louis, Taiping
(Fee) RM25 per person only (incl. course materials and refreshments)

Registration: before 31 Jan., 2020.

Inquiry: Jeanne J.Saw (016 4554597)

email: necpgdiocese

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CAMP (C)

Penang Diocesan youth network invites all mandarin speaking young people to the Theology of the Body Camp on (date/time) **12 (2pm) -15 (4pm) Dec.,2019.**

(venue) Church of St.Anne, B.Mertajam. (Reg. fee) RM150/-.

Contact: Dennis Hew 012 4411833.

@gmail.com

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

TAMIL MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND - 2020

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

Dormitory	Feb 21-23
St.Anne,	May 22-24
Bukit	Aug. 28-30
Mertajam	Nov.27-29

Please see your Parish Priest for registration.