

PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
Redemptorist Community
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Dear Parishioners

We can't turn water into wine, but we can turn the pandemic to an endemic. With much joy we wish to announce that the zoom masses for the English and the Chinese community will no longer be broadcasted. The Tamil masses will return to the Church very soon too. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

As we resume masses in November we hope that you are now familiar with the required SOPs. Parishioners will be required to scan the code in Mysejahtera with the help of our Hospitality ministers. It is not one of the 10 commandments but compulsory for attendance to masses and church activities including all meetings.

Sunday School will also resume when it is safe. Daily mass will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday beginning in November at 7am.

I look forward to celebrating the Eucharist again with the whole community. Kindly let your BEC leader know if you are coming for the masses as seating is still limited to a 50% capacity at the moment. Register only when you are sure of attending. In the past there were about 15% absentees, depriving others who sincerely want to attend mass.

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Come let us go to the House of the Lord with praise and thanksgiving.

PELAN PERMULIHAN NASIONAL (PPN) FASA 1,2,3/ National Recovery Plan (NRP) PHASE 1, 2, 3 effective from 18 October, 2021 until further notice. These guidelines may be revised in line with updates and additional SOPs issued by the authorities.

ETERNAL HAPPINESS TO:-

+ Loorthu Mary a/p Muthu departed on 21 October, 2021.

LIGUORI BOOKSHOP

will open on every Sunday starting on Sunday, 7 November, 2021
Time: 9.00 a.m till 11.00 a.m
> Requirements to check in with
MySejahtera App. and follow all
Government SOPs. Thank you for
your cooperation.

(food for thought) (Bulletin 24 October, 2021)

Gospel: Mk 10:46-52 "I want to see"

A profound and abiding sense of joy is the hallmark of a person whose faith in Jesus is authentic. This does not mean some sort of superficial and momentary happiness. Nor does it imply an attitude of escapism from the presence of pain and suffering in human experience. But it does mean that our trust in God is not shaken in the face of evil. We are always aware of the presence of the Spirit that permeates our minds and hearts with joy. That joy generates strength and hope, courage and peace.

Like Bartimaeus - the blind beggar of the Gospel - our limited vision so often lets us see only our vulnerability and our limitations. Spiritual blindness to the Gospel message often causes us to ignore the responsibility that we each have to become instruments of healing, so that through us the Word-Made-Flesh can lead our society out of its culture of death into a culture of life.

Whenever we are confronted by the dark side of our culture and society, we must live with joyous confidence, and so possess the courage and freedom to surprise the world with new acts of love - just like the Master who washes the feet of his disciples, the Samaritan who helps the Jew, the insulted father who forgives and embraces his wayward son, the All Holy One who stoops to lift up a condemned adulteress and restore her wholeness and dignity, and the carpenter-rabbi who restored sight to Bartimaeus.

We walk in the company of the Lord. New life radiates from Him, giving us the power to transform defeat into victory, sorrow into joy, and doubt into joyful hope. To claim that we are "resurrection people" is not just poetic license. It describes the reality of authentic Christian living. We will only enter that reality when, like Bartimaeus, we have reached out in faith, touched the Risen Christ, and proclaimed: "Lord, I want to see" - not as a desperate plea, but as a prayer of joy-filled trust in Him.