



PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Redemptorist Community

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SUNDAY CATECHISM NEWS

Sunday Catechism classes will start on **Sunday, 11 January, 2015** from 10 am to 11.30 am. in their respective 2014 classroom. Children are to attend Sunday catechism classes as usual.

- **New Registration** for Sunday Catechism. Parents are requested to bring a photostat copy of the child's baptism certificate.
- **Registration fees**
 - Kindergarten = RM10.00
 - Std. 1 – 6 = RM20.00
 - Form 1 -4 = RM25.00

PARENTS & GODPARENTS of

children attending catechism, we would like to meet you **all** on

(date) Sunday, 11 January, 2015.

(time) 10am – 12 pm

(venue) Parish Hall.

Attendance of Parents & Godparents are **COMPULSORY**.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our 1st meeting will take place on **Sun.**

18/1/2015 at 3.00 pm and *not 7.30pm*

in St.Mark's Room.

It is compulsory for all Council

members to be present for this meeting.

YOUCAT C A M P

(date) Fri.16 (7pm)– Sun. 18 (5 pm) Jan. '15.

(venue) La Salle Centre, Ipoh.

(Language) English, Mandarin & Tamil.

Registration fee: RM30/-

(inclusive of meals, accommodation & YOUCAT)

Register with your Youth Leader or at the Parish office.

WE REQUEST YOUR PRAYERS...

Please remember to pray for the Herald's case that will be heard in court on Wed.

21 January, 2015. It is about the rights of minority that it is safe guarded and our constitution will be protected.

PONGGAL FESTIVAL 'Harvest festival'

Our Tamil community brothers and sisters will be celebrating their 'Harvest festival' with the following programs –

- 14/1/2015 (Wed) – 'Kolam' competition in-front of the church from 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm.

* 15/1/2015 9Thursday -

7.30 pm – Boiling of milk in-front of the church.

8.00 pm – Thanksgiving Mass (T) followed by fellowship at the cafeteria. All are invited.

(food for thought)

Gospel: Mk 1:7-11

Beloved of God

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord brings about the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of "Ordinary Time" in the Liturgical cycle. The Scriptures and Liturgies of Ordinary Time will remind us of the ongoing implications of our Baptism: that moment when God seized each one of us, made us His own in a special way, anointed us with His Spirit, and commissioned us to continue the mission of Jesus. This will be a time when we are again seized by God, anointed by the Spirit, declared to be His beloved - to be light - to bring justice - to heal the bruised - to help keep flickering lights from going out...

There are some hard facts about Christian spirituality: You have to "let go of" something in order to gain something else. You have to turn away from things that are destructive, you have to out into the desert and purge yourself, you have to go under the water and come up - and leave the sins in the water; you have to remove the obstacles on the path...

If we can "let go" then Christ will be born, the beloved Child will emerge within us. All of us are bruised reeds and smoldering wicks. We are far from perfect, and rather consistently plagued by failure and selfishness. We are much too easily hurt, too easily discouraged. We fall short of expectations; we display our frailty like open wounds. Yet despite this, the Lord has confidently chosen us to complete His work. We need to realize that we are living in a sacred space, populated by a multitude of folks who - like us - desperately want to be faith-filled: who sometimes get defeated, who sometimes get battered by life and bested by trials, and yet somehow, throughout it all, still cling to their faith.

At Christmas time, we are reminded again that God has entered our lives. Now it is time for us to decide, to choose, to realize, to act, to change our hearts. We are the ones to rearrange the manger scene in our personal lives, to allow the Spirit to lead us, and to accept the challenging commitment to live the difficult and demanding message of the Gospel.

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

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

ADULT ENQUIRY TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH: 12/1/2015 – 8.00 pm - St.Mark's Rm.

PARISH ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS: (January, 2015)

- * 11/1/2015 – 10.00 am – Theology of the Body (AV Rm.)
 - 11.00 am – OMPH Tamil Apostolate (St.Paul's Rm.)
 - 3.00 pm - Eucharistic Ministers A.G.M. (St.Mark's Rm.)
 - 6.30 pm – Choice (T) rehearsal (Parish Hall)
- * 12/1/2015 – 8.00 pm – Chinese Apostolate (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- * 13/1/2015 – 8.15 pm - Legion of Mary (C) (St.Matthew Rm.)
- * 14/1/2015 – 5.00 pm - Ponggal festival – 'Kolam' competition (Church)
 - 8.00 pm - Chinese group (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- * 15/1/2015 – 7.30 pm - Ponggal festival – 'boiling of milk' (Church)
- * 16/1/2015 – 8.00 pm - PHDC (St.Mark's Rm.)
- * 17/1/2015 – 11.00 am – Packing of rations (Wallace hse.)
 - 7.00 pm - Choice (T) set-up (Parish Hall)
- * 18/1/2015 - 10.00 am – Theology of the Body (AV Rm.)
 - 10.00 am - Distribution of rations (Wallace hse)
 - 3.00 pm - Parish Pastoral Council (St. Mark's Rm.)
 - 6.30 pm - Choice (T) concert (Parish Hall)

BIBLE REFLECTION & HOME-GATHERINGS:

- 11/1/2015 – 6.00 pm – BEC St. Philip; Home of Santhana Dass.
 - 7.00 pm – BEC St.Monica; Home of Anthony, Taman Cahaya.
- 14/1/2015 – 8.00 pm – BEC St.Paul; Home of Peter & Sharon Chai.
- 15/1/2015 – 8.00 pm – BEC St.Francis Xavier; Home of Francis Lopez.
- 16/1/2015 – 8.00 pm – BEC St.Francis de Sales; Home of Joe Mariasusay & Maria.
- 22/1/2015 – 7.30 pm – BEC St.John the Apostle (Zone 4); Home mass at Patrick hse.
- 25/1/2015 – 6.30 pm – BEC St.Philip; Home of Jacqueline.

COFFEE MORNINGS 2015:

(All breakfast will go on till 11 a.m.)

- 11/1/2015 – Lectors & Commentators. 18/1/2015 – Youth of St.Mary's Chapel.
- 25/1/2015 – PHDC. 1/2/2015 - BEC St.Philip.

ETERNAL HAPPINESS TO:

- + Mary Chai Nee Fah departed on 31 December, 2014.
- +Cyril Peter a/l Peter departed on 1 January, 2015.

TUITION CENTRE

PHDC wishes to thank all Teachers who have registered their services. PHDC is urgently in need of Teachers in Science and Bahasa Malaysia for Std. 4 to Form 2. We appeal to Parishioners to come forward to volunteer their services.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The PHDC would like to thank all parishioners, donors and benefactors for their kind support and generous donations of cash and food items during the Advent season 2014.

CHOICE TAMIL PERAK - Gala Night –

(date) Sunday, 18 January, 2015.

(time) 6.30 pm – 10.00 pm

(venue) OMPH Parish hall, Ipoh Gdn.

(Ticket) RM15/- per person.

This is a fund raising concert. All funds raised will be contributed to upcoming Perak Choice Tamil weekends. Contacts: Christina (012 5983588)

LENT SEASON SEMINAR

(in Tamil language)

(date) **Sat. 7 February, 2015**

(time) 10 am – 3.00 pm

(venue) ven Francis Xavier room.

(Cost per person) RM5/- (lunch & tea)

(Presenter) Fr. Joseph Stephen, CSsR

Contact:- Peter James, St.Mary's Chapel.

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(in English language)

(date) **Sat. 14 February, 2015**

(time) 10 am – 4 pm

(Cost per person) RM7/-. (lunch & tea)

(Presenter) Sr. Margaret Sta Maria, FdCC.

To register please contact the parish office.

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.

EVENING FOR THE ENGAGED 2015

Couples planning to get married in the year 2015, please take note of the EE Weekends english during the year.

You are requested to register six (6) weeks before the weekend dates.

EE 99	30 Jan – 1 Feb, 2015
EE100	24- 26 April, 2015
EE101	26-28 June, 2015
EE102	21-23 Aug, 2015 (BM)
EE103	6-8 Nov., 2015

Please see your Parish Priest for registration.

TAMIL MARRIAGE PREPARATION

WEEKEND - 2015

Stella Maris, Penang	Feb 27 & 28, Mar 1	Closing date: 1/2/2015
Domus St.Anne, Bukit Mertajam	29, 30, 31 May	1/5/2015
Chapel St.Chastan & Imbert, Prai	Aug. 20, 21, 22	Closing date: 1/8/2015
Church of Sacred Heart, Kampar	Nov. 20,21, 22	Closing date: 1/11/2015