



PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Redemptorist Community

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*The Parish Priest, Assistant Parish Priest and the Redemptorist Community would like to thank all parishioners for their greetings and gifts.*

*The parish too, would like to thank all who have been working to prepare for this Christmas season - the Art ministry, the Floral ministry, the team who designed the Crib.*

*Also, the Liturgical ministries (all language groups) who planned and worked to have a meaningful Advent and Christmas.*

*There are talents and gift we can share for the growth of our community.*

*Thank you to those who shared their ideas and time and those who worked behind the scene.*

*The parish appreciates your contribution; let us continue to work together.*

*We wish you all God Blessing at this holy time of the year with all the peace and happiness of knowing that He's near. Have a Blessed Christmas!*

(Food for thought)

Gospel: Mt 1: 18-24.

*“God Be With Us”*

Jesus is the assurance - not only in the past but even now - that God travels with us throughout our entire lives, even when our faith is challenged, our hope broken, and when our joy seems to dissolve. He is our Emmanuel. And, once again, he is the gift bringing light into our darkness and hope to our struggles. Love has pierced the chill of our world and warmed us with an embrace that will not let go of us – Emmanuel, “God is with us.”

When we feel overwhelmed and distressed, we invoke the name that reminds us of God's presence with us in whatever we are going through. Emmanuel then, isn't simply a title, but a prayer we pray with confidence: “God Be with us!”

Today's Gospel reassures us all that, even in situations of conflict and confusion, God is faithful. Despite all our uncertainties and difficulties God is born again into our lives, builds us up and stays with us. For our God is named Emmanuel -- truly God is with us.

He stands with all human beings who yearn for a radical change of heart and life, who crave liberation from the power of evil, who seek release from all forms of oppression - religious, political, social and economic. He stands as the only One who can take away our fear and make clear our vision.

It is Jesus who lives the message, challenging political and religious systems, embracing a radical poverty of spirit, and reaching out with compassion and liberation for all the oppressed.

So, let us continue this mission each day of our lives; let's be light in darkness, peacemakers and life-givers, in every aspect of our lives. Only then can the promise of Advent echo through our voices: “Emmanuel, God-Is-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:** (Dec, 2019/Jan 2020)

- \* 22/12/2019 - 11.30am - RCIA (T) (St.Matthew Rm.)
- \* 23/12/2019 - 8.15pm - Legion of Mary (C) (St.Matthew Rm.)
- \* 24/12/2019 - 10.00 am - Choir practice (Sun) (church)
- \* 31/12/2019 - 8.15pm - Legion of Mary (C) (St.Matthew Rm.)
- \* 2/1/2020 - 8.00 pm - Tamil Choir (T) (St.Paul's Rm.)
- \* 3/1/2020 - 8.00 pm - RCIA (C) (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- \* 6/1/2020 - 8.00 pm - RCIA (E) (St.Mark's Rm.)
- 8.00 pm - Chinese Apostolate (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- \* 7/1/2020 - 8.15 pm - Legion of Mary (C) (St.Matthew Rm.)
- \* 8/1/2020 - 8.00 pm - CCR, AGM (St.Mark's Rm.)
- \* 9/1/2020 - 8.00 pm - Tamil Choir (St.Paul's Rm.)
- \* 10/1/2020 - 8.00 pm - RCIA (C) (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- \* 11/1/2020 - 10.00 am - Confirmation candidates rehearsal (church)
- \* 30/1/2020 - 8.00 pm - Area Coordinators, Representatives (St.Mark's Rm.)

**COFFEE MORNINGS 2020:**

- \* 12/1/2020 - BEC St.Jude (Catherine S.)
- \* 19/1/2020 - BEC St.Augustine (Benny)
- \* 26/1/2020 - Tamil Hospitality (Preto)
- \* 2/2/2020 - BEC St.Faustina (Sara)
- \* 9/2/2020 - Sun. Sch. Form 3
- \* 16/2/2020 - Divine Mercy
- \* 23/2/2020 - Eucharistic Ministers.
- \* 1/3/2020 - Lectors & Commentators
- \* 8/3/2020 - PHDC
- \* 22/3/2020 - Tamil Hospitality.
- \* 29/3/2020 - Tamil Liturgy.

**ETERNAL HAPPINESS TO:**

+ Silverster a/l Augustine departed on 11 December, 2019.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**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. 25/12/2019
  - 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.

**OMPH YOUTH ASSEMBLY 2020**

Calling all Youths (E/T/C/BM); ages from 13 - 16 yrs. old from OMPH to be present  
We would like to meet you!

*Watch for the Date!*

Parents please encourage & support your children in this youth assembly.

**UPDATE INFORMATION ON JAMES EDMUND**

PHDC would like to Thank your generosity; the fund has reached RM32,745.15 as on 15/12/2019. Our target is RM50,000.00 to help James purchase a new home-ventilator.

In the season of Hope and Peace, Love and Joy; please find space in your hearts to help James and his family. God Bless you and your family.

**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.

**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.

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| <b>Domus St.Anne, BM</b>    | <b>*14 - 16 Feb., 2020</b>                           |
| <b>Stella Maris, Penang</b> | <b>*5 - 7 June, 2020</b><br><b>*4 - 6 Sept, 2020</b> |
| <b>Domus St.Anne, BM</b>    | <b>*20 - 22 Nov., 2020</b>                           |

**TAMIL MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND - 2020**

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

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| Dormitory St.Anne, Bukit Mertajam | Feb 21-23<br>May 22-24<br>Aug. 28-30<br>Nov.27-29 |
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**Please see your Parish Priest for registration.**