



Date: 23 August, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

The peace of Christ be with you. I hope you are keeping safe and in good health. We long for good news in our country but our political and pandemic situation remain in the doldrums. Let us wait in good faith and resilient for better days to come for ourselves and our country as we prepare to celebrate our 64th year of Independence.

We also wait in joyful hope for the re-opening our Church but it is prudent to wait a little longer as the new variants of the virus pose greater challenges. We have to be responsible for one another and not reckless. I know the online masses and the Novenas have been helpful for all of us to keep our faith and to be strong in spirit.

We too are planning to do the online masses but not for the parish at large but for the individual BECs. This is a safe platform. In this way we will get the opportunity to communicate with you directly before and after the live-streaming masses. I would like to know how your families are doing and how we can best serve you. There are pros and cons to this new endeavour but it is a good start. For those who do not belong to a BEC maybe it is time to set up one no matter how small it may be. We have to take responsibility of our spiritual life and this is one way of doing so. This invitation will also help boost and strengthen the various weak BECs. The youth in the various BECs will be helpful in setting up the live-streaming and to get involved. If you do not have a zoom account, we will give you a zoom code from our parish that you can use. Get in touch with the parish and we will try to help you in the best way we can.

Thank you for following the parish Novenas every Saturday and we are proud to be able to make Mary known to the whole world. We have grown because of your support and your sharing of the Novena to people across the globe. It is amazing to know that over six thousand people will pray the Novena during the week.

We will have to conduct weddings soon because life must go on for young couples and we cannot put all our plans on hold because of the virus. In the same way we will continue to do funeral services following strict SOPs. Your cooperation and understanding in this time of the pandemic is important.

God bless you, your family and your loved ones.

May Our Mother of Perpetual Help continue to draw us closer to Jesus.

Stay safe and protect the "safety-bubble" of your home.

In Christ the Redeemer
Rev Fr Patrick Massang, CSsR
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