



“Apart from the mercy of God, there is no other source of hope for mankind.”

St. John Paul II

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Isaiah 7: 10-14

Psalms 23: 1-6

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-24

The gospel tells us another story of God meeting us in challenging situations, but the response is heartwarming. Joseph, after discovering Mary is with child, decides to save her from shame and plans to divorce her quietly. But when the angel reveals to him the truth, Joseph surrenders his own plan, his understanding and his reputation. He takes Mary into his home. Joseph cooperates with grace in an act of trust and courage, and does his part to fulfil the messianic prophecy.

In both the accounts, Emmanuel is the answer. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, these words will continually ring out. O Come, O Come Emmanuel. The promise of God-with-us assures us of God’s everlasting love and presence, especially in moments of crisis. When we approach him in prayers, he enters into our situation, whatever that may be. Like St Joseph, we must have the courage to let go of our own will, and submit to the Lord.

To let go and to trust God is a lifelong process. We are often overwhelmed by societal trends, and more often than not, we lack the will and mental strength to cope. We have the BECs as support groups but we need to be more effective. Perhaps a redefinition of the framework is required, with more emphasis on formation and empowerment to build individuals, families and communities spiritually. Then, coming together, we can support each other in the Body of Christ as we learn to lean on the Lord and trust him like Joseph does.

As Advent comes to a close this week, we are reminded of the 4th candle of love. May we continue to love and to be of service to others, building upon the hope, peace and joy of this Advent season. When Christmas comes around, let the Lord enter for he is the King of Glory.

Blessed Christmas, everyone.✙

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NEWBEC

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 4th Sunday of Advent | 21 December 2025

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE: CHURCH (MERCIFUL)

CALLED TO FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING

AND EMPOWERMENT TO EVANGELISE

Emmanuel is the Answer

How will we react when face with life uncertainties? Today’s readings show us two contrasts, and teach us valuable lessons. The context in Isaiah is that King Ahaz of Judah faces imminent threats from his political alliances, and instead of trusting God, he joins forces with another. Ahaz’s sin is his lack of faith and trust in God’s assurances. By refusing God’s command to ask Him for a sign, Ahaz shows an act of defiance. Grace opens door to him, but he closes it.





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The Parish Priest, Assistant Parish Priest and

The Redemptorist Community

would like to thank all Parishioners

for their gifts and greetings.

We Thank you for your

continuous support in every way.

We are grateful to those who decorated

the church, the Crib, and the surroundings,

and to our Liturgical ministries

across all language groups

for preparing meaningful celebrations.

To everyone who shared ideas, offered service, and

worked behind the scenes - your contributions

are deeply appreciated.

Let us continue to walk together in unity and love.

May the peace and joy of Christ fill your hearts

this Christmas and always.

(Parish Priest)

PARISH ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS: (Dec.2025)/JAN 2026

- * 21/12/2025 - 2.00 p.m. - RECHOSO practise (church)
- * 21/12/2024 - 6.00 p.m. - Sunset Choir practise (church)
- * 23/12/2025 - 8.00 p.m. – Legion of Mary (C) (St.Mt.Rm.)
- * 24/12/2025 - 10.00 a.m. - RECHOSO practise (church)
- * 24/12/2025 - 10.00 a.m. - Rehearsal for all ministries involved for Christmas Mass. (church)
- * 28/12/2025 - 9.15 a.m - Sun.Sch. (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- * 30/12/2025 - 7.00 p.m. - Sunset Choir practise (church)
- * 30/12/2025 - 8.00 p.m. – Legion of Mary (C) (St.Mt.Rm.)
- * 6/1/2026 - 8.00 p.m. – Legion of Mary (C) (St.Mt.Rm.)
- * 7/1/2026 - 8.00 p.m. - Caritas OMPH (St.Mk.Rm.)
- * 7/1/2026 - 8.00 p.m. - Chinese Apostolate (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- * 8/1/2026 - 7.30 p.m. - RCIA (E) (St.Mk.Rm.)
- - RCIA (BM) (Wallace Rm.)
- * 9/1/2026 - 8.00 p.m. - RCIA (C) (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- * 10/1/2026 - 9.00 a.m. - Chinese Lit. Formation program (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- * 10/1/2026 - 10.00 a.m. - Infant Baptism Session & Rehearsal (St.Mk.Rm.)
- * 13/1/2026 - 8.00 p.m. – Legion of Mary (C) (St.Mt.Rm.)
- * 15/1/2026 - 7.30 p.m. - RCIA (E) (St.Mk.Rm.)
- - RCIA (BM) (Wallace Rm.)
- * 16/1/2026 - 8.00 p.m. - RCIA (C) (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- * 17/1/2026 - 8.00 a.m. - Chinese Apostolate (Deaery mtg.) (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- * 27/1/2026 - 8.00 p.m. – Legion of Mary (C) (St.Mt.Rm.)
- * 27/1/2026 - 8.00 p.m. - Liturgical Comm. (St.Mk.Rm.)

DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026 COFFEE MORNINGS:

- 21/12/2025 - CJM
- 28/12/2025 - PPC
- 4/1/2026 - Chinese Apostolate
- 18/1/2026 - Maintenance Team
- 25/1/2026 - Youth Ministry

BIBLE REFLECTION & HOME-GATHERING:

- * 21/12/2025 - 6.00 p.m. - BEC St.Gerard (T) fellowship; Cafeteria

ETERNAL HAPPINESS TO:

- + James Phung Tuck Yoon departed on 13 December, 2025.
- + Yanamah a/p Michael departed on 17 December, 2025.



leaders, please take note that the Parish is trying to revive the B.E.C.s of all language groups.
Kindly inform the parish office to insert into the bulletin of your BEC monthly meetings.

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Priest at least **ONE MONTH** in advance.
Next Infant Baptism:
11 January 2026 at 7.45 a.m.

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

WEDDING BANNES:
* Janice Davina a/p Pannir
Selvam & Arvind a/l Kaneson
* Christopher a/l Phillips & Eeragani a/p Perumal

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
(date) **Sun. 18 Jan., 2026**
(time) 8.00 a.m. Mass.
Cardinal Bishop Sebastian Francis will be the celebrant for the event. Come and pray for our students who will be confirmed on that day.

Tamil Catholic Marriage Preparatory Course 2026 (TCMPC)

1. Feb Fri 20 to Sun 22
2. May Fri 8 to Sun 10
3. Aug Fri 21 to Sun 23
4. Nov Fri 6 to Sun 8
(venue) Domus St. Anne, B.M

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT of MINISTRIES

- * English speaking ministries on Sat. 10/1/2026 & Sun. 11/1/2026.
- * Tamil speaking ministries on Sun. 11/1/2026 at 10 a.m.
- * Chinese speaking Ministries on Sun. 11/1/2026 at 11.30 a.m.

NEW REGISTRATION & PARENTS SESSION on Sun. 18 January, 2026.
Registration for catechism Std. 1
(and other new) registration, **must submit a copy of the baptism certificate during registration.**

Those who are currently with OMPH catechism do not need to submit a copy of their baptism certificate.

Registration FEE & BOOK
Primary – RM30/-.
Secondary – RM35/-.

PARENTS' SESSION -
Meeting of all parents with the child's class Teacher on
Sun 18 Jan, 2026 @ 10a.m

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OMPH Church CHRISTMAS EVE *** Wed. 24 Dec., 2025**

- = 6.30 p.m. – Christmas carols(E)
- = 7.00 p.m. – Mass (E)
- = 9.00 p.m. – Carols (T)
- = 9.30 p.m. – Tamil Mass (T)

St. Mary's Chapel, Tersusun.
(24/12/2025)
- 6.30 p.m. Carols (T)
- 7.00 p.m. Mass (T)

OMPH church CHRISTMAS DAY
*** Thurs 25 Dec., 2025**
= 8.00 a.m. – Christmas carols (E)
= 8.30 a.m. Christmas day mass.
- 10.30 a.m. – Carols (C)
- 11.00 a.m. – Christmas Mass (C)

CLOSING OF JUBILEE YEAR
Date: Sun. 28/12/2025
Combined language Mass
@ 5.30 p.m.

YEAR-END SERVICE & TH. MASS
(date) Sun. 31 Dec., 2025
(time) 10.30 p.m. Year-end Prayer Service.
11.00 p.m. Mass.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
(date) **Mon. 1 January, 2026.**
(time) Rosary at 7.30 a.m.
Mass at 8.00 a.m. (E)
Mass at 10.00 a.m. (T)

OMPH Family Christmas Celebration

A heartfelt thank you
to the Organizing Committee, who worked tirelessly under very challenging circumstances to bring us a truly wonderful celebration. Our parish came together with great spirit—selling tickets, setting up stalls, and hoping for good weather. While not everything went exactly as planned, each event was a valuable learning experience that strengthened our community. We are deeply grateful for your support and for believing that together, we can make things happen. On behalf of the Organizing committee we extend our sincere gratitude to each and everyone of you for your dedication and commitment. Your efforts made this celebration possible. Thank you. (Parish priest)

REHEARSAL FOR ALL MINISTRIES INVOLVED FOR CHRISTMAS MASS on Wed. 24 Dec., 2025 at 10 a.m. in church.

SCHEDULE: For MASS, DEVOTIONS and PRAYER MEETINGS.
(21 December, 2025) (Mass at 8.00 a.m. if it is a PUBLIC HOLIDAY)
(All in *English* unless stated otherwise.)

SUN.21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

8.00 a.m. Mass (E)
 10.00 a.m. Mass (T)
 11.30 a.m. Mass (C)

MON.22 4th Week of Advent (Wk 4)

7.00 a.m. Mass
 7.00 p.m. Penitential Service.

TUES.23 4th Week of Advent (Wk 4)/St.John of Kanty

7.00 a.m. Mass.

WED.24 4th Week of Advent (Wk 4)

7.00 a.m. Mass.

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

6.30 p.m. Carols (E); 7.00 p.m. Christmas Night Mass.(E)
 9.00 p.m. Carols (T); 9.30 p.m. Christmas Night Mass (T)

THURS.25 NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8.00 a.m. Carols (E); 8.30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass. (E)
 10.30 a.m. Carols (C); 11.00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (C)

FRI.26 ST.STEPHEN, the First Martyr

7.00 a.m. Mass.

SAT.27 ST.JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST/B.V.M

7.30 a.m. Mass. (Novena intentions)
 9.00 a.m. Novena devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. (church)
 5.00 p.m. Novena devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. (church)
 5.45 p.m. Mass. (E)

SUN.28 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,MARY & JOSEPH (Year A)

8.00 a.m. Mass (E)
 10.00 a.m. Mass (T)
 11.30 a.m. Mass (C)
 5.30 p.m. Combined Language Mass (Closing Jubilee Year)

ST.MARY'S CHAPEL, TERSUSUN

* Sun. 21/12/2025 - 8.00 a.m. - Mass in Tamil.
 * Wed. 24/12/2025 - 6.30 p.m. Carols (T);
 -7.00 p.m. Christmas Mass

2nd COLLECTION: 21/12/2025 - For parish maintenance.

24 & 25 Dec - To defray christmas expenditure.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

(WEEKEND READINGS::::: Year A) (WEEKDAY READINGS ::::: Year 2)

SUNDAY 21	(21 December – 28 December, 2025) (a) Is 7: 10-14. (Ps 23: 1-6) (b) Rom 1: 1-7 (c) Mt 1: 18-24
MONDAY 22	(a) 1 Sam: 24-28. (Ps 1 Sam 2: 1, 4-8) (b) Lk 1: 46-56
TUESDAY 23	(a) Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24. (Ps 24: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14) (b) Lk 1: 57-66
WEDNESDAY 24	(a) Is 62: 1-5. (Ps 88: 4-5, 16-17, 27,29) (b) Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25 (c) Mt 1: 1-25 (or 18-25)
THURSDAY 25 (Midnight)	(a) Is 9: 1-7. (Ps 96: 1-3, 11-13) (b) Tit 2: 11-14: Lk 2: 1-14
(Dawn)	(a) Is 62: 11-12. (Ps 96: 1, 6: 11-12) (b) Tit 3: 4-7. Lk 2: 15-20
(Day)	(a) Is 52: 7-10. (Ps 97: 1-6) (b) Heb 1: 1-6. Jn 1: 1-18 (or 1-5, 9-14)
FRIDAY 26	(a) Acts 6: 8-10, 7: 54-59. (Ps 30: 3-4, 6, 8, 16-17) (b) Mt 10: 17-22
SATURDAY 27	(a) 1 Jn 1: 1-4. (Ps 96: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12) (b) Jn 20: 2-8
SUNDAY 28	(28 December, 2025 – 4 January, 20026) (a) Ecclus 3: 2-6, 12-14. (Ps 127: 1-5) (b) Col 3: 12-21 (c) Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23