

PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP Redemptorist Community Rev Fr Patrick Massang, C.Ss. R. (Parish Priest) Rev Fr Philip Lai, C.Ss. R (Assistant Parish Priest)

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INFANT BAPTISM:

Please contact the Parish Priest at least **ONE MONTH** in advance. Our next infant baptism will be held on Sunday, 29 May, 2022 during the 8.00 a.m mass. Sessions and Rehearsals on Sat. 28 May at 12 noon. All MKN/MNU/KKM SOPs applies.

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

FORMER MARIST BROTHERS' **BUNGALOW OPEN FOR LEASE**

The former Marist Brothers' bungalow is a two storey building situated between Sam Tet Secondary School and the car park of St.Michael's Church, Ipoh. The entrance faces Weil Hotel. The Diocese of Penang would like to lease it out. After some renovations, it can be used for any of the following purposes:a tuition/education center, day-care center, F & B, retail shops, hostel, home for the aged or mini-medical/diagnostic center, corporate offices etc. Anyone interested to view and give a proposal can contact Fr. Edmund Woon (016 4800123)

NEW-INTAKE for "ADULT ENOURY TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH"

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a program of induction into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you know of friends who are interested in making enquiry into the Catholic Faith please **register now** at the Parish office. The sessions will be held in English, Mandarin & Tamil. Be a disciple to bring others to know the love of Jesus and His teachings.

CATHOLIC SINGLES DATING HUB

The Catholic Singles Dating Hub (affiliated to Penang Diocesan Family Life Ministry) is organizing a stay-in program as follows:-

(date): 3 to 5 June 2022 (2N/3D) (venue): Domus Saint Anne, Bukit Mertajam

Cost: RM300/- (incl. of lodging on twin-sharing basis, Lunch, Dinner, Breakfasts & T-breaks.

Catholic Singles Dating Hub Link: https://forms.gle/j68yFkrg3FVAEZF56 Closing date: 23 May 2022

If you have any enquiries, kindly contact Theresa at 017-578 8192, 9am to 12 noon daily except for Sat. & Sun. or email catholicdatinghub@gmail.com

ASCENSION THURSDAY – 26 May, 2022

Mass (E) at 7 a.m. & 7.30p.m in the church Mass (T) at 8 p.m. in the parish hall.

(food for thought) (Bulletin 1 May, 2022)

"The Word that changed Lives" Gospel: Jn 21: 1-19

> Faith in the resurrection of Jesus was slow in coming even for His closest friends and followers. There were the special, fleeting moments when they saw Him again, heard Him speak, even ate fish with Him on the shore, which allowed them to become aware of His presence and power in ways that transcend the senses. But there were those who always needed, in some way, to touch the wounds of the Risen Christ or demand some physical proof in order to believe.

The Gospel tells us that Thomas was not with the others when Jesus first came to them after the Resurrection. The fact that the surviving members of the Twelve seem to have been paralyzed into inaction and are hiding together in a locked room makes us wonder where Thomas actually was. We can be certain that he must have felt totally alone. Not even the fellowship of his companions brought him comfort. Not only does he refuse to believe what they tell him, but he issues an ultimatum, indirectly aimed at Jesus. Maybe he wanted Jesus to know how angry he was and how empty he was feeling. Perhaps he was hurting so much that he just couldn't bring himself to believe that Jesus would dare return to the group in his absence.

Faith must go beyond just seeing and touching with our physical senses. Thomas is a reminder today that our journey of faith includes doubt and brokenness. The doubting Thomas reminds us that Jesus was identifiable to the disciples through his wounds, not in spite of them. It was through these same wounds that we receive our life. Our wounds – whatever they might be - do not set us apart from Jesus. Rather, they are signs of our union with him. And his wounds promise that we will never be defeated by anything that assails us.