

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)

## **Dear Parishioners**

We can't turn water into wine, but we can turn the pandemic to an endemic. With much joy we wish to announce that the zoom masses for the English and the Chinese community will no longer be broadcasted. The Tamil masses will return to the Church very soon too. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

As we resume masses in November we hope that you are now familiar with the required SOPs. Parishioners will be required to scan the code in Mysejahtera with the help of our Hospitality ministers. It is not one of the 10 commandments but compulsory for attendance to masses and church activities including all meetings.

Sunday School will also resume when it is safe. Daily mass will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday beginning in November at 7am. I look forward to celebrating the Eucharist again with the whole community. Kindly let your BEC leader know if you are coming for the masses as seating is still limited to a 50% capacity at the moment. Register only when you are sure of attending. In the past there were about 15% absentees, depriving others who sincerely want to attend mass. We hope that Advent and Christmas season will be a joyous home occasion for all. Mass timings will be the same for sunset (5.30p.m) and morning masses(8.00a.m). Schedules for the Chinese and Tamil masses @ 10.30am (alternate Sunday basis)

Come let us go to the House of the Lord with praise and thanksgiving.

SCHEDULE FOR MASS
WEEKDAY MASSES – Mon., Wed., Fri., commencing on Mon. 8 Nov., 2021 @ 7 a.m. except on public holiday at 8 a.m.

## WEEKEND MASSES

\* Sat. @ 5.30pm & Sun. @ 8 a.m. (E)

Mass in Chinese & Tamil @ 10.30a.m (on an alternate Sunday basis)

- \* Sun. 7 Nov, 2021 (C)
- \* Sun. 14 Nov., 2021 (T)

Parishioners who are fully vaccinated will be required to scan the code in Mysejahtera showing low risk are allowed to attend church for masses.

## WHO CANNOT ATTEND?

- a) Those who are unwell or exhibiting symptoms /infections such as cough, fever, sore throat, respiratory issues, flu are not permitted.
- b) Those who are NOT showing in mysejahtera Low Risk No Symptom.
  c) Those who are under investigation or home quarantine (if there are members in your household that are under home quarantine or investigation.) you are not allowed to attend.

## **LIGUORI BOOKSHOP**

will open on every Sunday starting on Sunday, 7 November, 2021 Time: 9.00 a.m till 11.00 a.m

> Requirements to check in with MySejahtera App. showing low risk and follow all Government SOPs . Thank you for your cooperation. (food for thought) (Bulletin 7 November, 2021) Gospel: Mk 12: 38-44. "Being Noticed"

As he neared the end of his earthly ministry, Jesus began to speak in apocalyptical terms about the end of things. Our securities and where we place our trust will be challenged and tested under trial. Perhaps this is why he spent so much time teaching his disciples about the gracious love of the Father. His words always resonated with trust and hope. Today, we are once again reminded that our religious practice must flow from a sincere love of God and generous service to others.

The Lord here teaches against the crime of having no particular interest in the welfare of the individual, as opposed to having a great deal of interest in giving for one's own gain. The rich would not miss what they gave, but the widow had given away her entire living. The sad part of today's account is that both the scribes and the widow could have had eternal life had they simply put their money back into their pockets and embraced the Redeemer who was sitting a few steps away observing.

The real tragedy of life is always that Jesus is so near with the gift of life but people seek to buy or to work their way into heaven.

We hear this message again today and are reminded how God came to our need in the past. He continues to show concern for our present hungers and we who are nurtured and fed by our God are called to turn our attention to those who, like the widows in today's scriptures, attract Jesus' notice. We are to do as he did. We are to "observe" and tend to those who need our attention, who are not the notables of our world and who do not have the prestige and status that normally attracts the world's eye and favor.

True Christianity gives – but it gives from the principal of grace; lovingly, not legally; freely, not through coercion; not to gain favor but to impart it, having received so much ourselves from the Lord. Jesus gave willingly, lovingly, and generously. Dare we do less?