



PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Redemptorist Community

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Advent is a time of waiting in HOPE. Christian understanding of Hope as a active Hope. It is not a dream or a 'Santa' wish. It is about passion to do something about our darkness, our skeletons. Things about us that we have been covering up through our persona. Let us during this holy season explore those darkness and try to be reconciled.

During our **PENITENTIAL SERVICE**, it is God's gift to heal us and bring peace within ourselves, our family and our community. Come in HOPE return in Peace on -

- * Mon.,17/12/18 – Church of Our Lady of Lourdes at 7.00 pm
- * Tues.,18/12/18 – Church of St. Michael at 8.00 pm
- * Wed. 19/12/18 – **OMPH church** at 8.00 pm

CAROLING

Carollers from RECHOSO will be visiting homes to bring Christmas joy and glad tidings to one and all on

* Friday, 21 & 23 December, 2018.

Contact: Christopher Wong
(017 5785223)

Christmas Carol 2018

"Children Helping Children" project -

As part of the Sun. Sch. activity there will be carol singing during coffee morning on 1st Advent (2 Dec.) & 2nd Advent (9 Dec.)

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Chinese Apostolate is holding a Christmas party with pot-luck dinner. There will be games, gift exchange and caroling by the chinese choir.
(date) Sunday, 16 December, 2018.
(time) 7.00 pm
(venue) parish hall.
All are welcome.

Please bring along a gift between RM5/- to RM10/- for exchange, wear a Christmas hat and bring a dish to share.

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

* **Mon.,24/12/2018** – OMPH church
Carols (T) – 7.30pm
Christmas night Mass (T) – 8.00 pm

Carols (E) – 10.30 pm
Christmas Midnight Mass (E) – 11.00 pm

* **Tues. 25/12/2018** – OMPH church
Carols (E) – 8.30am
Christmas Day Mass (E) – 9.00 am
Christmas Day Mass (C) – 11.30am

(Food for thought)

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6.

"Prepare the Way ... Maranatha "

This is a season of expectation and of hope. It is a time for us to listen again to God's promise of deliverance and reconciliation. It is a time for us to be reassured of His relentless love for each and all of us.

Perhaps we still walk along crooked paths. We might find it much easier to take detours around the Gospel challenges of Christian justice. There are still hills of conflict and valleys of depression on the road we walk. And we find ourselves so busy! There just doesn't seem to be enough time to worship and to pray. Our energies are all used up with work and home and family, and preparations for the Christmas holiday. But Jesus is waiting, patiently, compassionately. He wants so very much to come into each of our lives - completely and totally. So we try again during these special days of Advent to clear the way for Him.

The central message of our Advent is that the Lord has come, He has taken away the curse of our sins, He has baptized us in the Holy Spirit, He has comforted us; He has come like a good shepherd to gather the lambs in His arms.

But His coming is an ongoing mystery. He needs us and uses us to "make straight His paths." We are called to hasten His coming in our own time and place. We continue to "prepare the way of the Lord." We continue to proclaim the "good news:" *Jesus, Emmanuel, God-With-Us, has Come, is Coming and will come!*

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

WEDDING BANNS (3rd Publication)

** Kevinn Rajh Peter Francis & Sagaya Heni Subramaniam*

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Priest at least ONE MONTH in advance.

PARISH ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS: (December 2018)

* 9/12/2018	- 8.00 am	- CLOW	(St.Mark's Rm.)
	- 10.00 am	- RCIA (BM)	(St. Monica Rm.)
	- 10.00 am	- Youth	(Senalli Rm.)
	- 11.30 am	- RCIA (T)	(St. Matthew Rm.)
	- 3.00 pm	- RCIA (E)	(St.Mark's Rm.)
* 10/12/2018	- 7.00 pm	- CCR	
	- 8.00 pm	- Chinese Apostolate	(ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
* 11/12/2018	- 8.15 pm	- Legion of Mary (C)	(St. Matthew Rm.)
* 13/12/2018	- 8.00 pm	- Tamil Choir	(St.Paul's Rm.)
* 14/12/2018	- 8.30pm	- RCIA (C)	(ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
* 15/12/2018	- 6.45pm	- CLOW	(St.Mark's Rm.)
* 16/12/2018	- 8.00 am	- CLOW	(St.Mark's Rm.)
	- 10.00 am	- RCIA (BM)	(St. Monica Rm.)
	- 11.30 am	- RCIA (T)	(St. Matthew Rm.)
	- 3.00 pm	- RCIA (E)	(St.Mark's Rm.)
	- 7.00 pm	- Christmas gathering (C)	(parish hall)
* 18/12/2018	- 8.15 pm	- Legion of Mary (C)	(St. Matthew Rm.)
* 20/12/2018	- 8.00 pm	- Tamil Choir	(St.Paul's Rm.)

2018 COFFEE MORNINGS:

* 9/12/2018 – Tamil Hospitality Ministers.
* 16/12/2018 – BEC St.Alphonsus.
* 23/12/2018 – Maintenance group.

ETERNAL HAPPINESS TO:

+ Selvadurai a/l Samikanu departed on 2 December, 2018.
+ Paul Chong Yew Loon @ Chang Ah Keng departed on 4 December, 2018.

REQUEST FOR FURNISHINGS for Atrium use –

Our parish is in the midst of setting up a CGS (Catechesis of The Good Shepherd) atrium for children aged 3 to 5. We would be needing small shelving, end table, carpets, rugs, bibles, religious statues and wall hangings to adorn the room. If you have any of these to donate it would be greatly appreciated. We only request that it be made from natural materials (ie) wood, rattan, metal or fibres. Please contact Monica (012 5280405) for collection and view "cgs atrium" online for images of things we need.

YEAR-END SERVICE) & POT-LUCK FELLOWSHIP

All are welcome to join in the celebration to welcome the New Year 2019 on (date) **Mon. 31 December, 2018.** (time) starting at 10.15pm with Rosary followed by Praise and Worship. Mass will be at 11 pm. After Mass, there will be a 'pot-luck' fellowship. Please join in by bringing some 'finger-food'. You can leave the food at the Cafeteria. BEC Coordinators will be at there to serve the community.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD -

(date) **Tues., 1 January, 2019.**
(time) * 8.00 am (E) Mass
* 10am (T) Mass.
(venue) OMPH church.

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 2019

Couples planning to get married in the year 2019, please take note of the EE Weekends english during the year. You are requested to register six (6) weeks before the weekend dates.

EE 119	25 – 27 Jan., 2019
EE120	5 – 7 April, 2019
EE121	12 – 14 July, 2019
EE122	18-20 Oct., 2019

TAMIL MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND - 2019

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

Chapel St.Chastan & Imbert, Prai	Jan 25,26,27	August 24,25,26
Domus St.Anne, Bukit Mertajam	May 23, 24, 25	November 22, 23, 24

Please see your Parish Priest for registration.