



PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
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(food for thought) (Bulletin 22 January,2023)
 Gospel: Mt 4: 12-23. *"Darkness Dispelled"*

Rev.Fr. Patrick Massang and Rev.Fr. Philip Lai together with the Redemptorist Community wish all our Chinese brothers and sisters God's blessing as they celebrate Chinese New Year of the Rabbit. Gong Xi Fa Cai!

WORD OF GOD(Bible Sunday)

Today, 22 Jan.,2023, the Church celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God. Let us open our hearts to the presence of God, who through his Word, wants to reveal himself and dwell in our lives.

PONGGAL CELEBRATION

The Tamil community will be celebrating ponggal on **Sun. 29 Jan.,2023** commencing at **4.00 p.m.** with the boiling of sweetened rice in-front of the church followed by our Eucharistic celebration. After Mass there will be fellowship. No *Tamil mass @ 10 a.m* but replace with **mandarin mass at 10 a.m** in church.

TRANSITION TO ENDEMIC STAGE ATTENDING MASSES IN O.M.P.H.

IPOH * Wearing of face Mask is mandatory inside the church premises (Adults & children)

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS)

Interested in being a CGS Catechist? You will be journeying in faith formation with children between the ages of 3 to 6 years old. Training will be provided for interested Catechists and all age groups are encouraged to apply – no one is too young or too old to be a Catechist.

If you are unable to commit fully, you can join us as Catechists Assistant. Contact Rosalind (016 5587 655) for more information.

FAMILY DAY-FOOD FAIR

organized by the Home for the Aged (CWS) Simee. (date) **Sat. 15 April, 2023.** (Time) 9 a.m. till 1.00 p.m (venue) OMPH church compound. (1 coupon = RM20/.) (1 Bk. = RM200/-)

COMMISSIONING OF

All Faith Educators, RCIA Facilitators, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (C.G.S.), Infant Baptism Facilitators on **Sunday, 5 Feb.,2023** at 8.00 a.m. (OMPH church)

BLESSING OF CANDLES

Thurs. 2 Feb, 2023 at 7 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join in prayer for our priest and religious on this Feast of Presentation of Our Lord. On this day candles will be blessed for your home use. Please leave your candles on the table provided.

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES:-

- * 26/1/2023 @ 8p.m – RCIA (E) (St.MkRm.)
- * @ 8 p.m – RCIA (T) (St.Paul Rm.)
- * 27/1/2023 @ 8 p.m – RCIA (C) (St.Francis X.Rm.)
- * 27/1/2023 @ 8 p.m. – Legion of Mary (C)(Mt.Rm)
- * 28/1/2023 @ 12 noon – Infant Baptism Ssn. & Parenting (St.Mk Rm)
- * 30/1/2023 @ 7.30p.m –CCR (St.Mk.Rm.)
- * 31/1/2023 @ 8 p.m – Legion of Mary (C)(Mt.Rm.)

COFFEE MORNINGS 2023

- * 29/1/2023 – Tamil Hospitality
- * 5/2/2023 – BEC St.Jude (T)
- * 12/2/2023 – BEC St.Monica (T)

EVENING FOR THE ENGAGED 2023

You are requested to register six (6) weeks before the weekend dates. **Please see your Parish Priest for registration.**

EE134	17-19 Feb	Stella Maris
EE135	19-21 May	Stella Maris
EE136	18-20 Aug	Stella Maris
EE137	17-19 Nov	Stella Maris

For enquiries contact Bart-Angie (017 5900978).Registration forms can be obtained from website <http://www.ceepenang.org>

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

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

The "good news" is that God is with us in the darkness; He stays with us, patiently and persistently. There is light in the darkness. This light has not left us when darkness has threatened to overwhelm us. It guides our lives so that we can be a witness, in word and deed, to what we believe for those who are in the darkness of loneliness and guilt, indifference, aggression intolerance and all the other signs of death.

It will not be easy. It is never easy. It was not easy for the John the Baptist, arrested and eventually executed. It wasn't easy for the first disciples who left the security of their daily lives to follow and to proclaim. But that must not deter us from our dreams and our efforts at renewal and conversion: **To do anything less would be pure selfishness**, a tragic sign that we care only for ourselves and not about those future generations who, with us, are church. **The Christmas message resonates every day of our lives.** The Lord sends us an urgent invitation to participate in important work to bring the Light into the Darkness. The Kingdom is at hand - and this is "good news."