



PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Redemptorist Community

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday. Today we light the pink or Rose coloured candle. Gaudete means 'Joy Sunday'. It rejoices the gladness in the promised Redemption. The promise that we are turning away from sin to new life.

Advent is a time of waiting in HOPE. Christian understanding of Hope as a active Hope. It is not a dream or a Santa's 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
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THANK YOU:

We thank our Faith Educators and all the children who were involved in the carol singing over the last two weekends for the program **Children Helping Children**. They were wonderful! Thanks to all parishioners who supported in this project. The amount collected was RM 1545.00 during the Carol Singing and item sales on 1st & 2nd Advent. Take note: All students are to return the Love Offering coin box on 6 January, 2019. All proceeds from this project will be channeled to the Pontifical Mission Societies – "Children Helping Children."

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

* **Mon.,24/12/2018** – OMPH church
Carols (T) – 7.45pm

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
Christmas Day - Carols (E) – 8.30am
- Mass (E) – 9.00 am

Christmas Day – Carols (C) – 11 am
- Mass (C) – 11.30am

Attention ALTAR SERVERS –

21/12/2018 – 10 am – All Servers are to be present for polishing religious objects.

24/12/2018 – 10am – All Servers involved in the Vigil Mass are to be present for rehearsal in church.

(Food for thought)

Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18.

"What are we to do?"

The crowds asked John an Advent question: "What are we to do?" Like people in every age, they were beset with fear, anxiety, and discouragement.

We have as many reasons as they to be afraid, to be filled with concern about health, economics and social evils. We are constantly faced with a barrage of images that show us - quite emphatically - how broken our world has become. Every day we are confronted with aggression, war, competition, greed, and the lust for property and power. There seems to be far too much for us to handle anymore: reminders of how vulnerable we really are; the growing number of the poor, homeless and displaced, not only worldwide, but here at home as well; the effect of climate change and seeming unwillingness of leadership to do anything about it... how inept we really have become at being "brother's keeper."

Today's Scripture Readings give us a clear, precise and practical answer: **"Shout for joy . . . exult with all your heart! Have no fear... be not discouraged!"** (Zephaniah 3)

Paul tells us: **"Rejoice in the Lord always! Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Then God's own peace will stand guard over your hearts and minds."** (Phil: 4)

John the Baptist answers very specifically in a different vein: **"Give to him who has nothing; exact nothing unjustly; do not bully anyone; be content with your pay."** (Luke: 3)

It is the face of Jesus we see when we look at the poor, the sick and the homeless. It is face of Jesus we see when confronted with troubles, suffering and failure. We see His beauty and power in all of the good things; we sense His crucified presence when touched by pain and sorrow; we are energized by the power of His resurrected presence when we are buried by weakness, defeat, or death in any form. Although the seasons change, our faith, like the sun, must remain constant.

In answer to our advent prayer: "What ought we to do?" the Church cries out: **"Rejoice! The Lord is in your midst! God's own peace will stand guard over your hearts."**

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

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS: (December 2018)

- * 16/12/2018 - 8.00 am - CLOW (St. Mark's Rm.)
- 10.00 am - RCIA (BM) (St. Monica Rm.)
- 10.00 am - PHDC distribution of rations (Wallace hse.)
- 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.)
- * 21/12/2018 - 10.00 am - Altar Servers (Polishing)
- 8.30pm - RCIA (C) (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- * 22/12/2018 - 8.00 am - CLOW (St. Mark's Rm.)
- * 23/12/2018 - 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.)
- * 24/12/2018 - 10.00 am - Altar Servers, Rehearsal (Church)
- * 27/12/2018 - 8.00 pm - Tamil Choir (St. Paul's Rm.)

2018 COFFEE MORNINGS:

- * 16/12/2018 - BEC St. Alphonsus.
- * 23/12/2018 - St. Mary's project & Maintenance. (James B. & team)
- * 30/12/2018 -

ETERNAL HAPPINESS TO:

- + Jane Oon Wai Chong @ Oon Wee Cheng departed on 7 December, 2018.
- + Marie Therese Choong Yut Sum @ Yeong Yuit Sum departed on 8 December, 2018.

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 a plate of '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.

SUNDAY CATECHISM SCHOOL 2019

Sunday Catechism begins on 6 Jan., 2019

NEW REGISTRATION for

Sunday Catechism (E) - Parents are requested to bring a photostat copy of the child's baptism certificate. Catechism books for > Primary = RM20/-.

> Secondary = RM25/-.

For those with catechism book, registration is RM10/-.

NEW REGISTRATION for Sunday

Catechism in mandarin - Please contact Ms Lucy (16 5410561).

PARENTS SESSION - 13 Jan., 2019.

All parents with children in Sunday Catechism school are to be present at 10am in the parish hall. This is an important session to share with Parents about team work and the role of parents in our Catechetical program. Looking forward to seeing you.

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.