



“Mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life...The Church’s very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love.”

Pope Francis

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalms 71: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Romans 15: 4-9

Matthew 3: 1-12

God indeed works even at barren places, as at this time, the Davidic kingdom is no more, it has been reduced to a *stump*. Yet, the Messiah from the lineage of King David, son of Jesse is coming.

Isaiah’s vision shows how Spirit-filled the Messiah will be. As the Spirit of the Lord rests upon the Messiah, one sees the manifestations, working alongside to empower and to guide. The reign of God will be shown by perfect justice, particularly for the most vulnerable. The poor and the meek will find an advocate in Him for *justice is his belt*.

The vision of Isaiah gives us hope even as we strive for justice and champion the cause of the marginalised. More than hope, the prophet also shows us a Kingdom of peace: that in the end, all things will come together, all predatory nature of creation will reconcile. Imagine a world without gun violence and senseless killing, no wars nor conflicts, and where babies, orphans and elderly are sheltered from harm. Peace will prevail, ‘for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea.’

Powerful imageries for us to ponder even as John the Baptist takes the vision to a state of urgency, saying that the peaceable kingdom that is to come begins with repentance. While Isaiah looks to the future and John looks at his generation, the message is evergreen for us – repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand. St Paul tells us that *whatever was written previously was written for our instructions, and by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope*.

Our takeaway for this Second Sunday of Advent as a faith community is that peace is not a passive state of being, but an active pursuit that starts with each person. Let’s start at the base with our families, BECs, parish community, and to our co-workers and larger community.

Let us wish each other an Advent of Perfect Peace.✙

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 2nd Sunday of Advent | 7 December 2025

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE: CHURCH (MERCIFUL)
CALLED TO FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING
AND EMPOWERMENT TO EVANGELISE

An Advent of Perfect Peace

Between the vision of Isaiah and the proclamation of John, we see the continuity of God’s plan of salvation, of prophecy and fulfilment. Isaiah gives a vivid description of who this coming shoot is, and what his reign will be like. From the seemingly dead stump of Jesse, a bud blossoms at the root of this shoot.





PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHRISTMAS VISIT TO THE ELDERLY AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

The Priests together with the Eucharistic Ministers will be visiting and giving communion to the Elderly & Homebound on **Mon. 8 & Tues 9 of December,2025** from 9.00 am onwards.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(date) **Mon. 8 December, 2025**

(time) 7.30 p.m. Rosary

8.00 p.m. Mass

There will be no 7 a.m Mass

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

by RECHOSO

* **Sat. 20/12/2025**

* **Sun. 21/12/2025**

* **Mon. 22/12/2025**

Scan the QR code at the church entrances to register.

For more enquiries contact:

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ADVENT REFLECTION

(Date) **Tues. 9 &**

Wed. 10 Dec.,2025

(time) 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

(venue) Parish hall.

(Love-offering) RM 10/-.

Advent season is a special time!

It is a period of preparation and reflection leading up to Christmas.

All are welcome to know these traditions or get ideas for your own Advent celebrations reflecting on gratitude, spreading joy and kindness.

PARISH ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS: (Dec.2025)

- * 7/12/2025 - 2.00 p.m. - RECHOSO practise (church)
- * 7/12/2024 - 6.00 p.m. - Sunset Choir practise (church)
- * 7/12/2025 - 7.00 p.m. – RCIA (T) (St.Paul Rm.)
- * 9/12/2025 - 8.00 p.m. - Advent reflection (parish hall)
- * 9/12/2025 - 8.00 p.m. – Legion of Mary (C) (St.Mt.Rm.)
- * 10/12/2025 - 8.00 p.m. - Advent reflection (parish hall)
- * 11/12/2025 - 7.30 p.m. – RCIA (E) (St.Mk. Rm.)
- * 11/12/2025 - 8.00 p.m. – RCIA (BM) (Wallace Rm.)
- * 11/12/2025 - 8.00 p.m. - Tamil Choir practise (St.Paul Rm.)
- * 12/12/2025 - 6.00 p.m. - Ablaze (St.Mk.Rm.)
- * 12/12/2025 – 8.00 p.m - RCIA (C) (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- * 14/12/2025 - 2.00 p.m. - RECHOSO practise (church)
- * 14/12/2025 - 7.00 p.m. – RCIA (T) (St.Paul Rm.)
- * 16/12/2025 - 8.00 p.m. – Legion of Mary (C) (St.Mt.Rm.)
- * 18/12/2025 - 8.00 p.m. - Tamil Choir practise (St.Paul Rm.)
- * 18/12/2025 - 7.30 p.m. – RCIA (E) (St.Mk. Rm.)
- * 18/12/2025 - 8.00 p.m. – RCIA (BM) (Wallace Rm.)
- * 19/12/2025 – 8.00 p.m - RCIA (C) (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- * 21/12/2025 - 2.00 p.m. - RECHOSO practise (church)
- * 21/12/2024 - 6.00 p.m. - Sunset Choir practise (church)
- * 23/12/2025 - 8.00 p.m. – Legion of Mary (C) (St.Mt.Rm.)

DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026 COFFEE MORNINGS:

- 7/12/2025 - Sunset Choir
- 21/12/2025 - CJM
- 28/12/2025 - PPC
- 4/1/2026 - Chinese Apostolate
- 18/1/2026 - Maintenance Team
- 25/1/2026 - Youth Ministry

BIBLE REFLECTION & HOME-GATHERINGS:

- * 11/12/2025 - 8.00 p.m. - BEC St.Peter; (Cafeteria)
- * 12/12/2025 - 6.00 p.m. BEC St.Augustine; (Breda Café)

ETERNAL HAPPINESS TO:

- + D. John departed on 2 December, 2025.



All B.E.C. leaders, please take note that the Parish is trying to revive the B.E.C.s of all language groups. Kindly inform the parish office to insert into the bulletin of your BEC monthly meetings.

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.

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

MARRIAGE:

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

EQUIP 2026

INVITING ALL Parish YOUTH

to join us for **EQUIP 2026**
Organized by the SEEDS Ministry. It is a 2-week post-Confirmation formation program to help young Catholics grow as disciples and leaders in mission.

on
(date) **4 to 18 January 2026**
(Ages) 17 - 21 yrs old
(venue) Penang.
(Cost) RM800
Closing date: 1st Dec.,2025
Contact Person:
Jonathan (010-380 6270)

O.M.P.H.

Family Christmas Celebration

(date) **Sun. 14 December, 2025**

(time) 5.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.

- * Children's Party –
5 p.m. – 7 p.m. in the parish hall.
- * Family celebration at
St.Gerard's Café.
- * Delicious festive goodies,
food and beverages, pastries &
gift stalls.
- * Photo booth
- * Children's rides
- * Festive gifts..... many more

Coupons on sale after the weekend mass.

OMPH Church

CHRISTMAS EVE

* **Wed. 24 Dec.,2025**

- = 6.30 p.m. – Christmas carols(E)
- = 7.00 p.m. - Mass (E)
- = 9.00 p.m. – Carols (T)
- = 9.30 p.m - Tamil Mass (T)

St.Mary's Chapel, Tersusun.

(24/12/2025)

- 6.30 p.m. Carols (T)
- 7.00 p.m. Mass (T)

OMPH church

CHRISTMAS DAY

* **Thurs 25 Dec.,2025**

- = 8.00 a.m.–Christmas carols (E)
- = 8.30 a.m. Christmas day mass.
- 10.30 a.m. – Carols (C)
- 11.00 a.m. – Christmas Mass (C)

CLOSING OF JUBILEE YEAR

Date: Sun. 28/12/2025

Combined language Mass
@ 5.30 p.m.

NEW REGISTRATION &

PARENTS SESSION on

Sun. 18 January, 2026.

Registration for catechism Std. 1

(and other new) registration, must submit a copy of the baptism certificate during registration.

Those who are currently with OMPH catechism do not need to submit a copy of their baptism certificate.

Registration FEE & BOOK

Primary – RM30/-.

Secondary – RM35/-.

PARENTS' SESSION -

Meeting of all parents with the child's class Teacher on

Sun 18 Jan,2026 @ 10a.m

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

(date) **Sun. 18 Jan.,2026**

(time) 8.00 a.m. Mass

SCHEDULE: For MASS, DEVOTIONS and PRAYER MEETINGS.
(7 December, 2025) (Mass at 8.00 a.m. if it is a PUBLIC HOLIDAY)
 (All in *English* unless stated otherwise.)

SUN.7 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

8.00 a.m. Mass (BM)
 10.00 a.m. Mass (T)
 11.30 a.m. Mass (C)

MON.8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8.00 p.m. Mass

TUES.9 2nd Week of Advent (Wk 2)/St.John Diego Cuauhtiatotzin

7.00 a.m. Mass.

WED.10 2nd Week of Advent (Wk 2)/Our Lady of Loreto

7.00 a.m. Mass.

THURS.11 2nd Week of Advent (Wk 2)/St.Damasus 1

7.00 a.m. Mass

FRI.12 2nd Week of Advent (Wk 2)/Our Lady of Guadalupe

7.00 a.m. Mass.

SAT.13 2nd Week of Advent (Wk 2)/St.Lucy/B.V.M

7.30 a.m. Mass. (Novena intentions)
 9.00 a.m. Novena devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. (church)
 5.00 p.m. Novena devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. (church)
 5.45 p.m. Mass. (E)

SUN.14 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

8.00 a.m. Mass (E)
 10.00 a.m. Mass (T)
 11.30 a.m. Mass (C)

ST.MARY'S CHAPEL, TERSUSUN

* Sun. 7/12/2025 - 8.00 a.m. - Mass in Tamil.

2nd COLLECTION: 7/12/2025 - For KASIH fundraising initiative 2025.
 Contributions to KASIH will support direct aid, education & awareness programs, advocacy & training as well as projects that sustain the church's response to the social, environmental & humanitarian challenges of our time.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

(WEEKEND READINGS: Year C) (WEEKDAY READINGS : Year 1)

SUNDAY 7 (7 December – 14 December, 2025)
 (a) Is 11: 1-10. (Ps 71: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17)
 (b) Rom 15: 4-9 (c) Mt 3: 1-12

MONDAY 8 (a) Gen 3: 9-15, 20. (Ps 97: 1-4)
 (b) Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12
 (c) Lk 1: 26-38

TUESDAY 9 (a) Is 40: 1-11. (Ps 95: 1-3, 10-13)
 (b) Mt 18: 12-14

WEDNESDAY 10 (a) Is 40: 25-31. (Ps 102: 1-4, 8, 10)
 (b) Mt 11: 28-30 Or,
 (a) Is 7: 10-14, 8: 10. (Ps Lk 1: 46-55)
 (b) Lk 1: 26-38

THURSDAY 11 (a) Is 41: 13-20. (Ps 144: 1, 9-13)
 (b) Mt 11: 11-15

FRIDAY 12 (a) Is 48: 17-19. (Ps 1: 1-4, 6)
 (b) Mt 11: 16-19 Or,
 (a) Zech 2: 14-17 or Rev 11: 19, 12: 1-6, 10.
 (Ps Jud 13: 18-19) (b) Lk 1: 26-38/Lk 1: 39-47

SATURDAY 13 (a) Ecclus 48: 1-4, 9-11. (Ps 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19)
 (b) Mt 17: 10-13

SUNDAY 14 (14 December – 21 December 2025)
 (a) Is 35: 1-6, 10. (Ps 145: 6-10)
 (b) Jm 5: 7-10
 (c) Mt 11: 2-11