



PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
Redemptorist Community

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COFFEE MORNING

Effective from 2018 coffee morning groups are invited not to use plastic plates, cups, fork & spoon or boxes in the St.Gerard Cafeteria. We call on all groups to use recycle plates and cups. This will call upon more washing to be done. The church will look into the cutlery. Let us together work towards a new ecology.

ADVENT PUZZLE COMPETITION organized by CLOW.

Children (aged 7-12) please get your Advent Antics Puzzle booklets @ RM2/- from us. Do these puzzles daily during Advent and hand in by the 25 of December, 2017. Nice prizes await the winners and parents do join your kids with the puzzle solving.

2017 ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

In preparation for Christmas, penitential service will be held on –

* **18/12/2017** – 7.30pm – Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Silibin.

* **19/12/2017** – 8.00 pm – Church of St. Michael, Ipoh

* **20/12/2017** – 8.00 pm – Church of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Ipoh Gdn.

KID'S BIBLE CAMP 2017 "Journey on the Wings of Prayer"

(date & time)

Fri. 1 & Sat. 2 Dec.,2017 (8am – 5 pm)

Sun. 3 Dec.,2017 (8am – 1 pm)

(venue) OMPH grounds.(Ages) 7 – 12 years

There is a special mass for children and parents at 12 noon in the parish hall on Sunday.

COMBINED LITURGICAL COMMITTEE

MEETING on Tuesday, 5 December, 2017 at 8 pm in St. Mark's Room. This in preparation for the New Year Eve Mass.

CHRISTMAS VISITATION FOR THE HOME-BOUND COMMUNION

In Ulu Kinta on 5 December, 2017 at 10.30am.

OMPH Tamil-speaking on 6 December, 2017 at 6.00 pm.

OMPH English-speaking and Chinese-speaking parishioners on 13 December, 2017

SOLEMNITY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Friday, 8 December, 2017.

There will be no 6.30 am Mass.

Rosary at 7.30pm followed by

Mass at 8.00 pm

(food for thought)

Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37. "Be watchful and alert"

The Season of Advent is a time of anticipation, preparation, of new beginnings. The Scripture readings for the four Sundays of Advent are rich with meaning and timeliness.

In today's Gospel, we hear Mark's somber call to watchfulness and expectation for the coming of Christ - a kind of "hurry up and wait" call to attentiveness. On the Second and Third Sundays, Gospel passages dealing with the mission of John the Baptizer. On the Fourth Sunday, we will share again the Gospel the wonderful account of Mary's call to be the mother of God, and her unconditional surrender to His will.

Lest we are ever tempted to think otherwise, Advent reminds us that, while God has kissed the earth with his presence, much remains broken, unfulfilled and in darkness. We see plenty of evidence around us of the dark night. If we have learned anything during this year of 2017, it is that we need not be told how late, how long and how dark our wait has turned out to be. We need help. Not just to protect us from the night so we can huddle together in mutual support and encouragement. We need courage to keep the light of hope, love and service to neighbor aglow in us so we can face down the spirit of despair and continue to work in the night to be a beacon of hope to others.

Understanding this, we will discover - even in this age - moments when the darkness withdraws and the true light shows itself; when the hungry are fed; wrongs righted; peace breaks out where war has raged; forgiveness allows a new beginning; death is faced down by serene faith; fractured families reconciled and even a scandal-shattered church shows signs of healing and re-commitment to being faithful servants with eyes fixed on present needs and with anticipation of the Lord's return.

Come, Lord Jesus - Be Our Light, Our Joy And Our Peace!

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

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

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

* Erdwin Hareswarr and Eliza Hariny children of Goby & Alison Esther Biam.
 Congratulations to their parents and god-parents.

PARISH ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS:

(December 2017)

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| * 3/12/2017 | - 8.30am | - Kids camp | (Hall, Francis Xavier & Wallace Rm.) |
| * 3/12/2017 | - 11.30 am | - RCIA (T) | (Matthew Rm.) |
| | - 2.30 pm | - RCIA (E) | (St. Mark's Rm.) |
| * 4/12/2017 | - 8.00 pm | - PHDC (EGM) | (St. Mark's Rm.) |
| * 5/12/2017 | - 8.00 pm | - Combined Liturgical | (St. Mark's Rm.) |
| | - 8.00 pm | - Hospitality Ministers | (Wallace Rm.) |
| | - 8.15 pm | - Legion of Mary (C) | (St. Matthew's Rm.) |
| * 6/12/2017 | - 8.00 pm | - Chinese choir practice | (Senali Rm.) |
| * 7/12/2017 | - 8.00 pm | - Choir (T) | (St. Paul's Rm.) |
| | - 7.30 pm | - Area Leaders meeting | (Ulu Kinta) |
| * 8/12/2017 | - 8.00 pm | - RCIA (C) | (ven Francis Xavier Rm.) |
| * 10/12/2017 | - 11.00 am | - Inter Religious Organizers meeting | |
| | - 12.00pm | - PHDC –children's gathering | (parish hall) |
| | - 7.00 pm | - Eucharistic Ministers gathering | (parish hall) |
| * 13/12/2017 | - 8.00 pm | - Chinese choir practice | (Senali Rm.) |
| * 14/12/2017 | - 8.00 pm | - Holy Trinity prayer group (c) | (Meditation Rm.) |
| | - 8.00 pm | - Choir (T) | (St. Paul's Rm.) |
| * 15/12/2017 | - 8.00 pm | - RCIA (C) | (ven Francis Xavier Rm.) |
| | - 8.00 pm | - PHDC packing of rations | (Wallace hse.) |
| * 17/12/2017 | - 11.30 am | - RCIA (T) | (Wallace Rm.) |
| | - 11.30 am | - Faith Educators | (St. Mark's Rm.) |
| | - 2.30 pm | - RCIA (E) | (St. Mark's Rm.) |

2017 & 2018 COFFEE MORNINGS:

- * 3/12/2017 - Chinese Apostolate.
- * 10/12/2017 - BEC St. Gerard.
- * 17/12/2017 – Charismatic.
- * 7/1/2018 - Hospitality Ministers
- * 14/1/2018 - St. Mary's Chapel project & upgrading.
- * 21/1/2018 - St. Mary's Chapel YOUTH.
- * 28/1/2018 - BEC St. Monica.
- * 4/2/2018 - BEC St. John the Apostle (Zone 4)
- * 11/2/2018 - Sunday Catechism Teachers.

FELLOWSHIP FOR OMPH EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - INVITATION To all OMPH Eucharistic Ministers who **have served and who are presently serving** in this ministry are invited to a fellowship on (date) **Sunday, 10 December, 2017.** (time) 7.00 pm (venue) OMPH parish hall. Please contact –Raymond (017 5197968) or Benny (0102831251) by 15 November, 2017. Looking forward to your presence.

BOOK MISSION...
 Daughters of St. Paul will be in our parish on Sat. 16 & Sun. 17 of December, 2017 for a book mission. Please give them your support.

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS 2017
 * **Sunday, 24/12/2017** (OMPH church)
 Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord
 *8pm Carol (T) 8.30pm Mass (T);
 Christmas Midnight Mass.
 *11pm Carols (E) 11.30pm Mass (E)
St. Mary's Chapel, Tersusun
 (24/12/2017)
 * 11.00 pm Carols (T) 11.30pm Mass (T)

* **Monday, 25/12/2017**
 OMPH church
 * 8.30am Carols (E) 9.00am Mass (E)
 *11.00am (C) Carols; 11.30am Mass. (C)

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.

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.

OMPH CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL
 will resume on Wed. 10 January, 2018

TAMIL MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND – 2018

Chapel of St.s Chastan & Imbert	Feb 23, 24, 25, August 24, 25, 26.	Closing date on 1st day of each month
Domus St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam	May 25, 26, 27, November 23, 24, 25	Closing date on 1st day of each month