



PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
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Due to Covid-19 we are placed under Movement Control Order (MCO), from Friday, 22 January, 2021 TILL Tuesday, 4 February, 2021.

All activities, prayer groups, Weekday and Weekend masses are cancelled.
 These guidelines may be revised from time to time in line with updates and additional SOPs issued by the authorities.

The main gate of the church will remain closed and only **Individuals** (*not in groups*) who have a special and urgent reason to see the priest or office staff must first make a prior appointment before the visit. As far as possible, if the matter could be handled by avoiding any physical contact, alternative means of communication should be used – telephone call or email.
 Visitors with prior appointments should have their hand sanitized and should be masked. Check in with MySejahtera App.
 Contact details of visitors will be recorded for the purpose of contact tracing.

CONTRIBUTION to OMPH church
 (Parishioners & friends who wish to contribute towards their monthly church contributions please do online trf. at Public Bank – A/c 3096864807 (Parish of Our Mother of Perpetual Help) or give us a call at the parish office to make an appointment.
 No one is authorized to collect any money on behalf of the church.)

NEW REGISTRATION
Sunday Catechism at OMPH church, Ipoh, for year 2021
 Parents who wish to register their child for sunday catechism may go online at omhip.org and fill in the **E-Form** for your child registration for Primary/Secondary catechism 2021.
2021 Sunday Catechism will be mostly online classes. Priority classes will be given to children in preparation for Sacrament of the Eucharist and Confirmation (Std. 3, Form 3 & 4).
 Meeting of students from other classes will be on rotation. Your class teacher will get in-touch with you. These classes will be grouped in a smaller number.
 A copy of the year's catechism planner will be given.
 Please submit a **photostat copy of your child baptism certificate** [in person](#) during sunday catechism class.

Catechesis@Home OMPH:
 Children aged 3 to 6 are welcome to join us for these Zoom catechesis sessions held on Sundays at 5.30pm. If you would like your child to attend please call Monica Dicom 0125280405 or email <monicadicom@hotmail.com> for more details .

(food for thought)
 (Bulletin 31 January, 2021)
 Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28.

“Teaching with Authority”

The reading from Deuteronomy for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time shows how the notion of "the prophet" came to be planted in the people's spiritual consciousness. It was Moses who put it there. We usually think of Moses as the great liberator, God's instrument for the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery. He brought them from their Egyptian slavery and led them across the desert for forty years. Through Moses, God guided, strengthened and encouraged the people during their daily struggles, enabling them, to survive physically and spiritually in the desert. He planted the hope in their hearts that God would send them a prophet like him.

Today's gospel passage begins with Jesus' entering the synagogue and teaching. The cure of the man with the unclean spirit doesn't seem to be the main focus of this narrative; it only serves to emphasize the "new teaching with authority" that astonished them.

It is important for us to realize that the Lord's prophetic mission did not end when he returned to the Father. He clearly indicated that his followers would, in every age, be called on to carry on this mission in their world. It was perhaps the most significant element of the ritual of baptism in the early church that the newly-baptized person was anointed with sacred oil with the words: "As Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king, so may you live always as a member of his body..." In the ritual for the celebration of Baptism, this anointing with holy chrism, or christening, is highlighted as most significant; it should characterize the entire life and spirit of the baptized Christian.

A prophet is a person who claims to have a sense of vision, a special gift of perceiving the truth, and a claim to the authority to proclaim that truth publicly and courageously, especially in the face of opposition. The idea of "teaching with authority" is central to our understanding of the role of the prophet in Scripture.

May we accept the challenge of Jesus to live our lives in a loving way that allows the world to experience the God through us and to see His face through ours.