



PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
Redemptorist Community
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A Grateful Thank you to all the Liturgical Ministries who prepared for the Liturgical celebrations giving their total dedicated service, commitment throughout the Holy week, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday

*Thank you to the Faith Educators (Sunday Catechism Teachers) who took care of the Easter morning Breakfast.
The food and the coffee was great!*

The Parish would like to Thank the Children Liturgy (CLOW) Ministry for organizing events & games for children of different age groups on Easter morning.

Thank you to all the parents who brought their children to participate and help out during the events. We hope more and more parents will contribute in small role in the formation of the children.

Thank you to the Art Ministry & their Team, Flower Ministry for their creativity in decorating the church for an atmosphere conducive to Easter celebration.

Special Thanks to all Parishioners for your continuous support to the parish in giving your time, finance and your thoughtful gifts. It is deeply appreciated.

Bless You All.

From Your Parish Priest

(food for thought)

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Shock & Awe

We are now invited to celebrate the Fifty days of Easter - fifty days because this one event that cannot be captured in a single day - fifty days to let the aftershock of this incredible event vibrate in our minds and hearts and spirits. The aftershocks of Christ's Resurrection should loosen up the tight grip of our self-centeredness and hard-heartedness. They should shake us up, and rock the foundations of the fortress we have built for our complacency, our prejudice, our fears, our spitefulness, and our passing judgment on others. They should open our hearts and remind us once again that even after 2000 years there is so much left to do.

The Gospel incident with Thomas also highlights this same sense of aftershock and awe. The evangelist tells us that immediately following the Resurrection, the disciples locked themselves in the upper room and went into hiding. They were devastated by the death of Jesus; everything they had worked for the last three years was now destroyed. They had no one to turn to, nowhere to go, and they were afraid – they felt helpless and hopeless; and they were angry – angry with Jesus, angry with themselves, and angry with each other.

And then suddenly, without them even knowing, the Lord was there, among them... and he breathed on them, and he wished them his peace. Without a word, he forgave Peter for denying him three times; he embraced Thomas in his doubts. He didn't reprimand a single one of them for abandoning him – but instead sent them forth to continue his work among God's people – and he promised that *he* would never abandon *them*.

This journey of faith is, in fact, a series of journeys, all of which have paths that twist and turn; there are hills and valleys, joys and sorrows. Sometimes, there are magnificent victories; at other times, there are terrible failures and tragic defeats. The spiritual life is indeed life, at whose core is God's Spirit.

It also means that we come to a deeper understanding of what Church really is - especially now, in these extraordinary times. Jesus rises to new life to bring to perfection His work of redemption. He rises to continue to teach, to heal, to forgive, to commission until the end of time, and He does that in and through His Body the Church. You and I are the Church. We cannot, we must not fail each other.

Our Easter Prayer should be that we might always have the courage to believe the words of Jesus when he tells us that he will always be with us and that he will never abandon us. If we can believe this, then despite the barriers that we place in front of ourselves, despite the walls that we build around ourselves for protection and safety, and despite the doors that we lock and hide behind... suddenly, without our even knowing, the Lord will be present among us – and he will breathe on us... and he will wish us his 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.
Next Infant Baptism will be on 24 April, 2016.

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY –

- * Nathaneal Danny s/o Danny Anthonymsamy & Pamela Esther Clementy,
- * Michael Chang Dass s/o Kevin Mitre Hammett Raj & Chang Yen Heng,
- * Giselle Tan Hui Lin d/o Vincent & Jennifer Tan Lent Huat,
- * Raphael Suraj Lee Jie s/o Satkunan Mark & Elaine Tan,
- * Antonio Miguel De Jan & Andrealla Michallia De Jan children of Miquel Govindarajan & Francisca Ann.

They were baptized on 27 March, 2016.

Congratulation to their parents & godparents!

PARISH ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS: (April, 2016)

- * 3/4/2016 - 2.00 pm - PHDC tuition (3rd floor)
- * 5/4/2016 - 8.15 pm - Legion of Mary (C) (St. Matthew Rm.)
- * 6/4/2016 - 8.00 pm - Chinese group (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- * 8/4/2016 - 8.00 pm - PHDC (St. Mark's Rm.)
- 8.00 pm - RCIA (C) (Wallace Rm.)
- * 10/4/2016 - 11.30 am - Tamil Liturgical Committee (St. Mark's Rm.)
- 2.00 pm - PHDC tuition (3rd floor)
- 2.00 pm - Chinese Apostolate (Talk by Sr. Theresa) (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- 7.30 pm - Tamil Apostolate (St. Mark's Rm.)
- * 11/4/2016 - 8.00 pm - Chinese Apostolate (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- * 12/4/2016 - 8.15 pm - Legion of Mary (C) (St. Matthew Rm.)
- * 13/4/2016 - 8.00 pm - Chinese group (ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
- * 15/4/2016 - 8.00 pm - RCIA (C) (Wallace Rm.)

BIBLE REFLECTIONS & HOME-GATHERINGS:

- * 6/4/2016 - 9.00 am – BEC St. Mary Magdela; Home of Kalista Joseph.
- * 7/4/2016 - 7.30 pm – BEC All Saints; Home of Monica.
- * 7/4/2016 - 8.00 pm – BEC St. Simon; Home of Jean.
- * 12/4/2016 - 8.00 pm – BEC St. Paul; Home of Linda & Louis Ho.
- * 12/4/2016 - 8.00 pm – BEC St. Peter; Home of Jenny Foo
- * 12/4/2016 - 7.30 pm – BEC St. Faustina; Home of Peter & Cecilia.
- * 12/4/2016 - 8.00 pm – BEC St. Monica; Home of Josephine Fernandez

COFFEE MORNINGS 2016: (All breakfast will go on till 11.30 a.m.)

- 3/4/2016 - Form 2 (Sun. Sch.) 10/4/2016 – I.T. (Jennifer)
- 17/4/2016 – Form 3 (Sun. Sch.) 24/4/2016 – PHDC (John Tan)

ETERNAL HAPPINESS TO:

+ Mary Foo Ah Ho @ Foo Kam Hoe departed on 21 March, 2016.

SUNDAY CATECHISM NEWS

Classes resume on 3 April, 2016 @ 10 am.

"BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL" (Tamil)
(date) Saturday, 16 April, 2016
(venue) Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Silibin.

(time) 9.00 am – 1.00 pm
(Speaker) Rt. Rev. Bishop Sebastian Francis.
(Participation fee) RM10/-.
Contact: Mr George (012 5737032 to register.

YOUTH FORMATION

Calling all Youth to join in this session on **Sunday, 17 April, 2016** from 2.00 pm onwards in the parish hall.

Calling all Youths who have not sign up please feel free to come.
Be part of our youth.
Youth! Come, enjoy and discover.

NEW-INTAKE (or) "ADULT ENQUIRY TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH"

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a program of induction into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. But, more than that, it is a faith journey designed to meet our fundamental spiritual needs as God's children and help us identify with and become a part of a faith community.

If you know of friends who are interested in making enquiry into the Catholic Faith and deepening your personal relationship with Jesus Christ, if you are seeking to learn about Catholicism as the result of an interfaith marriage or other relationship, have not fully completed the sacraments of initiation, or simply wonder what the journey entails please register now at the Parish office. The sessions will be held in English, Mandarin & Tamil.

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 FRIDAY (6 PM TO 7 P.M.)
* EVERY SATURDAY AT 11.00 A.M. – 12 NOON in the Meditation room.

OMPH CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Come join us in our Praise and Worship every Wednesday at 8.00 pm in church.

ENGLISH EVENING FOR THE ENGAGED 2016-

Couples planning to get married in the year 2016, please take note of the EE Weekends which will be held in Penang Stella Maris. You are requested to register six (6) weeks before the weekend dates.

8-10 April, 2016
24-26 June, 2016
2-4 September, 2016
11-13 November, 2016

Please see your Parish Priest for registration.

TAMIL MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND – 2016

Domus St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam	27, 28, 29 May	1/5/2016
Chapel St. Chastan & Imbert, Prai	Aug. 26, 27, 28	Closing date: 1/8/2016

