

PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP Redemptorist Community

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE-Friday, 2 February, 2018

All are welcome to join in prayer for our priest and religious on this Feast of Presentation of Our Lord; there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm followed by Mass. Candles will be blessed. Kindly leave the candles at the sanctuary with your names on it.

After mass there will be fellowship at St.Gerard's Cafeteria. All are invited. There will be no 6.30am Mass on 2/2/2018.

PPC NEW OFFICE BEARERS –

The Parish Pastoral Council have reelected Francis Lopez as the Chairperson and Felix Nathan as the Assistant for next 3 years. They have also re-elected Kenna Lau as Secretary and Monica Dicom as the Assistant Secretary.

We thank them for their commitment and Mass at **6.15 am** & **8.00 pm**. service they render to this community.

FUND-RAISING DINNER

An early bird announcement....
The Fund Raising Committee will be organizing a fellowship dinner on **Sunday, 12 August, 2018.** Donation per table is RM500/-. Bookings will be available from May onwards. You may like to book a table for your family, BEC, ministry as tables are limited in the OMPH parish hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

YOUTH FORMATION for Primary(#1) & Secondary catechism children will take place on

(date) Sunday 28 January, 2018

(time) 10am to 12 noon.

Parents kindly take note of the time schedule when you pick up your children

DISPENSATION FROM ABSTINENCE

from meat and fasting on 16 February, 2018

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei in January, 2018; have decided that dispensation to all Catholics from fast and abstinence from meat on Friday, 16 February, 2018 in view of the festive season of Chinese New Year. Fast and Abstinence on Ash Wednesday (14/2/2018) will remain as usual.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 14 February, 2018. Mass at **6.15 am** & **8.00 pm**.

CHINESE NEW YEAR of the Dog

The Chinese community will be celebrating Chinese New Year on **Friday, 16 February, 2018** at 11.30am Mass in mandarin. Mass in English will be at 8.00 am. on 16 & 17 of February, 2018.

APPEAL FOR MANDARIN ORANGES

Parishioners who would like to contribute a box or more of the mandarin oranges for the Chinese New Year celebration may send in by 12 February, 2018. (Food for thought) Gospel: Mk 1: 21-28

"Teaching with Authority"

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.

Today's gospel passage begins with Jesus' entering the synagogue and teaching. Initially it is his teaching that "astonished" the people there. More specifically, they are astonished because Jesus taught, "as one having authority not as the scribes." 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.

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.

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 1 April, 2018

PARISH /	ACTIVITIES	& MEETINGS: (January/F	Tebruary2018)
* 28/1/2018	- 8.00 am	- CLOW	(St.Mark's Rm.)
	- 10.00 am	- Youth Formation (Pri & Sec.)	(church grounds)
	- 11.30 am	- RCIA (T)	(Wallace Rm.)
	- 11.30 am	- Tamil Hospitality	(St. Paul's Rm.)
	- 2.00 pm	- St.Cecilia's Choir	(Church)
	- 2.30 pm	- RCIA (E)	(St.Mark's Rm.)
* 29/1/2018	- 7.00 pm	- CCR	(Meditation Rm.)
* 30/1/2018	- 8.15 pm	- Legion of Mary (C)	(St.Matthew Rm.)
* 1/2/2018	- 8.00 pm	- Tamil Choir	(St.Paul's Rm.)
* 2/2/2018	- 8.00 pm	- RCIA (C)	(ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
* 4/2/2018	- 11.30am	- RCIA (T)	(Wallace Rm.)
	- 2.00 pm	- St.Cecilia's Choir practice	(church)
	- 2.30 pm	- RCIA (E)	(St.Mark's Rm.)
	- 3.30 pm	- Eucharistic Ministers	(ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
* 5/2/2018	- 7.00 pm	- CCR	(Meditation Rm.)
	- 8.00 pm	- Chinese Apostolate	(ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
* 6/2/2018	- 8.15 pm	- Legion of Mary (C)	(St.Matthew Rm.)
* 8/2/2018	- 8.00 pm	- Tamil Choir	(St.Paul's Rm.)
	- 8.00 pm	 Holy Trinity Prayer group (C) 	(Meditation Rm.)
* 9/2/2018	- 8.00 pm	- RCIA (C)	(ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
* 11/2/2018	- 11.30am	- RCIA (T)	(Wallace Rm.)
	- 2.00 pm	- St.Cecilia's Choir practice	(church)
	- 2.30 pm	- RCIA (E)	(St.Mark's Rm.)

2018 COFFEE MORNINGS:

- 28/1/2018 BEC St. Monica.
- * 4/2/2018 BEC St. John the Apostle (Zone 4)
- * 11/2/2018- Sunday Catechism Teachers.
- * 25/2/2018 BEC St. Jude (Catherine)

BIBLE REFLECTION & HOME-GATHERING:

* 5/2/2018 – 9.30am – BEC St. Mary Magdala – Home of John & Josephine Lim.

RITE OF PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S NOVENA PRAYERS TO PRAYER AND THE NICENE CREED

Our Catechumens will be celebrating "The Rite of Presentation of the Lord's Prayer and the Nicene Creed" on Saturday, 3 February, 2018 during the 6.45pm Mass. The Elect will be officially presented with the Nicene Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

RITE OF ENROLMENT – "Signing of the Book of Elect"

Our Catechumens are now reaching the end of their Catechumenate. On Saturday, 10 February, 2018 during the 6.45pm Mass, the Catechumens who seek Baptism at Easter will have their names "enrolled" in the Book of Elect.

PARISH UPGRADING!!!!

The parish is constructing a roof covering from the St.Gerard's Cafeteria to the office. It will be fitted with lights and fan to make the place more conducive for gathering for our breakfast morning and other events. The whole project will cost approximately RM35,000/-. Donations can be made payable to "Parish of Our Mother of Perpetual Help". We look forward to your support and help.

(Parish priest)

Thanks to all parishioners and friends who supported this project.

To-date donations collected stands at RM7780.00

EVENING FOR THE ENGAGED 2018

Couples planning to get married in the year 2018, please take note of the EE Weekends english during the year. You are requested to register six (6) weeks before the weekend dates.

EE114	19-21 January, 2018	
EE115	6-8 April, 2018	
EE116	22-24 June 2018	
EE117	24-26 August 2018	
EE118	26-28 October 2018	

Application forms can be obtained from your Parish priest or on website: www.ceepenang.org

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

Come join us in our Praise & Worship

- * Every Tuesday at 8.00 pm (T)
- * Every Wednesday at 8.00 pm (E)

HEALING SEMINAR

organized by OMPH Catholic Charismatic Renewal (date) Wed. 23, Thurs 24 & Fri 25 May,2018 (time) 7.30pm to 10.00 pm (venue) OMPH church, Ipoh Gdn. (Speaker) Rev.Fr. Matthew Linn,SJ. Solidarity share RM10/-. Kindly start registering with CCR committee members.

As we prepare for LENT, **ONLINE RETREAT** –

Doing it from your own home at your own time....

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