

"Do not be afraid to break out of comfortable and routine modes of living, in order to take up the challenge of making Christ known in the modern 'metropolis'".

St John Paul II

# SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

Psalm 39: 2-4, 18

Hebrew 12: 1-4

Luke 12: 49-53

In a world where truth is often seen as relative and Gospel values are dismissed as outdated, we may find ourselves criticized and questioned on the relevance of the Church today. Many consider her teachings old-fashioned and her traditions antiquated.

Yet, the readings today remind us that such challenges are not new. Just as the prophet Jeremiah endured plots against his life because people could not accept the truths he spoke, we too face all kinds of trials when we stand for unpopular truths in the world today. In the Gospel reading, Jesus himself tells us that he has come, not to bring peace, but division. Though this may seem to contradict the Christian call to love and unity, it is actually a stark reminder that real unity cannot exist without the truth. Jesus warns us that faithfulness to the truth will inevitably bring us into conflict against those who would rather cling to sin.

Yet, in spite of the darkness, there are many who still long for the light. The human heart's deep longing for love and meaning has not changed over the centuries. Beneath the surface of modernity, people still struggle with the same questions of existence and the same need for grace and salvation.

That is why catechesis is as vital today as it was in the days of the early Church, two thousand years ago. Just as the people of ancient times longed to hear the Good News of salvation and forgiveness of sins, the people of our time long also for the knowledge of God's love, mercy and redemption.

Let us then, in the rush of our daily lives, take the time to deepen our understanding and knowledge of our faith so that we may generously share what we have with a brother or sister in need of hearing the Good News.



#### CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRMS OF HOPE

# MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE SOCIETY (PROPHETIC) CALLED TO VISIBLE COLLABORATION



ooking back as we celebrate 69 years of independence this month, it is a fitting moment for us to remember and reflect on our duty to proclaim the Gospel to the society we live in.

As Christians, we have a responsibility beyond just civic duties—we stand always for truth and the values of the Gospel, even if it places us at odds with popular opinion and culture.



PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP Redemptorist Community Rev.Fr. Joseph Stephen, C.Ss.R. (Parish Priest) Rev.Fr. Patrick Massang, C.Ss.R. (Assistant Parish Priest) Celebrating, Listening and Walking as Pilgrims of Hope.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS: CLERGY MEETING

\* Mon 18 & Tues 19 Aug. All priest will be away for a meeting in Penang.

#### **BIBLE REFLECTION & HOME-GATHERING:**

\* 17/8/2025 – 6 p.m. – BEC St.Benedict; Sebastian home.

#### **B.E.C Masses:**

- 21/8/2025
- =St.Anne @ 7.30 p.m. =St.Francis Xavier @ 8 p.m.
- 22/8/2025
- = St.Anthony @ 7 p.m.
- =St.Francis De Sales @ 8 p.m.
- -25/8/2025
- = St.Francis of Assisi @ 6.30 p.m.
- 26/8/2025
- =St.Paul @ 6 p.m
- = St.Alphonsus Liquori @ 8 p.m
- 28/8/2025
- = St.Christopher @ 5 p.m

#### ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

\* Mon. 1 September, 2025 at 10.00 a.m. in St.Mark's Rm.

#### JUBILEE SALIB OF HOPE

The Jubilee Salib will be arriving in our OMPH church on

### Mon., 18 till 31 of August, 2025

\* 18 till 20 Aug., the Cross will be in our church. There will be no 7 a.m. Mass.

Mass will be at 8 p.m.

On the following days, the Jubilee Salib will be move to the following locations -

- \* 21 & 22 Aug, it will be in Our Lady's Convent.
- \* 23 & 24 Aug., it will be in Good Shepherd Convent.
- \* 25 & 26 Aug., it will be in Fatima Hospital.
- \* 27 & 28 Aug., it will be in St. Mary's Chapel, Kg.Tersusun.
- \* 29 till 31 Aug., it will be back in OMPH church.

Come and spent sometime in prayer for Hope in our lives, in our family, our parish, our country and our world. There will be special talks and celebrations posted at the Notice-Board

#### PARISH ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS: (August 2025) \* 17/8/2025 - 11.30 a.m. - Tamil Apostolate (St.Mk.Rm.) \* 17/8/2025 - 7.00 p.m. - RCIA (T) (St.Paul Rm.) \* 19/8/2025 - 8.00 p.m. - Legion of Mary (C) (St.Mt.Rm.) \* 21/8/2025 - 7.30 p.m. - RCIA (E) (St.Mk.Rm.) (Wallace Rm.)+ (Senali Rm) - 8.00 p.m. - RCIA (BM) \* 22/8/2025 - 8.00 p.m - RCIA (C) (ven Francis Xavier Rm.) \* 24/8/2025 - 7.00 p.m. - RCIA (T) (St.Paul Rm.) \* 28/8/2025 - 8.00 p.m. - Tamil Choir (St.Paul Rm.) \* 29/8/2025 - 8.00 p.m. - Area Coordinators (St.Mk.Rm.) \* 30/8/2025 – 10 a.m - Infant Baptism Ssn. + Rehearsa; (St.Mk.Rm.) \* 1/9/2025 - 10.00 a.m. - Altar Servers (St.MkRm.)

(church)

#### Perialanan Salib program in church (more details at the Notice-board)

- \* 18/8/2025 7.00 p.m. Prayer hour.
- \* 18/8/2025 7.30 p.m. Talk by Fr. Sagaya (church)
- \* 18/8/2025 8.00 p.m. **Salib welcoming Mass**
- \* 18/8/2025 9.00 p.m. Fellowship, Silent Prayer
- \* 19/8/2025 8.00 a.m. Silent Prayer (church)
- \* 19/8/2025 10.00 a.m. Praise & worship by S.Citizens (church)
- \* 19/8/2025 1.00 p.m. Prayer hour by Working Parishioners
- \* 19/8/2025 3.00 p.m. Prayer Service by D.V Mercy
- \* 19/8/2025 7.00 p.m. Prayer hour by Lectors
- \* 19/8/2025 7.30 p.m. Talk by Fr. J.Stephen (church)
- \* 19/8/2025 8.00 p.m. **Salib Mass** (church)
- \* 19/8/2025 9.00 p.m. Fellowship. Silent Praver
- \* 20/8/2025 8.00 a.m. Silent Prayer (church)
- \* 20/8/2025 10.00 a.m. Praise & worship by BECs (church)
- \* 20/8/2025 1.00 p.m. Prayer hour by Working Parishioners
- \* 20/8/2025 3.00 p.m. Prayer Service by BECs
- \* 20/8/2025 7.00 p.m. Prayer hour by Hospitality M.
- \* 20/8/2025 7.30 p.m. Confession.
- \* 20/8/2025 8.00 p.m. Salib Mass at OMPH (church)
- \* 20/8/2025 9.00 p.m. Fellowship, Silent Adoration/Prayer

#### AUGUST COFFEE MORNINGS:

- 24/8/2025 - BEC St. Faustina. - 31/8/2025 – Sunday Sch.

#### **ETERNAL HAPPINESS TO:**

- + Anthony Wong Sai Lay departed on 6 August, 2025.
- + Monica Liew Mee Ying departed on 6 August, 2025.

Community 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.

**Next Meeting: Fri.29/8/2025.** 

#### **EVENING FOR THE ENGAGED** 2025.

Please see your Parish Priest for registration.

EE145 7-9 Nov 2025 Couples planning to get married in the year 2025, please take note of the EE Weekends held

in **english** during the year.

#### For Tamil marriage preparation course 2025 -

Dormitory	
St.Anne, Bukit	Nov 15 & 16
Mertajam. Church of	(Closing date on:
St.Anthony, Nibong	1st day of each month)
Tehal	,

### Please see your Parish Priest for registration.

You are requested to register six (6) weeks before the weekend Please see your Parish Priest for registration.

#### **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. Session & Rehearsal: Sat. 30/8/2025 at 10 a.m. Next Baptism: 31 August, 2025.

#### **MARRIAGE:**

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

#### **FAMILY FOOD FAIR DAY**

The Home for the Aged (CWS) Simee Care Centre, Ipoh will hold a Family day with Food stalls. Fun and Entertainment on Sunday, 14 September, 2025

from 8.30 a.m. till 1.00 p.m. at Dewan SJKC Chung Tack, Lebuh 2, Simee, Ipoh. Contact: Dennis 013 5200385 or Carol Chan 016 2948618

## **FUND RAISING FOR St.Mary's** Chapel, Kg. Tersusun, Ulu Kinta.

Dear Parishioners. Our chapel in Ulu Kinta is in need of funds to repair the roof of the chapel. It cost RM100,000/-.

We are launching a project called "Buy A Brick".

Each brick cost RM10/-.

To-date we have collected RM70,000/-.

Kindly help us to raise the needed fund. God bless you.

(Fr. Joseph Stephen, Parish priest)

#### **RENOVATION & UPGRADING**

TENDER: \*St. Mary's Chapel

### Scope of work:

- 1. Roof covering front of Chapel & hall porch area.
- 2. Repair existing roof and centre roof gutter.
- 3. Waterproofing of back of Chapel concrete porch.

Tender open: 11 Aug. 2025. Tender closing: 10 Sept. 2025. Tender forms will be available in OMPH office from 11 Aug. 2025.

For further details, please contact Mr. Gregory Wong at 012-5010777 or Mr. James B. Thomas at 016-5205315.

#### Safe Medicine Disposal Reminder\*

Don't flush or throw away expired or unused medications! These can harm our water supply and environment. Instead, bring them to the following locations. Remove personal information from labels, but keep medications in original containers.

- General Hospital Ipoh (Pharmacy section)
- Pantai Hospital (Pharmacy section)
- Alpro Pharmacy Ipoh Selatan (011-6761 0413)
- Caring Pharmacy Ipoh Garden (05-5469949)
- Caring Pharmacy Taman Desa Kencana (05-547 2898) For more

info: www.mymedisafe.org.my

#### TWO MAJOR PROJECTS IN O.M.P.H

- 1. The roof at our Parish Hall is leaking and we need to replace the roof tiles and also to service the Solar panels.
- 2. St.Joseph Chapel area gets flooded after a heavy downpour. We need to rectify the drainage.

The Maintenance Committee is looking into it before we call for Tender. Once we have more information of the projects, we will inform about the cost and duration of the work. (Parish priest)

**SCHEDULE:** For MASS, DEVOTIONS and PRAYER MEETINGS. **(17 August 2025)** (Mass at 8.00 a.m. if it is a PUBLIC HOLIDAY)

(All in English unless stated otherwise.)

SUN.17 TWENTIETH SUN. IN ORD. TIME

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

MON.18 20th Week in Ord. Time (Wk 4)

No 7.00 a.m. Mass

8.00 p.m. Salib Mass

TUES.19 20th Week in Ord. Time (Wk 4)/StJohn Eudes

No 7.00 a.m. Mass. 8.00 p.m. Salib Mass

WED.20 20th Week in Ord. Time (Wk 4)

No 7.00 a.m. Mass. 8.00 p.m. Salib Mass

THURS.21 20th Week in Ord. Time (Wk 4)/St.Pius X

7.00 a.m. Mass

FRI.22 20th Week in Ord. Time (Wk 4)/The Queenship of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

7.00 a.m. Mass.

SAT.23 20th Week in Ord. Time (Wk 4)/St.Rose of Lima /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.

SUN.24 TWENTY-FIRST SUN. IN ORD. TIME

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

#### ST. MARY'S CHAPEL, KG. TERSUSUN - FEASTDAY SCHEDULE

Sun. 31/8/2025 – 8.00 a.m. Mass in Tamil.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** 17/8/2025 – For parish maintenance.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

SUNDAY 17 (17 August – 24 August, 2025)

(a) Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10. (Ps 39: 2-4, 18)

(b) Heb 12: 1-4 (c) Lk 12: 49-53

MONDAY 18 (a) Jdg 2: 11-19. (Ps : 105: 34-37, 39-40, 43, 44)

(b) Mt 19: 16-22

TUESDAY 19 (a) Jdg 6: 11-24. (Ps 84: 9, 11-14)

(b) Mt 19: 23-30

WEDNESDAY 20 (a) Jdg 9: 6-15. (Ps 20: 2-7)

(b) Mt 20: 1-16

THURSDAY 21 (a) Jdg 11: 29-30. (Ps 39: 5, 7-10)

(b) Mt 22: 1-14

FRIDAY 22 (a) Is 9: 1-7. (Ps 112: 1-8)

(b) Lk 1: 26-38

SATURDAY 23 (a) Ruth 2: 1-3, 8-11: 4: 13-17. (Ps 127: 1-5)

(b) Mt 23: 1-12

SUNDAY 24 (24 August – 31 August, 2025)

(a) Is 66: 18-21. (Ps 116: 1-2)

(b) Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13

(c) Lk 13: 22-30