



PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
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URGENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to Covid-19 Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO), from 7 till 20 January, 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 MKN 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.

Funeral service is allowed with the immediate family following the necessary permission by the Ministry of Health, Local police station. Contact the parish priest for funerals at 05 5458220.

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 omphip.org and fill in the **E-Form** for your child registration for Primary/Secondary catechism 2021.

You can come in-person to register on = Sun., 24 January for **Primary students** (Fees RM25/-)
 = Sun., 31 January for **Secondary students** (Fees RM30/-).....

.....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. 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.

(food for thought) (Bulletin 10 January, 2021)

Gospel: Mark 1: 7-11. *"The Baptism of the Lord -Beloved of God"*

We are not finished with the revelations, epiphanies and manifestations of Jesus. We can point to three mysteries that celebrate the Lord's Epiphany: the arrival of the Magi at the birth of Jesus; the story of the changing of water into wine at Cana in John's Gospel and the stories of Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan. These early Gospel stories begin the revelation to us of who Jesus is and what his mission will be.

There is a very beautiful image in the Isaiah reading today. God says to the chosen servant, "I have grasped you by the hand." God does not just send us out on our own as we face the obstacles the world throws at us. Instead, like a loving parent with a little child, God takes us chosen ones by the hand. Isaiah's image seems to be what Mark tells us throughout his Gospel: we are anointed by the same Spirit as Jesus was. We are beloved daughters and sons. God takes us by the hand and leads us as we work to establish God's justice and peace in the world.

If we can "let go" then Christ will be born, the beloved Child will emerge within us. All of us are bruised reeds and smoldering wicks. We are far from perfect, and rather consistently plagued by failure and selfishness. We are much too easily hurt, too easily discouraged. We fall short of expectations; we display our frailty like open wounds. Yet despite this, the Lord has confidently chosen us to complete His work. We need to realize that we are living in a sacred space, populated by a multitude of folks who - like us - desperately want to be faith-filled: who sometimes get defeated, who sometimes get battered by life and bested by trials, and yet somehow, throughout it all, still cling to their faith.

At Christmas time, we are reminded again that God has entered our lives. Now it is time for us to decide, to choose, to realize, to act, to change our hearts. We are the ones to rearrange the manger scene in our personal lives, to allow the Spirit to lead us, and to accept the challenging commitment to live the difficult and demanding message of the Gospel.