



PARISH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
Redemptorist Community

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

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.

RITE OF ELECTION – 2nd Sunday of Lent

The Rite of Election for District of Perak will be celebrated at Church of St. Michael, Ipoh on Sunday, 25 February, 2018 at 5.30 pm Mass with Rt Rev Bishop Sebastian Francis.

NEW-INTAKE for “ADULT ENQUIRY TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH”

If you know of friends who are interested in making enquiry into the Catholic Faith, please invite them now to register at the Parish Office. Please take note that the sessions will start in June.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 14 Feb., 2018

Day of fast & abstinence.

Mass (E) at **6.15 am & 8.00 pm**.

Mass (T) at 8.00 pm in the parish hall.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS –

(date) Friday, **16 Feb., 2018**.

(time) **8.00 pm** Stations of the Cross (E) followed by Mass.

Stations of the Cross in Tamil at 7.45 pm in the parish hall.

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.

DISPENSATION FROM ABSTINENCE

from meat and fasting on 16 February, 2018

The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei in January, 2017; 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.

(Food for thought) Gospel: Mk 1: 29-39.

“Longing for shade”

Job's prayer is a Lamentation, a complaint of a faithful person to God. It is a prayer of great faith for it expresses belief in the One who is listening. It says that our words do not fall on deaf ears. He speaks boldly to God; his is a prayer of truth, a prayer of courage and a prayer of trust.

The Gospel of Mark, comes right to the point: Jesus was told about the woman's condition, he went over to her, "grasped her hand and helped her up and the fever left her. Mark is implying that this person is being given a new life, a life that only the risen Jesus can give.

What does this new life look like? We are told when she was healed, the woman "began to wait on them." Mark uses the word "*diakonia*," the word for "church work," or Christian ministry. So in reality, she is "waiting" on the community and does the work of building community. When people experience this new life from Jesus, they are willing and able to serve others. What one receives one wants to share. This woman is quick in her response and her "work" isn't taken on grudgingly, but with a sense of joy.

Suffering finds final meaning only in the redemptive and healing mystery of Christ's own death. His innocent suffering and death have put new meaning on our own. His suffering for the sake of others has a redeeming aspect to it and this is an even more profound mystery. In his own life, Jesus, like us, was repelled when he was confronted by suffering and death. He is steadfast though, and continues to trust in His Father through it all. He will continue to pray to God, trust and walk forward to Jerusalem, showing us the path as he goes. This new life gives us the power to see the needs of others and to respond with trust and joy.

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

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Priest at least ONE MONTH in advance.

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

- * Daleysa Bastien d/o Nevin Vijay Anthonysamy & Amutha Munusamy.
- * Braydon Harlton anak Thomson; Jayven Joshua Jimmy; Arsen Arlo Jupirin; Jovian Javier Janeiro & Joanna Jaquenette Jeszlyn children of Jericho; Kristin Imelly Betty Ak Kanang; Reginna Ellienna Ak Robert; Davy Christel, Devney Christy, Delcy Christya children of Dimthy.

PARISH ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS:

(February 2018)

* 4/2/2018	- 8.00 am	- CLOW	(t.mark's Rm.)
	- 11.30am	- RCIA (T)	(Wallace Rm.)
	- 11.30 am	- Youth	(ven Francis Xavier 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	- PHDC packing of rations	(Wallace hse.)
	- 8.00 pm	- RCIA (C)	(ven Francis Xavier Rm.)
* 10/2/2018	- 6.45pm	- CLOW	(St.Mark's Rm.)
* 11/2/2018	- 8.00 am	- CLOW	(St.Mark's Rm.)
	- 10.00 am	- PHDC distribution of rations	(Wallace hse.)
	- 11.30 am	- RCIA (T)	(Wallace Rm.)
	- 2.00 pm	- St.Cecilia's Choir	(Church)
	- 2.30 pm	- RCIA (E)	(St.Mark's Rm.)
* 22/2/2018	- 8.00 pm	- Area Coordinators, Representatives	(St. Mark's Rm.)
* 24/2/2018	- 6.45pm	- CLOW	(St.Mark's Rm.)
* 25/2/2018	- 8.00 am	- CLOW	(St.Mark's Rm.)
	- 1.30 pm	- PHDC learning centre	(3 rd floor)

2018 COFFEE MORNINGS:

- * 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 – 9.30 am – BC St. Mary Magdela; Home of Josephine & John Lim.
- * 13/2/2018 – 8.00 pm – BEC St. Paul; Home of Linda & Louis Ho.
- * 18/2/2018 - 8.30 pm – BEC St. Peter (C); Home of Susan Chooi.

PARISH UPGRADING!!!!

The parish will be 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)

Thank you for your support and to parishioners and friends who supported this project.

To-date donations collected RM17780.00

We still need RM17,220/-.

WORKSHOP ON HOPE IN THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Find out what Pope Francis says about the climate crisis and how each of us is called to be part of the solution to save people and planet. 17 & 18 March 2018. Catholic Diocesan Centre, 290 Macalister Road, Penang. RM 40. Please bring your own cup, spoon & fork. Please register with:

Lim Chin Chin 019 4112113; Christine Ng 016 4407292 or Steven Raj (PD-SYA) 012 8380835.

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

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.

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)

TAMIL MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND – 2018

Chapel of St.s Chastan & Imbert	Feb 23, 24, 25. August 24, 25, 26.	Closing date on 1st day of each month
Domus St.Anne, Bukit Mertajam	May 25, 26, 27. November 23, 24, 25	Closing date on 1st day of each month

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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/-.