



CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION – EVANGELIZATION: WE PRAY THAT THE CHURCH IN CHINA MAY PERSEVERE IN ITS FAITHFULNESS TO THE GOSPEL AND GROW IN UNITY.

THEME FOR MARCH: GOD HAS FOUND FAVOUR IN YOU.

NO MASSES IN THE PARISH

All weekend and weekday public masses will be suspended from 14th of March (or the 13th of March, if the state's weekend begins on Friday) to the 29th of March 2020. This coincides with the public school holidays. We therefore exempt all Catholics from fulfilling their Sunday obligation of assisting/ attending Mass during this period. This exemption is a temporary measure in the face of the current crisis. We will continue to monitor and review the situation to determine if the above period of suspension needs to be extended beyond the 29 of March 2020. Please note that the Archdiocesan Social Communication Ministry of the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur is making arrangements to broadcast Masses over the weekends in the various major languages and weekday Masses in English.

- All catechism classes should be closed and catechetical programmes and activities should be cancelled during this same period.
- All meetings, gatherings, formations, RCIA sessions, fellowships and events in church or in the BEC are to be cancelled and put on hold during this period.
- Any weddings or funerals are to be conducted privately with guests limited to immediate family members and close friends. Please contact your Parish Priest for further details.
- Churches, chapels or prayer rooms (where applicable), shall remain open for private and personal prayer and Eucharistic adoration according to the times scheduled by the respective parishes. Please contact your Parish Office/ Parish Website for details.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (REFLECTION)

At certain point in our life, we will experience certain deprivation. We feel the sense of loss of homeland, of wealth or even life. We face psychological trauma and distress due to these losses. We feel that some people have let us down or God has abandoned us. On the one hand, we want to move forward bracing ourselves with faith, hoping that bright future may pay us anew. On the other hand, we want to return to the place where we have lost with hope of regaining them. Exodus 17:3-7 reflect the somewhat the same sentiments. The people of Israel wanted to return to Egypt though there they faced much misery. With desert experience, they felt that Egypt's misery and slavery are far better than the freedom salvation promised by God. Because of this constraint, they complained. They felt God was not with them. This led Moses to plea for God's intervention. Just imagine - water came from the rock! The place was named as Massah (means "testing") and Meribah (means "quarrelling") because of the grumbling of the people. This is only a temporary measure for they still have to journey towards Promised Land. In our lives, we may grumble, complain, feel unhappy or be in the state of distress for we feel abandoned. We wallow in self-misery over what happen to us. We want to return to older state of life. We want everything to be normal. But to be free, we may have to walk through desert. This is the choice of those who desire for freedom and salvation.

PARISH NEWS AND INFORMATION

1. LIVE BROADCAST OF WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASS FROM 14 MARCH TILL 29

MARCH 2020: Watch the live broadcast at www.Tv.ArchKL.org

SUNDAY -> 7.30am Mass In **Tamil**, 9.00am Mass In **Mandarin**, 10.30am Mass In **English** and 12.00pm Mass In **Bahasa Malaysia**

WEEKDAYS -> 6.00pm Mass In **English** and 7.00pm Mass in **Bahasa Malaysia**

2. CONFIRMATION SPONSORS SESSION: Scheduled for 29 March 2020 (Sun) has been postponed until further notice.

3. CATECHISM CLASSES: Will be closed from 15 March 2020 to 12 April 2020. Parents will be updated through bulletin when classes will resume.

4. STATUES: Do you have holy statues at home? Colours are faded or broken? St. Rufus BEC wishes to repair those statues for a stipulated sum as their **fund raising project** for Church Repairs and Renovation. You may leave your statues at Parish Office together with your contact details. Upon completion (within a month) you may collect your statues and settle your payment at the Parish Office.

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BAPTISM 2020	EE IN ENGLISH FOR 2020	EE IN TAMIL FOR 2020
14 March 2020 (E)	EE 124 June 5 ~ 7 -> Penang	May 22 ~ 24 -> Domus St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
9 May 2020 (T)	EE 125 Sept 4 ~ 6 -> Penang	Aug 28 ~ 30 -> Domus St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
11 July 2020 (E)	EE 126 Nov 20 ~ 22 -> Penang	Nov 27 ~ 29 -> Domus St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
19 September 2020 (T)	➤ All English weekends will be held at Stella Maris, Penang. The sessions begin on Friday night and end on Sunday evening. Please see the priests of the parish for the registration form.	
14 November 2020 (E)		

OLL SOUP KITCHEN (Founded In 2009): Feeding Programme: Wed/ Thu from 12.45pm – 1.45pm at near the Bekor Flats First Garden (Jogging Track).

HOPE CENTER: The Hope Center will be open on Sunday from 10.30am - 12.00nn and on Tuesday & Thursday from 10.30am – 12.00nn / 5.30pm – 7.00pm.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY: No one is allowed to seek any financial assistance without written permission from the Parish Priest. Please do not entertain anyone who ask money using my name. I will not be responsible for any of these financial fraudulent. Please verify with me or Parish Office immediately if you come across such cases. All donations will be acknowledged by Parish Official Receipts.

CHAPELS AND PARISH FUND AS OF FEBRUARY 2020: CTK Chapel – RM 486,711.28

AV Chapel – RM 561,392.22

Church Repairs & Renovation – RM 488,732.05

(Update of the account will be given monthly only)

08/03/20 Coll.: 7.00am – RM 1,207.65 9.00am – RM 1,964.00 Tasek – RM 176.30 **TOTAL – RM 3,347.95**
2020 – RM 655.00 For OLL Repair/ Renovation – RM 2,137.85

Donations can be offered at the office. Cheques can be made out to **Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.**