



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.

MASSES IN THE PARISH

DATE	TIME	MASSES	DESCRIPTION
Mar 8 th Sun	7.00am	Mass (T)	2 nd Sunday of Lent
	9.00am	Mass (E,BM)	2 nd Sunday of Lent
	5.30pm	Novena/ Mass (T)	St. Francis of Assisi Chapel, Tasek
Mar 9 th Mon	6.30am	Mass (E)	Lenten Weekday
Mar 10 th Tue	6.30pm	Mass (E)	Lenten Weekday
Mar 11 th Wed	6.30am	Mass (E)	Lenten Weekday
Mar 12 th Thu	6.30am	Mass (E)	Lenten Weekday
Mar 13 th Fri	7.30pm	WOC (T,E)/ Mass (T)	Lenten Weekday
Mar 14 th Sat	6.30am	Mass (E)	Lenten Weekday
Mar 15 th Sun	7.00am	Mass (T)	3 rd Sunday of Lent
	9.00am	Mass	3 rd Sunday of Lent - 1 st Scrutiny

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mar 8 th – 14 th	7.30pm	OLL	BEC Week
Mar 8 th Sun	8.30am	Bernadette Center	Catechism (T)
	10.30am	Bernadette Center	Catechism (E)
	10.30am	Parish Hall	Pre-Class Students Games
	5.00pm	Bernadette Center	International Women's Day Celebration
Mar 9 th Mon	8.00pm	Church	RCIA Candidates & Sponsors Rehearsal
	8.00pm	BC 2-3	Discipleship (T)
Mar 10 th Tue	8.30am	BC 1-3	Parish Intercessory
Mar 12 th Thu	7.00pm	Church	C & L
	7.45pm	BC 2-2	RCIA (E)
	8.00pm	BC 1-1	Meditating the 7 Words In The Cross (Tamil)
Mar 13 th Fri	8.00pm	SFA Chapel	Way of Cross (T, E)
Mar 14 th Sat	10.00am	Church	Baptism Instruction (Parents & Godparents)
	4.30pm	Church	Infant Baptism
	5.30pm/6.00pm	Church	Rosary / OLPH Novena
No Catechism Classes from 15th March 2020 & 22nd March 2020 Reopens on 29th March 2020			

PARISH NEWS AND INFORMATION

- 1. GENERAL CONFESSION FOR CATECHISM STUDENTS:** General Absolution will be given for Catechism Students Form 1 to Form 5 **on 8 March 2020 (Sun)** from 10.30am -11.00am at Church.
- 2. MEETINGS/ GATHERINGS AT THE PARISH:** In view of COVID-19, I appeal to all ministries to **reduce the numbers of meetings**. Meet only if it is **really** necessary. Please avoid all unnecessary gatherings.
- 3. CATECHISM STUDENTS TO REGISTER IN PARISH MINISTRIES (STD 5 – FORM 5):** Parents are reminded to forward the Registration Forms forwarded to you during the Parents Session requesting your children to enroll in the interested Parish Ministries to the respective class formators by **8 March 2020 (Sun)**. The forms could be forwarded through your children. The main purpose is to encourage our children to be service oriented and become committed leaders of **Today** and the faith life ahead.
- 4. INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY CELEBRATION:** International Womens Day Celebration at OLL Church on 8 March 2020 (Sun) from 5.00pm - 7.00pm at Bernadette Center.

5. 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.

6. SUSPENSION OF PENITENTIAL SERVICES IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG *WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT*:

The COVID-19 outbreak in Malaysia has seen a rapid increase in the number of cases lately. The Ministry of Health, Malaysia has reported 14 new cases in March 4, 2020 bringing it to a total of 50 cases so far in Malaysia. The Diocese of Penang has initiated steps to contain any spread of the COVID-19 infection from human to human, within our parishes and community. In this regard, all **Penitential Services this year during the Season of Lent is suspended with immediate effect.** Due to this grave and urgent necessity, the Bishop of Penang Rt. Rev. Sebastian Francis has decided at all masses within the weekend of 22 March & 29 March 2020 on the 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent, the presiding priest shall give a **General Absolution** to all present. The Bishop also request that all parishes, priest, parishioners take the necessary steps to prevent any possible infection and more importantly to curtail any spreading of the infection within our community. The following steps should be encouraged as a public service in instilling good prevention protocols.

- Any person feeling ill or having symptoms of influenza is requested to voluntarily self-isolate at home until back to health. Please avoid coming into contact in gathering be it masses, meetings or fellowships.
- Wash hands frequently. Proper hand hygiene should be practiced at all times.
- All persons who have recently returned from China, Korea, Japan, Italy and Iran are advised to self-quarantine for 14 days as per the advisory of the Ministry of Health, Malaysia.

Adhere to the above instruction will hopefully serve the purpose of preventing the spread of the COVID-19. The Church will always exercise the virtues of prayer, faith and respect for the health and well-being of our fellow beings in this period where the whole global community is striving to combat and curb the virus from spreading.

7. AV CHAPEL TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT: The Tender Committee comprising of Mr. Dominic Selvam, Mr. Robert John, Mr. Zavier Arokiasamy, Deacon Sandanasamy and Fr. Robert Daniel in consultation with Architect Ding Poi Kooi would like to announce that we have accepted the tender of Greatchain Construction Sdn. Bhd. for the Building of AV Chapel. The cost is set at RM 1.2 Million (Building only). Bishop Sebastian Francis has endorsed the tender and on 15 March 2020 (Sun) at 5.30pm will preside the ground-breaking ceremony. All parishioners are invited to witness this long awaited aspiration.

8. LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2020 PROGRAMME –THEME "SENT TO HEAL": Uplift the crushed in Spirit – 8 March 2020 (Migrant Ministry). Help to raise community awareness of refugees and to treat with dignity for those in need.

9. NEXT INFANT BAPTISM (ENGLISH): **Date:** 14 March 2020 (Sat); **Time:** 4.30pm. Please contact the office for further details.

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)

01/03/20 Coll:	7.00am – RM 999.10	9.00am – RM 1,518.45	Municipal – RM 223.10	TOTAL – RM 2,740.65
	2019 – RM 30.00	2020 – RM 1,180.00	Cemetery – RM 2,746.75	

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