



# CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

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SATURDAY, 28 JANUARY 2023 - SUNDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2023

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A (Psalter week IV) – CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Sat 28	5.30 pm	- Novena to OLPH & Benediction
	6.00 pm	- Sunset Mass (Eng/Tamil)
TKSG		- Pamela & Jillian Mathews, Joseph Kanawadi & family, C. Williams Fernandez & family, Mr & Mrs David Hardings, Calvin Fernandez, Cristin Fernandez, Carlos Fernandez
		- Gabrielle Chew, Natasha Jasmine Fernandez
SP. INT		- Mary Magdalene Ng, Deceased members of Daneal's family, Lucy Ou Yang Fong Hwa, Rebecca Cruz
		- Lawrence, Mdm Mek Alus d/o Chan Dek, Jessy Mirandah, Carlose Manual Fernandez, Henry Gomez, Brian Fernandez
Sun 29	8.00 am	- Rosary
	8.30 am	- Mass for the people (ML)
TKSG	10.30 am	- Parish Pastoral Assembly (PPA) – St Giles' Room
		- Tony Gurdev & family, Mona & family, Joachim Lee & family, Rose Wong & family, Alberto family, Tan Soong Zhen, Pang Siaw Ling, Peter Hah & family, Jacob & family, Dr. S. Joseph family, Francis Leong family, Margaret Chan & family, Wong Mui Heong, C. Williams Fernandez & family, Mr & Mrs David Hardings, Calvin Fernandez, Cristin Fernandez, Carlos Fernandez, Meseiammah Family, Bernard Family, Indra Bernard & family
SP. INT		- Gabrielle Chew, Joseph Chooi & family, Seline, Joachim Leong Chee Kin, Peggy Tee Gek Hong, Calvin Leong
		- Yew Yoke, Sheila Leong Sze Yuan, Natasha Jasmine Fernandez, Vinxern Yong & family, Annie Loh & Phoebe Shu
R.I.P		- Louisa Liew, Luke Liew, Martin D'Souza, Beryl D'Souza, Carol Rodrigues, Luke Krishnan, Dr. Patrick Liew, Mary Cheok, Christine Yap, Nancy Luo, Nelly Chin, Mr & Mrs Aloysius Chin Chong Foo, Mary Magdalene Ng, Joseph Au Kong Weng, Deceased members of Thomas Thong's family, Margaret Chong, Lucy Ou Yang Fong Hwa, Teresa Lim Kim Soo, Joshua & Angela Ngiau, Mary Ling, Mr & Mrs Thomas Pereira, Deva, Vasu, Sree & all faithfully departed, Rebecca Cruz Lawrence, Mdm Mek Alus d/o Chan Dek, Jessy Mirandah, Carlose Manual Fernandez, Henry Gomez, Brian Fernandez, William Ngeow How Nyok

Mon 30	6.30 am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	6.45 am	- Mass
SP.INT		- Gabrielle Chew, Wilbert Wong
		- Mary Magdalene Ng,

Tues 31	6.30 am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	6.45 am	- Mass
SP.INT		- Gabrielle Chew
		- Mary Magdalene Ng

Wed 1	6.30 am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	6.45 am	- Mass
SP.INT		- Gabrielle Chew
		- Mary Magdalene Ng

Thu 2	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, <i>Feast</i>	
	7.30 pm	- Rosary
SP.INT	8.00 pm	- Mass (Blessing of candles)
		- Gabrielle Chew
R.I.P		- Mary Magdalene Ng

Fri 3	6.30 am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	6.45 am	- Mass
SP.INT		- Gabrielle Chew
		- Mary Magdalene Ng

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A (Psalter Week V)

Sat 4	5.30 pm	- Novena to OLPH & Benediction
	6.00 pm	- Sunset Mass (Eng/Tamil)
Sun 5	8.00 am	- Rosary
	8.30 am	- Mass for the people (Eng/BM)
	10.30am	- Mandarin Mass

### PARISH PASTORAL ASSEMBLY (PPA)

It will be held on Sunday, 29 January 2023 at 10.30 am at St Giles' Room. There will be a multi-lingual Mass on that day celebrated by Archbishop Julian Leow. After Mass, we meet at the breakfast corner for fellowships before PPA begins. All parishioners are welcome for the PPA.

### HSIN CHU TAIWAN CHOIR PRESENTATION (MANDARIN)

Date & Time : Wednesday, 1 February 2023, 8.00pm  
Venue : St. Thomas Church Kuantan

We welcome parishioners who are interested to listen to the choir and joining in the praise and worship. Kindly be seated in the church before 8.00pm.

### BECCOT MEETING

The BECCOT would like to invite all BEC leaders for a meeting on Wednesday, 8 February 2023 at 8.00 pm in St. Giles' room. All BEC leaders are encouraged to attend the meeting.

### PAHANG / TERENGGANU DISTRICT LENTEN CAMPAIGN BRIEFING

Date & Time : Saturday, 11 February 2023, 9.30 am – 12.00 noon  
Venue : Church of St. Thomas, Kuantan

We invite all committee members from the various ministries and BEC members to be present for the Lenten campaign briefing. Please register your name with Henry Alberto (019-9195385), June Thoo (012-9008381) or Dorcas Lee (019-9503008).

### CATECHISM CLASS / SUNDAY SCHOOL

Catechism classes for the year 2023 is open for registration now until Tuesday, 31 January 2023.

Please contact Dorcas Lee (019-9503008), Sharon Xavier (019-3663433) and June Thoo (012-9008381). There will be spiritual orientation for Catechism students and their parents on Sunday, 12 February at 9.30 am.  
**Catechetical online registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/STCC2023>**

### LENTEN RETREAT 2023

Our Parish will be organising a 3-day Lenten Retreat in our Church starting from 3 to 5 March 2023 with the theme: "ARISE AND SHINE!". The Retreat Master, Rev. Fr. Michael Payyapilly, VC, is the Superior of the Divine Retreat Centre Colombo, Sri Lanka. A dynamic and gifted priest, he preaches with a great passionate love for Jesus. Please invite your family members and friends to join too.

For registration and more details, please contact Sheila Fernandez (013-935 1918) and Anna Thong (017-989 8188) or follow the link: <http://tiny.cc/lentenretreat2023>

### ONE YEAR PASTORAL ACCOMPANIMENT

We welcome Brother Ashvin Andrew Xavier to our Parish. He will be with us for one year Pastoral Exposure Programme starting from 29 January 2023 to 28 January 2024. He is a seminarian from College General, Major Seminary, Penang and aspiring to be a Diocesan Priest. Be happy to stay at our Parish!

### BLESSED PALMS COLLECTION

Parishioners are requested to return the blessed palm branches received during Palm Sunday Mass last year soonest possible. A basket will be allocated at the church entrance for the palms.

### SECOND COLLECTION FOR MIGRANT FAITH FORMATION (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

There will be second collection for Migrant Faith Formation (Saturday, 28 January and Sunday, 29 January 2023). Thank you for your kind contribution.

### STRENGTHENING FAITH OF OUR COMMUNITY

Time flies by so quickly! A year has gone by since I was posted to the Church of St Thomas, Kuantan. I feel so grateful and thankful to God for His guidance throughout my ministry here this past year. We have done our best over the year in organising formations and activities to keep our Parish alive.

From the time I started my ministry here, there has been some difficulty and challenges in attracting new committee members to take the lead. Although there have been opportunities and invitations extended to Parishioners to step up, not many are willing to come forward. So, we must ask ourselves – what exactly is holding us back from greater participation in the life of the Church? We should not give excuses or grumble, but instead, we must move forward without hesitation. We must do what we can at the given opportunity, and not wait for circumstances to be favourable. It is time for us to share the talents and gifts that we have gained over the years with our faith community!

Currently, we have a handful of dedicated Parishioners involved in the various Parish ministries. With this handful of people, our Parish has organised formations, activities and events marvellously and successfully. Without qualms, committee members have carried out commitments faithfully. However, we would like to once again invite more Parishioners to come forward and serve in our Parish "for we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Eph 2:10) for these works are done not in our own strength and for our own benefit, but by the grace of God and in obedience to Him – led by the Holy Spirit, to God's glory.

During our first PPC and PCC councils' meeting (7 January 2023), each Parish ministry presented its half-year and yearly plan in line with the synodal Church – journeying together as a synodal parish. We also set our Parish Vision and Mission statements for the year 2023, which will be officially announced at the upcoming Parish Pastoral Assembly (PPA). We will also then address areas of concern which will pave the way towards strengthening our faith in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Together we will strive to improve our faith by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. During this PPA, we shall renew our commitment and trust in the Lord, as we journey together humbly with Him, listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit, discerning His will and forming ourselves in a synodal way – in Communion, Participation and Mission to be a more inclusive community.

**Parish Vision:** Strengthening Faith of Our Community.

**Mission:** We commit ourselves to grow stronger in our faith community and live the faith and its values more effectively as we become authentic disciples of Christ through prayers, worship, service and outreach.

### Our Areas of Concern:

- To deepen our prayer life.
- To be firmly rooted in the riches of God's Word.
- To promote ongoing faith formation.
- To stay close to our families and BECs.
- To continue experiencing Jesus in the Eucharist.
- To commit ourselves in evangelising Jesus as Our Lord and Our God in today's world.

We continue to seek the intercession of Mother Mary and our Patron Saint, St Thomas to be our companions in times of uncertainty, and to keep our faith alive.

Rev Fr George Packiasamy  
28 January 2023