



CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, THE APOSTLE

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PARISH VISION: BEING A COMMUNITY ROOTED IN THE WORD, FAITH AND VALUES

PARISH MISSION: As a spirit-filled community, we commit ourselves through proclaiming the Gospel, celebrating Jesus in the Word and Sacraments, and living the Christian values in prayers, services and outreach.

SATURDAY, 6 JULY 2024 - SUNDAY, 14 JULY 2024

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week II)

Sat 06	10.00 am	- Anointing of the Sick, followed by Mass
	5.15 pm	- Novena to OLPH & Benediction
	6.15 pm	- Mass (ML) / Adoration / Fellowship
TKSG		- Pamela Mathews, Joseph Kanawadi & family, Mala Kenneth family, Meseiammah family, Loke family, Jacob & Shirley Chiam, Frederick & Grace Ng, C. Willims Fernandez & family, Siau family, Anne Premela Joseph, Good health of mom, Alvin, Jespin & Latisha, Mr & Mrs Prisilla & Thanabalan, Mariammah Daniel & family
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Jillian Mathews, Sabrina Sonia Fernandez & family, Joseph Edward family, Devadoss & Anne Premela, Umadevi,
R.I.P		- Mary Magdalene Ng, Deceased members of Daneal's family, Catherine Yep, Catherine Joseph Francis, Thomas Hau Chai, Anne Shanmugam, Lourde Roch, Manikam Pillai & Arokiamary, Joseph TM Samy & Angeline, Theatarravu Samy Pillai & Aruputhe Mary, All souls in purgatory, Francis Innasimuthu, Mr & Mrs David Sumathy
	Sun 07	
TKSG	8.30 am	- Rosary in Multilingual
	9.00 am	- Mass for the People (ML), followed by Fellowship
SP. INT		- Tony Gurdev & family, Mona & family, Rose Wong & family, Dr S. Joseph family, Alberto family, Edwin Mohan & family, Joachim Lee & family, Dorcas, Yvonne Liew, Peter Hah, Joan Wong & family, Loke family, Frederick & Grace Ng, Peter & Regina Tan, Francis Leong family, C. Willims Fernandez & family, Bernard de Cruz & family, Jacob & Shirley Chiam, Margaret Chan & family, Joachim Lee & family, Josephine Yap, Mariammah Daniel & family, Joyliza & family, Mala Kenneth family,
	R.I.P	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Dorcas, Vinxern Yong & family, Lucas Tan & family, Colin Su, Francis Leong family, Sabrina Sonia Fernandez & family, Veronica Foo, Anna Wong Mei Ling, Mariammah Daniel & family, Tony Gurdev family, Mathew Ramish
		- Louisa Liew, Luke Liew, Martin D'Souza, Beryl D'Souza, Carol Rodrigues, Luke Krishnan, Dr. Patrick Liew, Mary Almeida, Christine Yap, Nancy Luo, Mary Cheok, Catherine Yep, Joshua & Angela Ngiau, Mr & Mrs Aloysius Chin Chong Foo, Nelly Chin, P.C Bernard Mary Magdalene Ng, Deceased member of Thomas Thong's family, Irene Tan Ay Lin, Benedict Wong Wei Choy, Augustine Ng Aik Huat, Isaac Ng Houng Chang, Alice Yong, Joseph Liew, Mary Teo & John Tan, Thomas Hau Chai, Anne Shanmugam, All souls in purgatory.

Mon 08	FOURTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WEEK II) – Awal Muharam (Public Holiday)	
	NO MASS IN THE CHURCH (all Mass intentions will be offered privately)	
	TKSG	- Fr. GPS, Jacob & Shirley Chiam, Frederick & Grace Ng
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim,
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, All souls in purgatory

Tues 09	FOURTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WEEK II)	
	NO MASS IN THE CHURCH (all Mass intentions will be offered privately)	
	TKSG	- Jacob & Shirley Chiam, Frederick & Grace Ng, Joseph Chooi & family,
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim,
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, All souls in purgatory, Bryn Jeal,

Wed 10	FOURTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WEEK II)	
	NO MASS IN THE CHURCH (all Mass intentions will be offered privately)	
	TKSG	- Jacob & Shirley Chiam, Frederick & Grace Ng
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, All souls in purgatory,

Thurs 11	FOURTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WEEK II)	
	6.30 am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	6.45 am	- Mass
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, Anna Lim,

Fri 12	FOURTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WEEK II)	
	6.30 am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	6.45 am	- Mass
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, Anthony Chew Chin Soon, Theresa Ng Sit Get, John Baptist Chew Eng Hai

Sat 13	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week III)	
	5.30 pm	- Novena to OLPH & Benediction
	6.00 pm	- Mass in Tamil / Eng

Sun 14	8.00 am	- Rosary in BM/Eng
	8.30 am	- Mass for the People in BM / Eng
	10.00 am	- Rosary, followed by Mandarin Mass

BECCOT MEETING

The BECCOT would like to invite all BEC leaders for a meeting on Wednesday, 10 July 2024 at 8.00 pm in St. Giles' room. All BEC leaders are encouraged to attend the meeting.

REQUEST FOR KIND DONATION

We have come to a conclusion our Novena and Feast of St. Thomas which began on 1 July 2024. The Parish Finance Committee is kindly requesting donations from Parishioners to help cover expenses for meals, transportation, logistics, and other expenditures. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness and support. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

- Mass offering and donation can be made at the Parish Office or via email (stthomas@archkl.org)
- Cheque payable to: Gereja Katolik St. Thomas or Bank-in to Public Bank Account : 3181532920

Note: Fellowship will be held on Saturday, 6 July after the adoration and Sunday, 7 July, after the Mass.

SAINT THOMAS WOMEN'S DESK GATHERING

Women's Desk cordially welcomes women parishioners to a fellowship meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the St. Giles Room. The aim is to provide spiritual and emotional support to women while also exploring their social needs. This will assist women in strengthening their faith, embracing their identities, forming meaningful relationships, and addressing the various challenges they encounter in their lives and in society. The women's desk will provide a nurturing environment for women to develop and apply their spiritual gifts and leadership capabilities.

Note: Light refreshment will be served.

SAINT THOMAS SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

We have recently re-launched the Soup Kitchen Ministry and are looking for dedicated volunteers to join us in feeding the poor. If you would like to contribute cash or provisions such as vegetables or meat, please feel free to contact the respective persons or the Parish Office. At the moment, we provide one meal for the poor every Sunday. If you know anyone in your neighbourhood who are in need of food, please introduce them to the committee members by providing their contact details. Contact Persons: Ignatius Tan (0139319022) or Katerine Boon (0199895730).

100 WEEKS BIBLE STUDY (ENGLISH)

After the Feast of St Thomas, we will commence a 100 Weeks Bible Study. This study will help you grasp the content of each book of the Bible, understand the history of salvation, and enhance your knowledge of Sacred Scriptures. Contact Sheila Fernandez at 0139351918.

Note: The parish office will be closed on Monday, 8 July 2024, as a replacement for Awal Muharam (public holiday).

REMAINING STEADFAST IN OUR MISSION

As the Parish of St Thomas, Kuantan celebrates its Feast Day and 118 years of its establishment, the Feast Day committee has made a significant decision to mark this occasion by holding a public procession with the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, July 6, 2024, being the sixth-day celebration of the Feast Day Novena and Mass. This tradition, observed on *Corpus Christi* and parish feast days, holds great significance within the Catholic Church, particularly in our spiritual intimacy with the Blessed Sacrament.

We took the first step by submitting the application for a Police permit through our committee member, a retired Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Tuan William Fernandez, a month before the celebrations began. On 28 June 2024, we were invited to meet with the Special Branch to discuss details of the procession and the instruments we intended to carry along, such as the monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament, the cross, candles, banners from each BEC representative, the total number of participants, and other matters. We explained to them the crucial of each item in the solemnity and reverence of the procession. We had a productive meeting with the Special Branch police officers.

The Secretariat of the Officer in Charge of Police District (OCPD) of Kuantan invited a few committee members, including myself, to meet with the Tuan OCPD, Wan Mohd Zahari Bin Wan Busu, on Tuesday, 2 July 2024, at 3.00 pm at his office. Two representatives from the feast day committee members, June Thoo, Clement Lim, and I, eagerly attended the meeting, hoping to return with the permit. During our meeting, nine other department heads, such as Special Branch Officers, Patrol Officers, Traffic Police, Crime Investigators, and others, were present. We had a pleasant and constructive hour-long conversation with Tuan OCPD and his team.

Tuan OCPD was a very humble person, and he spoke to us in a polite and respectful manner. During the conversation, he stressed the "sensitivity" that could be triggered in certain individuals regarding our proposed procession through the town, especially the carrying of the Monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament and Cross. On our part, we re-emphasised the profound significance of the Blessed Sacrament held during the procession, a symbol of our spiritual connection with the Divine.

We, too, agreed to their request to have the procession commence only after their Maghrib prayer time. Although they seemed hesitant to provide immediate approval, they assured us that a decision would be made within a few days. During the Novena Masses, I requested everyone to pray for the success of our application to hold the procession. The police response, dated 4 July 2024, stated that the procession is not an absolute necessity for religious practice and is not listed as an annual activity in the calendar.

Despite the authority's last-minute rejection of our request, we remain steadfast in our mission to celebrate and proclaim Jesus as "Our Lord and Our God!" We are disappointed with their decision but resolute in moving forward with our faith. We question the rights to "freedom of religion" and the promotion of religious and racial harmony stand in our nation, but we are determined to continue with the celebration as the psalmist expresses, "Lead me, O Lord, in Your justice," (cf. Psalm 5:8).