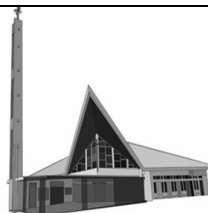


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**SATURDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER — SUNDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2022**

<b>26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week II) - WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES</b>		
Sat 24	5.30pm	- Novena to OLPH & Benediction
	6.00pm	- Sunset Mass (Eng/Tamil)
TKSG		- Joseph Kanawadi & family, Pamella & Jillian Mathews, Joachim Lee & family, Imanuel & family
		- Mother Of Perpetual Help.
SP. INT		- Lucy Ou Yang FH, Catherine Yep, Janelle Lai, Mary Lee & fly, Lucy Lee, Natasha Clarisse, Selin
	R.I.P	- Dato Bodipalar, Mary Magdalene Ng, Deceased members of Daneal's family, Paul Ooi, R. Anthony, Rajaram Sampathy, Victor Francis, Cyril & Lucy Fernandez, John Manickam & Rosie Dhanam
Sun 25	8.30am	- Mass for the People (Eng/BM)
	10.30am	- Mandarin Mass
TKSG		- Tony Gurdev & family, Mona & family, Alberto family, Justin Lee, Rose Wong & family, Joel & Joanne, Annie Cheong & family, Ng Soon Kuan & family, Felicia Teo, Francis Leong family, Petrina Long, Robin Sim & family, Peter & Regina Tan, Alvin Sim & family, Dr. S. Joseph & family, Mother Of Perpetual Help
	SP. INT	- George Thong, Carolyn Ting & family, Rose Chong, Lucy Ou Yang FH, John Chew Eng Hai, Petrina Long, Maria Chew Yen Yen, Joseph Chew Eng Ching, Lucy Lee Sai Ken, Felicia Lim Xiao En, Christine Leong, Jennifer Chin Hui San, Janelle Lai, Mary Lee & family
R.I.P		- Louisa Liew, Luke Liew, Martin D'Souza, Beryl D'Souza, Carol Rodrigues, Luke Krishnan, Nancy Luo, Rajaram, Dr. Patrick Liew, Mary Cheok, Christine Yap, Nelly Chin, Mary Magdalene Ng, Paul Ooi, Amy Wong, Mr & Mrs Aloysius Chin Chong Foo, Margaret Chong, Lawrence Jude Ban Thean Hock, Rajaram Sampathy, Deceased members of Thomas Thong's family, Mary Ong Swee Choo, Joshua & Angela Ngiau, Victor Francis, Mdm. Louis Mary Santiago, D. Aruel Mary, V.Santromsamy, Cyril & Lucy Fernandez, Mr & Mrs Thomas Pereira, John Manickam & Rosie Dhanam, Thomas Wong, Theresa Wong.
Mon 26	6.30am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	6.45am	- Mass
SP.INT		- Issac Ng Hounng Chang, Sara Isabel Kam, Myra Jolie Kam, Janelle Lai, Mary Lee & family
	R.I.P	- Mary Ong Swee Choo, Mary Magdalene Ng, Isidore
Tue 27	6.30am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	6.45am	- Mass
SP.INT		- Sara Isabel Kam, Myra Jolie Kam, Janelle Lai, Mary Lee & family
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng
Wed 28	6.30am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	6.45am	- Mass
SP.INT		- Sara Isabel Kam, Myra Jolie Kam, Janelle Lai, Mary Lee & family
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Joseph Victor Pinto,
Thu 29	6.30am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	6.45am	- Mass
SP.INT		- Sara Isabel Kam, Myra Jolie Kam
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng
Fri 30	6.30am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	6.45am	- Mass
SP.INT		- Sara Isabel Kam, Myra Jolie Kam
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Mary Ong Swee Choo
<b>27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week III)</b>		
Sat 1	5.30pm	- Novena to OLPH & Benediction
	6.00pm	- Sunset Mass (Eng/Tamil)
Sun 2	8.30am	- Mass for the People (Eng/BM)
	10.30am	- Mandarin Mass

### WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

This year the 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WDMR falls on Sunday, 25 September 2022 with the theme entitled: "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees." The Church invites us to pray for these migrants and refugees "as they face various kinds of challenges," and "to increase awareness about the opportunities that migrants offer."

Let us build our future today! The future begins today and it begins in each one of us.

### 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF AOHD

Archdiocesan Office of Human Development (AOHD) celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022 at Cardijn House, Bukit Nanas, Kuala Lumpur.

### MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to pray the Rosary. We encourage everyone to pray the Rosary individually and as a family together during this special month. Let us continue to pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace in our families.

### BECCOT MEETING

The BECCOT would like to invite all BEC leaders for a meeting on Wednesday, 5 October 2022 at 8.00 pm in St. Giles' room. All BEC leaders are encouraged to attend the meeting.

### UPKEEP AND CLEAN UP OF CEMETERY

There will be a "Gotong-royong" at the Bukit Ubi Cemetery on Saturday, 15 October 2022 starting from 9.00 am to 11.30 am as the All Souls' Day is nearing. The Parish Cemetery Committee invites all parishioners to come together to upkeep and clean up the site. Do bring your own necessary tools. Thank you!

### HERALD PUBLICATION

Complimentary copies of Herald will be given to all Parishioners at the entrance of the Church. Herald drop a love offering as you pick up a copy for yourselves. Thank you.

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### WEARING OF FACE MASKS IN CHURCHES REMAINS MANDATORY WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KUALA LUMPUR

In view of the latest announcement (7 September 2022) by Health Minister YB Khairy Jamaluddin regarding the SOP of wearing face masks indoors is now optional. Nevertheless, the Archdiocese of KL recommends that the wearing of face masks in all churches **REMAINS MANDATORY FOR THE MOMENT**.

Therefore, we must adhere to the wearing of facial masks whenever parishioners participate in all activities, formations and liturgical celebrations. This is to protect one another especially the elderly, the most vulnerable and those in the high-risk category among us. Thank you for your consideration and co-operation.

### TOWARDS BECOMING SYNODAL PRIESTS

We, the clergy of Peninsular Malaysia have been having our directed annual spiritual retreat on a rotational basis during this month of September for six days from Sunday evening till Friday noon. The retreat is organised over four consecutive weeks throughout the month in three different centres – Cameron Highlands (1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week), Penang Island (2<sup>nd</sup> week) and Plentong, Johor (3<sup>rd</sup> week). During the COVID-19 pandemic, for two years there wasn't any directed retreat organised for us but we carried it out on our personal level. This year once again we had an opportunity to be physically present in our respective retreat centres.

All clergy (Cardinals, Bishops, Priests and Deacons), religious and seminarians are required canonically "to observe the period of the annual retreat." We take time off from our parish ministry and administration to attend spiritual retreats not just to fulfil the Canon Law's requirement but to make time for ourselves to re-energise, re-examine and recharge our spiritual batteries. Jesus himself withdrew from His public ministry and spent time in solitude in the desert for forty days, (Lk 4:1-3). Hence, we are strongly encouraged to step away from our daily routine and hectic schedules and enter into the depths of our souls.

Every year in the past, I preferred to attend my yearly retreat in Stella Maris, Penang Island no matter who, the retreat master. I specifically choose to be in Penang Island in the past because of the coastal environment of the retreat centre and furthermore, Penang, is a foodie's paradise. This year, however, I opted instead to be in MAJODI Center, Plentong for my spiritual retreat due to certain circumstances. Altogether 30 of us were together in this retreat centre (7 Permanent Deacons and 24 Priests) from 18-23 September 2022.

Our Retreat Master was Auxiliary Bishop Midyphil Billones from the Archdiocese of Cebu, Philippines. He obtained his doctorate in Theology from the Loyola School of Theology of the Ateneo de Manila University. His episcopal ordination was on 26 September 2019. He guided us in our retreat with the theme, "Towards Becoming Synodal Shepherds for Renewal in the Church." He developed the retreat on "synodality of re-awakening", and "synodality of conversion" towards "presbyteral synodality and sacramental brotherhood." It is basically about living our priestly identity and journeying together as companions to be in communion as a Church and to work collaboratively in the mission of the Church. He reminded us over and over again that in this process of synodality, we should not push God aside in our priestly ministry but open a doorway to synodality – a greater communion, participation and mission.

Bishop Midyphil is a very young, wise, learned, prayerful and spiritual man. His reflections, his personal priestly experiences and sharing were deemed more conducive to obtain in-depth insights. Furthermore, the choicest of his philosophical and theological terms offer lessons worth learning for me. He gave a few scriptural passages including the Holy Father's encyclical texts for my further studies and reflections to engage in prayerful meditations in the future. It was an enriching retreat and I have gained new insights in the depth of my soul. I am grateful to Bishop Midyphil and most of all to God for blessing us with a wonderful and knowledgeable retreat master.

Rev. Fr. George Packiasamy  
24 September 2022