



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, 28 SEPTEMBER 2024 - SUNDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2024

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week II) – World Day of Migrants & Refugees

Sat 28	5.30 pm	- Novena to OLPH & Benediction
	6.00 pm	- Mass in Tamil / Eng
TKSG		- Pamela Mathews, Joseph Kanawadi & family, Mala Kenneth family, Jeremyah Leon Joseph & family, Joseph Kanawadi & family, Joan Wong & family, Francis Tseu & family, Joel & Joanne, Esther Kok
		- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Jillian Mathews,
SP. INT		- Mary Magdalene Ng, Deceased members of Daneal's family, Catherine Yep, George Bernard, Amoi Munisamy, Vilvin Mary, Amalorpava Mary d/o Saverimuthu, Manual & Christine Kochappan
	R.I.P	

Sun 29	8.00 am	- Rosary
	8.30 am	- Mass for the People in Multilingual
TKSG		- Tony Gurdev & family, Mona & family, Rose Wong & family, Dr S. Joseph family, Alberto family, Edwin Mohan & family, Mary Lee, Joachim Lee & family, Jonathan & Dorcas, Margaret Chan & family, Ng Kuan Soon & family, Annie Cheong & family, Rose Ngiau, Tony Gurdev Singh, Loke family, Vinxern Yong & family, Peter & Regina Tan, Imanuel family, Esther Kok,
		- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Jonathan & Dorcas, Esther Kok,
SP. INT		- 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, Nelly Chin, Mr & Mrs Aloysius Chin Chong Foo, Mary Magdalene Ng, Deceased member of Thomas Thong's family, Isaac Ng Houng Chang, Dec.mem of Ng & Wong Family, Augustine Ng Aik Huat, Mary Tanga Lin,
	R.I.P	

TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WEEK II)

NO MASS IN THE CHURCH (all Mass intentions will be offered privately)

Mon 30	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim,
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep,

TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WEEK II)

Tues 01	6.30 am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	6.45 am	- Mass
TKSG		- Kenneth Anthony & family
		- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim,
SP. INT		- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep,
	R.I.P	

TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WEEK II)

Wed 02	6.30 am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	6.45 am	- Mass
SP. INT		- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim,
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, Cyril & Lucy Fernandez

TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WEEK II)

Thurs 03	6.30 am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	6.45 am	- Mass
SP. INT		- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim,
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep,

TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WEEK II)

Fri 04	7.30 pm	- Mass, followed by Holy Hour (Vesper – Evening Prayer, Adoration & Benediction)
	TKSG	- Plorus & Raymond, Kirubashnee & Mathew
SP. INT		- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim,
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, Panir Selvan, Lourdesnathan, Souls in Purgatory

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week III)

Sat 05	10.30 am	- Wedding Mass (Mr Gabriel Peter Lynch & Ms Jermaine Wong)
	5.30 pm	- Novena to OLPH & Benediction
	6.00 pm	- Mass in Tamil / Eng

Sun 06	8.00 am	- Rosary in BM / Eng
	8.30 am	- Mass for the People in Multilingual
	10.00 am	- Rosary, followed by Mandarin Mass

REFURBISHING OUR CHURCH BUILDING

We have successfully completed the refurbishment of our Church building, including new tiling, re-painting both externally and internally, re-varnishing the benches and fixing the glass doors. We have given our Church a new facelift. Starting from this weekend, our weekday and weekend Masses will return to normal in Church.

If you wish to contribute to this project, please reach out to our parish office or contact Fr George. You also have the option to make your contribution by depositing it into our Parish account (Public Bank Account holder: **Gereja Katolik St.Thomas - 3181532920**). Kindly send the bank slip to our Parish email, and we will promptly send you the e-receipt. We appreciate your generous contribution.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is a significant month for us to remember Mary, the Mother of God. It is a great opportunity to recite the Rosary either individually, with BEC groups or with family and friends on a daily basis.

On the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (Monday, 7 October 2024), there will be a rosary recitation in multi-lingual at the Grotto at 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited to join.

BECCOT MEETING

The BECCOT would like to invite all BEC leaders for meeting on Wednesday, 2 October 2024 at 8.00 pm in St. Giles' room. All BEC leaders are encouraged to attend the meeting.

HOLY HOUR, VESPERS, ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Mass will be celebrated on Friday, 4 October 2024, at 7.30 pm., followed by Holy Hour, Vespers, and Adoration. This is an opportunity for us to come together to pray and adore the Lord before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is invited to join in!

THE GO MISSION JOURNEY 2024

Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS) and Archdiocesan Mission of New Evangelisation for Christ (AMNEC) will organise a two-day mission trip to our Church from Saturday, 12 October (1.00 pm) to Sunday, 13 October 2024 (10.30 am). Let us welcome them. There will be praise and worship, as well as talks on Mission work and Mother Mary from 1.00 pm till 4.30 pm.

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMME

The Archdiocesan Mental Health Ministry will organise a half-day session for English and Mandarin speaking parishioners at our Church on Saturday, 12 October, from 9.00 am to 12 noon. This enriching program aims to strengthen our well-being, equip us with tools to overcome personal challenges and empower us to lead a more fulfilling life. Please contact Sheila Fernandez (013- 935 1918) or June Thoo (012- 900 8381) for registration.

FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION

Our Parish is excited to host a Family Day Get-together Dinner to foster and strengthen our community. Here are the details:

Date & Time	: 17 November 2024 at 7.00p.m
Venue	: St. Thomas Hall, Kuantan
Ticket	: RM 80 per person/ RM 800 per table
Menu	: 8-Course Chinese Dinner

Tickets are on sale now!

As the day gets closer, more information will be given. We hope you could join us for this special evening!

Note: Kindly be informed that we have engaged with a well-known Sekinchan Caterer to prepare and serve our dinner.

5th SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION

There will be 2nd collection during the weekend Masses for Migrants and Itinerants (28 & 29 Sept 2024). Please contribute generously.

UNDERSTANDING HUMANITY

Since 1914, the Universal Church has upheld a tradition of celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR). This annual event is a testament to our enduring solidarity and concern for the vulnerable, particularly those whose lives have been torn apart by war and conflict. It is a time when we come together to pray for those facing life's challenges and raise awareness about the opportunities migration presents.

Each year, without fail, the Church celebrates this occasion on the last Sunday of September. This year marks the 110th WDMR celebration, and it falls on 29 September 2024. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has chosen the theme, "God Walks with His People." In their journey, migrants and refugees see God as their steadfast travelling companion, guide and source of strength, journeying towards our "true homeland". They trust in Him and seek comfort in times of need, finding reassurance and hope in His presence.

The Book of Exodus recounts the Israelites' journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, moving from slavery to freedom over a span of 40 years. This journey symbolises the pilgrims of the Church, the people of God, from the earthly to the heavenly kingdom, to be in communion with the Lord (cf. Lumen Gentium, #49). In today's world, we see migrants and refugees who have left their homeland and are struggling in foreign lands, with many looking for resettlement or ways to return home. Their experiences reflect a profound journey towards their eternal homeland to become citizens of heaven (cf. Phil 3: 20).

One of the most enriching ministries throughout my priestly life has been the pleasure of working with migrants and refugees who come from various cultures, religions and backgrounds. While at the Church of St. Joseph in Sentul, Kuala Lumpur, I had the opportunity to deeply engage with migrants and refugees living in the Klang Valley – namely from Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and India. Upon my transfer to Kuantan, I continued working with other migrants and refugees, primarily Indonesians who work in oil palm plantations, sawmills and construction.

Working and ministering with migrants and refugees has been an eye-opening experience for me. It is all about realising the Gospel spirit – "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me" (MT 25: 35). I have come to understand the importance of showing empathy and care for these individuals who have left their homeland to find new prospects, and live their lives in a new land. I take great pride in working closely with them, addressing their pastoral and physical needs, and in return, I have learned so much. This experience significantly impacted me, broadening my understanding of humanity and shaping my priestly ministry.

By reaching out to them, we can make them feel welcomed and accepted. Let's journey with them, be "synodal" together, and offer hope and consolation so they may feel at home within our plural society and culture.

Rev Fr George Packiasamy
28 September 2024