



# 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, 27 JULY 2024 - SUNDAY, 04 AUGUST 2024

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week IV)

Sat 27	5.30 pm	- Novena to OLPH & Benediction
	6.00 pm	- Mass in Tamil / Eng
TKSG		- Pamela Mathews, Joseph Kanawadi & family, Joyliza & family, Mala Kenneth & family, Manohar Benedict, Loke family, Esther Kok, Imanuel family, Joel & Joanne
		- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Jillian Mathews,
SP. INT		- Mary Magdalene Ng, Deceased members of Daneal's family, Catherine Yep, Christopher, Cyril & Lucy Fernandez, Manual & Christina Kochappan
R.I.P		
Sun 28	8.30 am	- Rosary
	9.00 am	- Mass with Sacrament of Confirmation (ML)
TKSG		- Tony Gurdev & family, Mona & family, Rose Wong & family, Dr S. Joseph family, Alberto family, Edwin Mohan & family, Joachim Lee & family, Jonathan & Dorcas, Loke family, Josephine Yap family, Margaret Chan & family, Loke family, Manohar Benedict, Mary Lee, Veronica Foo, Wong Lai Quen, Peter & Regina Tan, Kevin Hau, Francis Leong family, Esther Kok
		- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Jonathan & Dorcas, Vinxern Yong & family, Lucas Tan & family, Mrs Chan, Joshua, Gabriel & family, Colin Su, 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, Mr & Mrs Aloysius Chin Chong Foo, Nelly Chin, Mary Magdalene Ng, Deceased member of Thomas Thong's family, Mary Soh Swayne, Selvam Mary James, Joseph Koh Hok Lye, Daniel Wee Siew Chye, Matthias Kong, Margaret Chow, Annamah Aruputham & Peter Kannappan,
R.I.P		

### SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WEEK I)

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

Mon 29	TKSG	- Loke family, Manohar Benedict
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Joel & Joanne
R.I.P		- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, Mary Soh Swayne

### SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WEEK I)

#### NO MASS IN THE CHURCH (all Mass intentions will be offered privately)- Sultan of Pahang Birthday (P.H)

Tues 30	TKSG	- Loke family, Manohar Benedict
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim,
R.I.P		- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep,

### SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WEEK I)

Wed 31	6.30 am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	6.45 am	- Mass
TKSG		- Loke family, Manohar Benedict
		- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Gerard Joseph,
SP. INT		- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, Amy Wong
R.I.P		

### SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WEEK I)

Thurs 01	6.30 am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	6.45 am	- Mass
TKSG		- Loke family, Anderia Bastian
		- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim,
SP. INT		- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, Louis Mary Santiago
R.I.P		

### SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WEEK I)

Fri 02	7.30 pm	- Mass, followed by Holy Hour (Vesper – Evening Prayer, Adoration & Benediction)
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim
R.I.P		- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, Victor s/o John, Louis Mary Santiago, Panir Selvan, Lourdesnathan

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week II)

Sat 03	5.30 pm	- Novena to OLPH & Benediction
	6.00 pm	- Mass in Tamil / Eng
Sun 04	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

## SAINT THOMAS SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

Back in 2007, the Church of St. Thomas started the Soup Kitchen to help those in need in Kuantan. In July 2024, the Old Thomasian Association Kuantan (OTAK) revamped the kitchen with a new roof and floor tiles. Thank you to OTAK for your support—we truly appreciate it. After the Sunday Mass on 28 July 2024, we gather at the Soup Kitchen spot for a special blessing by Archbishop Julian Leow.

## HOLY HOUR, VESPERS, ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Mass will be celebrated on Friday, 2 August 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!

## BECCOT MEETING

The BECCOT would like to invite all BEC leaders for a meeting on Wednesday, 7 August 2024 at 8.00 pm in St. Giles' room. All BEC leaders are encouraged to attend the meeting.

## COMBINED MEETING FOR PPC AND PCC

Both ministries will be having a combined meeting on Thursday, 8 August, 2024, at 8 p.m. in St. Giles' Room. All members are required to attend.

## RCIA FOR 2024/2025

Are you interested to know about Catholicism or seeking to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a process that enables individuals to explore faith and belief in the Catholic tradition. Candidates will undergo a year programme to gain understanding and experience of the teachings and practices of Catholic Church.

The RCIA new intake for 2024/2025 is now open for registration. If you, or anyone you know, who would like to know about the Catholic faith, please do introduce them to the respective contact person as listed below, or get in touch with the parish office.

Parish office	: 09-5177106
Catherine Lee	: 019 – 950 3087 (English)
Cecilia Yap	: 019 – 989 3133 (Mandarin)
Maria Roach	: 016 – 950 3076 (Tamil)
Jeffrin	: 011 – 1958 7223 (BM)

## Schedule for classes as follows:

- Every Wednesday at 8.00 p.m. in English.
- Every Tuesday from 8.00 p.m in Mandarin.

## 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.

## HAPPY AND CONTENT IN THEIR GOLDEN YEARS

This year, we celebrate the *Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*, with the theme, "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Psalms 71:9), which reminds us of the loneliness and isolation many elderly people experience. Pope Francis reassured the elderly that, "God never abandons His children, never." He described the elderly as "the firm foundation" on which new generations can thrive, helping to build a spiritual legacy (cf. 1 Peter 2:5).

Pope Francis acknowledges the challenges they face and dispels the misconception that older people hinder the progress of the young. He urges us to embrace a compassionate mindset and optimistic outlook, instead of focusing on ourselves. We should support each other and embark on new journeys together, fostering a sense of connection and unity across generations.

Both my paternal and maternal grandfathers passed away when I was a child, but I gained experience and much affection from my grandmothers in my childhood and adolescent years. As an adult, I notice that many young parents rarely allow their children to stay with the grandparents. When children desire to visit their grandparents, parents fear that the latter will spoil them! It is uncommon to see children accompanying their grandparents to church or other recreational activities, as they are ever so often engrossed with their own schedules.

Grandparents and the elderly play a crucial role in shaping a promising future for all. Grandchildren should look up to their grandparents for wisdom, guidance and heartfelt affection. The stories shared by grandparents foster strong familial bonds, faith, tradition and family history.

In today's digital age, younger generations have a unique opportunity of imparting their knowledge of information technology (IT) to their grandparents and elderly. Assisting the elderly with interactive experiences such as computers, smartphones, gaming, online shopping and more, helps to keep them motivated, engaged, entertained and up-to-date with current affairs. It not only enriches the lives of the elderly, but also empowers the younger generation with a sense of responsibility and contribution.

As part of our family, it is important to care for our grandparents and the elderly, especially those who may feel lonely, down, weak, or are alone in their old age. We all wish for our ageing parents, grandparents and elderly to experience longevity, good health and a peaceful life. The joy that comes from being surrounded by loving family and friends – happy and content in their golden years – warms our hearts and inspires hope for the future.

This special day is a heartwarming tribute to the invaluable contribution of grandparents and elders in preserving a family legacy and sharing their faith. Our thoughts and prayers go out to forgotten, lonely and isolated grandparents and the elderly. We pray for their inner strength and well-being. May they receive blessings and comfort always, and may Sts Joachim and Anne, pray for them!

Rev Fr George Packiasamy  
27 July 2024