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PARISH PRIEST : Rev Fr George Packiasamy
PARISH VISION : To be a Community that Inspires Faith throughout the Jubilee Year of Hope and Beyond
PARISH MISSION : We, the Parishioners of St. Thomas, are committed to welcoming everyone, actively sharing Gospel values, and fostering hope through prayer, service activities, and compassionate outreach

SATURDAY, 18 JANUARY 2025 – SUNDAY, 26 JANUARY 2025

		SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter II)
Sat 18	5.00 pm	- Boiling of milk at Grotto
	5.30 pm	- Novena to OLPH & Benediction
	6.00 pm	- Pongal Thanksgiving Mass in Tamil / Eng
	TKSG	- Pamela Mathews, Mala Kenneth & family, Justin & Jeremiyah, Joseph Kanawadi & family, Manohar & family, Loke family, Joan Wong & family, Manohar & family, Mathews & Jessy, Imanuel family, SSVP Donors, Esther Kok,
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Jillian Mathews, Agnes Chia Mui Nghoh, Calvin Christopher Fernandez,
R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Deceased members of Daneal's family, Anne Rosa Magdaline Daneal, Catherine Yep, Mary Lee Chai Goh, Gerard Patrick Thong,	
Sun 19	8.00 am	- Rosary
	8.30 am	- Mass for the People (Multi-lingual)
	10.00 am	- NO MANDARIN MASS
	TKSG	- Tony Gurdev & family, Mona & family, Rose Wong & family,, Alberto family, Jonathan & Dorcas, Vinxern Yong & family, Margaret Chan & family, Cristina & Thula, Loke family, Joanne Mooi Choy Wah, Mathews & Jessy, Wong Lai Quen, Battee Mary Thomas, Joel & Joanne, Esther Kok
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Jaimie Lee, George Thong & Siew Kheng, Calvin Christopher Fernandez, Imanuel family, Esther Kok
R.I.P	- 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, Augustine Ng, Isaac Ng, Teresa Ten Kang Lan, Dominica Ten Mook Lan, Joanne Mooi Choy Wah, Christopher Selvaraj, Cyril & Lucy Fernandez, V. Santromsamy & S.P Thomas family, Manual & Christina, Sam Hong, Ten family, Ten Yen Eng, Francis Ten, Teresa Ten Kang Lan, Dominica Tien Mook Lan, Christopher Selvaraj,	

		SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week II)
Mon 20	NO MASS IN THE CHURCH (all Mass intentions will be offered privately)	
	TKSG	- Mathews & Jessy
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Calvin Christopher Fernandez
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep,

		SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week II)
Tues 21	6.30 am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	6.45 am	- Mass
	TKSG	- Mathews & Jessy
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Calvin Christopher Fernandez
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, Daniel Wee Siew Chye, Anthony Chew Chin Soon, Veronica Dewi

		SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week II)
Wed 22	6.30 am	- Lauds Morning (Prayer)
	6.45 am	- Mass
	TKSG	- Mathews & Jessy
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Calvin Christopher Fernandez
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep,

		SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week II)
Thurs 23	6.30 am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	6.45 am	- Mass
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Calvin Christopher Fernandez
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep,

		SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week II)
Fri 24	6.30 am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	6.45 am	- Mass
	TKSG	- Myra Jolie Kam
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Calvin Christopher Fernandez
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep,

		THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week III) - JUBILEE OF THE WORLD OF COMMUNICATIONS
Sat 25	10.00 am	- Ecumenical Service – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
	5.30 pm	- Novena to OLPH & Benediction
	6.00 pm	- Mass in Tamil / English

Sun 26	8.00 am	- Rosary in BM / Eng
	8.30 am	- Mass for the People in BM / English
	10.00 am	- Rosary, followed by Mandarin Mass

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The 2025 Jubilee Year has begun on Christmas Eve, 24 December 2024, with the Holy Father, Pope Francis, opening the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This special year, themed "Pilgrims of Hope," will conclude on 6 January, 2026.

We are honoured that our Parish has been designated as one of the Pilgrim Centres in the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur. Let us warmly welcome pilgrims to our Parish and make their journey meaningful throughout this Holy Year.

PARISH PASTROL ASSEMBLY (PPA)

The PPA will take place on Sunday, 19 January 2025, at St Giles' Room starting at 10.00 am. PPC, PCC, BEC, and other core team leaders, including language apostolate leaders, catechism teachers, and FMM Sisters and Parishioners are required to attend. Please take note that on this day, there will be **NO Mandarin Mass. Breakfast will be provided!**

JUBILEE OF PRAYER – FOSTERING CHRISTIAN UNITY

We will host a Jubilee of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025, themed by the Holy Father as "Do You Believe This?" (John 11:26), on Saturday, 25 January 2025, at 10:00 am in the Church of St. Thomas, Kuantan. We invite Christian churches in and around Kuantan to join us in this meaningful event.

JUBILEE OF CHINESE NEW YEAR

The Chinese-speaking Apostolate warmly invites everyone to join us for the Jubilee Mass to celebrate Chinese New Year, a time to thank God for His abundant blessings and to pray for unity, peace, and prosperity in the year ahead. A special Thanksgiving Mass will be held on Wednesday, 29 January 2025, at 9.00 am. Due to the preparation for Lion Dance, vehicles are not allowed to park at the Church compound. We encourage all Parishioners to come dressed in Chinese costumes and traditional attire.

CHINESE NEW YEAR FELLOWSHIP/GATHERING

The Chinese Apostolate is organizing a Chinese New Year Potluck Fellowship and "**Cheongsam**" Competition on Saturday, 15 February at 7.30 pm at Breakfast Corner and St. Giles' Room. Please bring your own cutlery and a little extra food to share with everyone. All are welcome to join us in wearing traditional Chinese costumes.

Note: The "Cheongsam" competition is open for everyone! Please contact June Thoo (012 9008381) or Cecilia Lim (012-9675133) for registration.

MARRIAGE AND ANNULMENT

The Peninsular Malaysia Ecclesiastical Tribunal (PMET), in collaboration with the Catholic Lawyers' Society, Archdiocesan Mental Health Ministry, and Emmaus Counselling Centre will be organising a talk on marriage and annulment in our Church on Saturday, 8 February 2025 (time 9.30 am to 1 pm). This event will provide clarity, support, and guidance on marriage, separation, and annulment complexities. Topics include the meaning and purpose of the Sacrament of Marriage, the annulment process, legal advice, emotional and spiritual healing. All are welcome!

JUBILEE 2025 CALENDARS

Jubilee 2025 Catholic calendars are for sale at our religious shop for RM 10/- each, featuring daily reading.

ANCHOR OUR LIVES IN THE PROMISES OF SCRIPTURE

During the weekend of 25-26 January 2025, we will celebrate for the Sixth year, Sunday of the Word of God as a Church. This year's theme, "*I Hope in Your Word*" (Psalm 119), resonates completely with our Jubilee Year of Hope. It reminds us that God's Word is not merely text but the very voice of God - alive, active and ever-present! Through the Word of God, we encounter Christ, who offers us strength in times of uncertainty and joy in moments of grace.

This celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God coincides with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) - traditionally observed by the Universal Church every year - beginning on 18 January with the Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle and concluding with the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul the Apostle, on 25 January. This year, the theme "*Do you believe this?*" (John 11: 17-27) centres on Jesus' profound dialogue with Martha following the death of her brother, Lazarus. This is when Jesus declares, "*I am the Resurrection and the Life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even if he dies. Do you believe this?*"

The Council of Nicaea (325 AD) established the Nicene Creed (We Believe, later replaced by I Believe) as a vital component of the Church's profession of faith. Today, we continue to profess "I Believe" – the creed encompassing twelve essential truths that we proudly proclaim in Jesus Christ, as the foundation of our faith.

In 2029, Pope Francis instituted the annual observance of the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, as the Sunday of the Word of God. In his Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit Illis*, the Holy Father emphasises the significance of deepening our focus on the living Word of God, which shapes our lives, strengthens our faith, and guides us through every moment. In *Aperuit Illis*, he writes, "*The Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity.*" This reminds us that we must recognise the Word of God - not just as a source of personal faith - but as a crucial bridge to strengthen our relationships with our Christian brothers and sisters. We must embrace this calling to foster genuine unity among us.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, the Sunday of the Word of God and WPCU offer us a renewed opportunity to anchor our lives in the promises of Scripture and to be a people of faith and action - sharing Christ's message of love, hope and eternal life with all those we encounter. As we journey together in this Jubilee, let us become a community united by faith, strengthened by hope, and inspired to bring the light of Christ into our world.

May this Jubilee be a time to reaffirm our trust in the Word of God, strengthen our unity with ecumenical churches as one body in Christ, and confidently proclaim that we find the fullness of life and hope in Him!

Rev Fr George Packiasamy
18 January 2025