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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, 11 JANUARY 2025 – SUNDAY, 19 JANUARY 2025

		THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
Sat 11	5.30 pm	- Novena to OLPH & Benediction	
	6.00 pm	- Mass in Tamil / Eng	
	TKSG	- Pamella Mathews, Mala Kenneth & family, Justin & Jeremiyah, Joseph Kanawadi & family, Manohar & family, Loke family, Felicia Teo, Meseiamma family, Mrs Wong	
SP. INT		- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Jillian Mathews, Agnes Chia Mui Nghoh, Cat Loke, Sheila Lee,	
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Deceased members of Daneal's family, Anne Rosa Magdaline Daneal, Catherine Yep, Anthony Francis,	
Sun 12	8.00 am	- Rosary	
	8.30 am	- Community Mass in BM / Eng	
	10.00 am	- Rosary, followed by 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, Caroline Yap, Peter & Regina Tan, Felicia Teo, Rosita Lapidario Rodriguez, Mrs Wong	
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Jaimie Lee, George Thong & Siew Kheng, Cristina & Thula, Jaimie Lee, Amelia Shareena, Vivian Lee & family, Alexis & Jennifer Santiago	
	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, Issaac Ng, Paul Wong, Anthony Francis, Teresa Ten Kang Lan, Dominica Ten Mook Lan, Joseph Cheok, Amy Wong, R. Arokiasamy, Selvanathan, Joseph Koh Hock Lye, David Antony a/ Antony Manickam, Francis Jerome, Mervin Jerome, Vyolet Augustine Fernandez (4 th year anniversary), Joanne Mooi Choy Wan, Christopher Selvaraj, Victor John	
Mon 13		1 st Week of Ordinary Time (Psalter week I)	
		NO MASS IN THE CHURCH (all Mass intentions will be offered privately)	
	TKSG	- Felicia Teo, Mrs Wong	
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim,	
Tues 14	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep,	
		1 st Week of Ordinary Time (Psalter week I)	
		NO MASS IN THE CHURCH (all Mass intentions will be offered privately)	
Wed 15	TKSG	- Felicia Teo, Mrs Wong	
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim,	
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, Lee Mary, Teng Joseph,	
		1 st Week of Ordinary Time (Psalter week I)	
Thurs 16	6.30 am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)	
	6.45 am	- Mass	
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim,	
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep,	
		1 st Week of Ordinary Time (Psalter week I)	
Fri 17	6.30 am	- Lauds (Morning Prayer)	
	6.45 am	- Mass	
	SP. INT	- Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Haslim Leo,	
	R.I.P	- Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep,	
		SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week II)	
Sat 18	5.00 pm	- Boiling of milk at Grotto	
	5.30 pm	- Novena to OLPH & Benediction	
	6.00 pm	- Ponggal Thanksgiving Mass in Tamil/English	
Sun 19	8.00 am	- Rosary in BM / Eng	
	8.30 am	- Community Mass in Multi-lingual	
	10.00 am	- NO MANDARIN MASS	

CAPA MEETING 2025

The 2025 CAPA will take place at the Archdiocese Pastoral Centre in Kuala Lumpur for three days, from Monday, 13 January to Wednesday, 15 January 2025.

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.

JUBILEE OF PONGAL

This year, we celebrate Pongal once again, centred around the Thanksgiving Mass, expressing our gratitude to God for the harvest festival. It serves as a cultural integration that highlights the shared joy of harvests across cultural and religious boundaries, allowing us to reflect on God's blessings and convey our appreciation for His provision. The Tamil-speaking community invites everyone to the Thanksgiving Mass on Saturday, 18 January 2025, at 5.00 pm.

PARISH PASTROL ASSEMBLY (PPA)

Please note that 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, are required to attend. Parishioners are welcome as well. Please take note that on this day, there will be **NO Mandarin Mass**.

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.

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 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, and emotional and spiritual healing. All are welcome!

GRACE TO RENEW OURSELVES

Last weekend, we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, which left me completely immersed in the profound messages of the Responsorial Psalms, the readings of the day, and Church Prayers. They say, "All nations shall prostrate before the Lord; all the kings will adore Him; all nations will praise Him; every knee shall bow before Him; every tongue shall confess His name; and all the peoples will serve Him."

These sacred verses resonate with the Lord Jesus' manifestation and a wonderful vision of everyone coming together to honour Him! They highlight how everyone, regardless of status and race, culture and language, will acknowledge His sovereignty and greatness, and every nation will raise its voice in praise of Him. It also illustrates that every knee shall bend in submission and humility, every tongue will openly confess His name, and all peoples will commit themselves to His service. It is a powerful reminder to live out our mission to make Him known and glorified among all people.

As we conclude the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord, we transit into Ordinary Time from 13 January to 4 March 2025. This season invites us to live our faith and reflect on Jesus' teachings. Over the next eight weeks, we will live our faith as we reflect deeply on the daily readings, celebrate Jesus in the Eucharist, and embrace our discipleship with renewed commitment and joy.

This month of January, we will unite as a Parish to make the first three Jubilee-themed events a vibrant start to this special year:

- The wonderful Tamil-speaking community of St. Thomas Kuantan is all geared up and excited to celebrate the cultural festival of the Jubilee of Pongal! Join us for Mass on Saturday, 18 January 2025, at 5:30 pm, as we express our gratitude to God. At the same time, let us not forget our Chinese-speaking community, who will welcome the Chinese New Year on Wednesday, 29 January, with a Eucharistic celebration at 9.00 am. It is a lovely time for everyone to come together and celebrate!

- On 19 January 2025, during the 8.30 am Mass, Archbishop Julian Leow will officially announce and appoint our Parish as a Pilgrim Centre for the Jubilee Year of Hope for the East Coast Churches. We will also hold our Parish Pastoral Assembly (PPA) on the same day. We warmly invite everyone to come together for this gathering.

- We will celebrate the Jubilee of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on 25 January. This special occasion encourages us to come together and strengthen our connections with all Christian Churches in Kuantan. Let us come together in prayer, fostering unity and love as we work towards the common goal of living as one Body of Christ!

The Jubilee Year of Hope offers us a profound grace to renew ourselves, forgive one another, and courageously live as people of hope. Let us open our hearts to the blessings of this year, allowing them to inspire us to grow in faith, unity and service.

Rev Fr George Packiasamy
11 January 2025

