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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, 22 FEBRUARY 2025 – SUNDAY, 2 MARCH 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week III) – JUBILEE OF DEACONS

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| Sat 22 | 5.30 pm | - Novena to OLPH & Benediction |
| | 6.00 pm | - Mass in Tamil / English |
| TKSG | | - Mala Kenneth & family, Jeremyah & Jaaziel, Joseph Kanawadi & family, Esther Kok, Mr & Mrs Adrian Felix, Rosemary a/p Arokiasamy, |
| | | - Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Jillian Mathews, Pamela Mathews, Agnes Chia Mui Ngoh, Adelyn Teo Bee Choo, |
| SP. INT | | - Mary Magdalene Ng, Deceased members of Daneal's family, Anne Rosa Magdaline Daneal, Catherine Yep, Rapheal Kumar, Anthony a/l Arokiasamy, Berkman Alangaram Pillay, Theresa K.Y. Wong, Maria Magdalene, S.Ratnam, |
| | R.I.P | |
| Sun 23 | 8.00 am | - Rosary |
| | 8.30 am | - Mass for the People in BM/English |
| TKSG | 10.00 am | - Rosary, followed by Mass in Mandarin |
| | | - Tony Gurdev & family, Mona & family, Rose Wong Mui Heong, Alberto family, Jonathan & Dorcas, Vinxern Yong & family, Margaret Chan & family, Dr. S. Joseph & family, Edwin Mohan & family, Peter & Regina Tan, Esther Kok, |
| SP. INT | | - Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Jaimie Lee, Amelia Shareena, Euphrasia Wong & Arendvan Breukelen, Philip Wong & Elaine Shu, Gabriel Wong, Jessica Van Del Bosch, Clara Chee, Annette Yip & Josephine Yip, Adelyn Teo Bee Choo, Robert Muthu & family, Rozario Muthu & 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 Aik Huat, Isaac Ng, Simon Eruthiaraja, R. Arokiasamy, Selvanathan, Victor Francis, David Rajamanikam, Rajamanikam Vengdasalam, Muthukrishnan Angamuthu, Francis Muthu, Gnasegaran Muthu, Paramasivam, Mnaikam Arulan, Anamal Manikam, Orlando F De Jesus, Elenita F De Jesus, Alexander F De Jesus, Josephina F De Jesus, Noel F D Jesus, Simon Moharaj Appaduray, David Antony a/l Antony Manickam, |

SEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week III)

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| Mon 24 | 6.30 am | - Lauds (Morning Prayer) |
| | 6.45 am | - Mass |
| SP. INT | | - Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, |
| | R.I.P | - Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, |

SEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week III)

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

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| Tues 25 | SP. INT | - Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, |
| | R.I.P | - Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep |

SEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week III)

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| Wed 26 | 6.30 am | - Lauds (Morning Prayer) |
| | 6.45 am | - Mass |
| SP. INT | | - Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, |
| | R.I.P | - Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, |

SEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week III)

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| Thurs 27 | 6.30 am | - Lauds (Morning Prayer) |
| | 6.45 am | - Mass |
| SP. INT | | - Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, |
| | R.I.P | - Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, Kanie Nallagounder |

SEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week III)

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| Fri 28 | 6.30 am | - Lauds (Morning Prayer) |
| | 6.45 am | - Mass |
| SP. INT | | - Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, |
| | R.I.P | - Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, |

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week IV)

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| Sat 1 | 5.30 pm | - Novena to OLPH & Benediction |
| | 6.00 pm | - Mass in Tamil / English |
| Sun 2 | 8.00 am | - Rosary in BM / Eng |
| | 8.30 am | - Mass for the People in BM / English |
| | 10.00 am | - Rosary, followed by Mass in Mandarin |

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday falls on 5 March this year. It marks the start of the Lenten season leading up to Easter. As Catholics, we are encouraged to attend Mass to begin the Lenten season with reflection and the right mind-set. It is a day of fasting and abstinence, which is obligatory.

Mass schedule:

- i) 12.00 noon – Rosary, followed by Mass in English
- ii) 7.30 pm – Rosary, followed by Mass in Multilingual

RETURN OF THE OLD BLESSED PALMS

Parishioners are requested to return the old blessed palm leaves from the previous year in order to make ashes for the Ash Wednesday services. Palms can be placed in the basket at the entrance of the Church.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Throughout the season of Lent, we will hold the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7.30 PM in four different languages, followed by the Eucharistic celebration. We invite every Parishioner to pray this meaningful, popular devotion every Friday during Lent. Join us as we reflect on Jesus' journey to Mount Calvary, His death, and His sacrifice for us. Your presence is essential.

NOTE: We have purchased a new set of the 14 Stations of the Cross to replace the old ones. We expect all languages to come together on 7 March 2025 (Friday, After Ash Wednesday) for the multilingual Way of the Cross to be blessed by the new arrival of the Stations.

| Language | English | Mandarin | Tamil | BM |
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| Venue | Church | St. Giles' Room | Conference Room | St. Theresa's, Chapel |

Note: After the Stations of the Cross with your respective languages, please adjourn to the Church for Eucharistic celebration.

Here is the list of groups who will lead the Stations of the Cross on Friday evening of Lent:

| LENT WEEK | DATE & TIME | MINISTRIES/ GROUPS |
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| Friday after Ash Wednesday | 7/3/2025 @ 7.30 pm | Prayer Group |
| 1 st Week | 14/3/2025 @ 7.30 pm | Communion Minister |
| 2 nd Week | 21/3/2025 @ 7.30 pm | Catechists |
| 3 rd Week | 28/3/2025 @ 7.30 pm | PIHDM |
| 4 th Week | 4/4/2025 @ 7.30 pm | BECCOT |
| 5 th Week | 11/4/2025 @ 7.30 pm | Youths |
| Good Friday | 18/4/2025 12.00 noon 7.30pm | Legion of Mary SVDP |

FOOD WASTE AWARENESS

The Women's Ministry will organise a talk on Food Waste awareness on Thursday, 27 February 2025, at 10.00 am in St. Giles' Room. The presenter is Ms Mala Sundaresan, an accredited consultant on food waste in the USA. We invite everyone to attend.

LENTEN RETREAT 2025

A three-day formation in English is scheduled for 14 - 16 March 2025, as part of our celebration for the Jubilee Year 2025. The theme for the event is "GRATEFUL FOR GRACE, LIVING GOD'S PROMISE." The formation will be conducted by Mr. Alvin Teoh from Kuala Lumpur. All parishioners are invited to participate in this transformative experience during the Season of Lent. Contact person Sheila (0139351918) or Elaine Lau (0123992228)

BLOOD DONATION CAMPAIGN

The Society of St Vincent de Paul St. Thomas Conference, in collaboration with HTAA, will be organising a blood donation campaign on Sunday, 6 April 2025, from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm at the St. Giles' Room. We encourage everyone to come forward and show our support for the blood campaign. Thank you!

MASS COLLECTION

- 1) Healing Mass Collection on 11 February – RM 551.00
- 2) Mass collection on 15 & 16 February – RM 3,383.00

INSTRUMENTS OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Throughout February, our Parish community has been earnestly praying together for vocations to the priesthood and religious life - asking the Lord to inspire our young men and women to embrace His calling to serve in His vineyard. As we enter the month of March, we focus on another important intention of the Holy Father – supporting families in crisis. Pope Francis encourages us to pray that families can find healing through forgiveness, and learn to appreciate each other's unique gifts, especially in times of challenges. Let's join together in this spirit of prayer and solidarity!

At this moment, Pope Francis is facing some physical challenges. He has been in and out of hospital due to various medical conditions. Recently, he has been struggling with pneumonia, bronchiectasis, and asthmatic bronchitis, which has led to these hospitalisations, and careful medical treatment. Despite these difficult times, his heart remains with those who are suffering. Even when he does not feel his best, he prioritises reaching out to those in need - particularly Catholics in war-torn Gaza, - offering them comfort and support. His enduring spirit and commitment to spreading love - even while confronting his own struggles - inspire us all.

Pope Francis has expressed his feelings about his health challenges, mentioning that he might not "make it this time." His words resonate with our own vulnerabilities, and urge us to rely on God's providence. We must continue to pray fervently for him, and for all those battling illnesses. At the same time, let us not forget to support families struggling to make ends meet, and families seeking reconciliation. May our prayers bring healing, reconciliation and a renewed sense of love and understanding, especially among couples and families impacted by division.

The family is truly the heart of both the Church and our vibrant communities. In times of brokenness, we are called to embrace our role as instruments of Christ's peace, extending warmth and understanding to those around us. We can start by nurturing forgiveness within our own families, listening with open hearts, and offering mercy where it is most needed. Just as Pope Francis shows his care for others even through his own suffering, may we be inspired to reach out, and bring healing into our relationships. Let's stand together, supporting one another with kindness and compassion.

As a Parish, let us unite in prayer for Pope Francis, asking God to grant him strength and healing. God continually calls us to unity - especially within our families - making this a wonderful opportunity for us to respond! As we celebrate this Jubilee Year of Hope, let's take some time to rediscover the beautiful gifts of love, healing and forgiveness. Always remember that hope does not disappoint us!

Rev Fr George Packiasamy (22 February 2025)