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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, 29 MARCH 2025 – SUNDAY, 6 APRIL 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter week IV) - JUBILEE OF THE MISSIONARIES OF MERCY

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| Sat 29 | 5.30 pm | - Novena to OLPH & Benediction |
| | 6.00 pm | - Mass in Tamil / English |
| TKSG | | - Mala Kenneth & family, Joseph Kanawadi & family, |
| | | - Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Jillian Mathews, Pamela Mathews, Jaimie Lee Ren Hui & family, Imanuel family, |
| | | - Mary Magdalene Ng, Deceased members of Daneal's family, Anne Rosa Magdalene Daneal, Catherine Yep, & Grandparents, Dolly Devan, S. Ratnam, Deceased member of Maria Sow Leh Geok, Deceased member of Leong Keng Thong, Joseph Leong Sow Jin, Cyril & Lucy Fernandez, Manuel & Christina Kochappan, Edward & Ramish |
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| SP. INT | | |
| | R.I.P | |
| Sun 30 | 8.00 am | - Rosary |
| | 8.30 am | - Mass for the People in BM/English (2 nd Rite of Scrutiny) |
| | 10.00 am | - Rosary, followed by Mass in Mandarin |
| | TKSG | - Tony Gurdev & family, Mona & family, Rose Wong Mui Heong, Alberto family, Jonathan & Dorcas, Vinxren Yong & family, Margaret Chan & family, Dr. S. Joseph & family, Edwin Mohan & family, Theresa Ko, Annie Cheong & family, Ng Soon Kuan & family, Peter Tan & Regina Kang, Karyn, Rosemary Teng, Cynthia Chung, Bernyce Kong, Catherine Kong & family, Justin Kong & family, Joel & Joanne, Robert Muthukrishnan & family, Rozario & family |
| SP. INT | | - Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Jaimie Lee Ren Hui & family, Teresa Rozario & family, Savarimuthu family, Helen EE, San Marshall Sandasamy & Menaga, |
| | 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, Amy Wong, Mr & Mrs Aloysius Chin Chong Foo, Mary Magdalene Ng, Deceased member of Thomas Thong's family, Isaac Ng, Augustine Ng Aik Huat, George Khoo, Alice & Danny Yong, Souls & Ancestors, Kenneth D'Cruz, Mary Cheok, Mary Fernando, Leonaldus Laju, Anastasia Nely, Edward & Ramish |

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT (Psalter week IV) - HARI RAYA (Public Holiday)

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

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| Mon 31 | SP. INT | - Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Jaimie Lee Ren Hui & family, |
| | R.I.P | - Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, Edward & Ramish |

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT (Psalter week IV) - HARI RAYA (Public Holiday)

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| Tues 1 | 7.45 am | - Lauds (Mornin Prayer) |
| | 8.00 am | - Mass |
| | SP. INT | - Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Jaimie Lee Ren Hui & family, |
| | R.I.P | - Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, Philomena Fernandez, Edward & Ramish |

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT (Psalter week IV)

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| Wed 2 | 6.30 am | - Lauds (Morning Prayer) |
| | 6.45 am | - Mass |
| | TKSG | - Sheila |
| | SP. INT | - Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Jaimie Lee Ren Hui & family, Amie Tan, |
| R.I.P | - Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, Cynthia Chung Seok Fun, Maria Yang Choon May, Edward & Ramish | |

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT (Psalter week IV)

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| Thurs 3 | 6.30 am | - Lauds (Morning Prayer) |
| | 6.45 am | - Mass |
| | SP. INT | - Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Jaimie Lee Ren Hui & family, |
| | R.I.P | - Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, Edward & Ramish |

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT (Psalter week IV)

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| Fri 4 | 7.30 pm | - The Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass (Led by BECCOT) |
| | TKSG | - Plorus & Raymond |
| | SP. INT | - Gabrielle Chew, Martha Lim, Jaimie Lee Ren Hui & family, Special needs children, |
| | R.I.P | - Mary Magdalene Ng, Catherine Yep, Christine Joseph, Michael Joseph, Edward & Ramish |

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter week I)

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| Sat 5 | 5.30 pm | - Novena to OLPH & Benediction |
| | 6.00 pm | - Mass in English |
| Sun 6 | 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 |
| | 5.00 pm | - Rosary, followed by Mass in Tamil |

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE 2025

| DATE | HOLY WEEK | MASS TIME |
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| Saturday, 12 April | Palm Sunday | 6.00 pm - Sunset Mass (Eng/Tamil) |
| Sunday, 13 April | Palm Sunday | 9.00 am - Multi-lingual |
| Holy Thursday, 17 April | Holy Thursday | 7.30 pm - Multi-lingual |
| | Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament | 9.30 pm - 10.00 pm 10.00 pm - 10.30 pm 10.30 pm - 11.00 pm 11.00 pm - 12.00 Midnight |
| Good Friday, 18 April | Way of the Cross Service | 12.00 noon - Eng/Tamil |
| | Way of the Cross Service | 12.45 pm - Eng/Tamil/BM 7.00 pm - Eng/Mand/BM 7.45 pm - Eng/Mand/BM |
| Saturday, 19 April | Easter Vigil | 9.00 pm - Multi-lingual |
| Sunday, 20 April | Easter Sunday | 9.00 am - Eng/BM |

Note: On Palm Sunday, palm leaves will be provided in the church for every family and individual. You are welcome to bring your own palm leaves if you prefer.

HOLY WEEK PLAY

Our Parish Youth will perform a play about passion of Jesus, in corporating with the Jubilee Year message, before the Holy Thursday Mass. We invite all Parishioners to come early and support them at 7.00 pm.

VISITING OF HOMEBOUND BY PARISH PRIEST

During this period of Lent, the Parish Priest would like to visit homebound parishioners who need the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion. Please give their details – name, address, phone number and contact person to the Parish Office soonest possible.

LENTEN FORMATION

1) Mandarin - On Saturday, 5 April 2025, there will be a formation by Rev Fr Anthony Heng, about the Lent Season. The theme is **"TO BECOME PILGRIMS OF HOPE"** and the program is from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. We would like to invite all Mandarin-speaking parishioners to register with the given contacts by 30 March 2025. Lunch will be provided. Contact persons: Clement Lim (012-986 2383), Paul (012-981 6522), Assunta (012-981 3248), and June Thoo (012-900 8381).

2) Tamil - On Sunday, 6 April 2025, the Tamil formation is from 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm in church, followed by Tamil Mass at 5.00 pm. Contact person - Christina Alex (017-920 5820)

BLOOD DONATION CAMPAIGN

The Society of St Vincent de Paul St. Thomas Conference, in collaboration with HTAA, will be organizing a blood donation campaign on Sunday, 6 April 2025, from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. Registration is at the porch in front of PIHDM room. We encourage everyone to come forward and show our support for the blood donation campaign. Thank you!

2nd COLLECTION FOR MIGRANTS AND ITINERANTS

A second collection will be made for Migrants and Itinerants during the weekend masses. Please contribute generously.

GUIDE OUR HEARTS TOWARDS REPENTANCE

As we journey through Lent, we are called to examine our lives, and eliminate anything that hinders our relationship with Christ. Now that we have reached the midpoint of Lent, it is an appropriate time to pause, reflect, and refocus. The Lord reminds us, "Listen to My voice... pay attention to Me..., make corrections, be sincere..." (cf. Jeremiah 7:23-28).

In the busyness of life, distractions - whether excessive screen time, material attachments, unhealthy habits, or toxic relationships - can easily divert us from what truly matters. Let us be mindful and intentional in overcoming these challenges together, renewing our focus on God. Let's try to remain aware and prepared, to tackle these challenges as they arise.

This second-half of Lent is a wonderful time to reflect on the renewal of faith, forgiveness, and a change of heart towards God. Many of us choose to step back from distractions that can hinder our spiritual journey. So, let us take a moment to ask ourselves: have we truly let go of the things that prevent us from connecting with God? If we have strayed from our commitments, let us use this time to reassess our dedication, and strengthen our bond with Him!

Laetare Sunday offers a beautiful reminder that even in the face of challenges, joy is just around the corner, with Easter approaching! As spring revitalises nature, we are encouraged to open our hearts to the joy that comes from celebrating Christ's resurrection. If your Lenten journey has been difficult, don't feel discouraged! Instead, see it as an opportunity to renew your commitment to walk with Christ.

As we continue our Lenten practices of fasting, prayer, and self-discipline - let us listen attentively to the voice of the Lord, and allow Him to guide our hearts toward repentance and deeper spiritual renewal. Let us take this time to show each other sincerity, respect, understanding and mutual support through our prayers and acts of charity that strengthen our faith community.

As March comes to an end, let us reflect once again on the Pope's intention for this month: Families in Crisis. Many families are facing challenges and hardships in today's society. Let us use our spiritual practices - whether through prayer or acts of compassion- as tools to strengthen our relationships, and provide healing to those who need it most. Let's work together to build resilience and unity during these difficult times.

As Easter approaches - bringing with it the joyful promise of renewal and hope - may we grow in faith, refresh our hearts and strengthen our commitment to living in the love of Christ. Let's embrace this special time together!

Rev Fr George Packiasamy
29 March 2025