Today’s Responsorial Psalm is a prayer begging God to save one from one’s enemies. When we have pondered on today’s readings, however, we might well find ourselves asking God to protect us from ourselves.

The readings have something in common with the front pages of our daily newspapers. As we read through the papers we find a painful catalogue of greed, lust for power and brutal selfishness. Thank God, that is only half the story. On the inner pages we find account after account of noble, generous actions by decent people, many of them rich and powerful too. The catalogue of ignoble deeds, however is personal enough to make us look into our own hearts.

By ‘personal’ I mean an account that strikes a recognizable note in myself.

It is staggering to realise that some of Jesus’ closest followers exhibited signs of vauling ambition even after they had seen and heard numerous instances of self effacement of Jesus in his humiliating death and the healing effects of his resurrection to finally set the disciples on a course of a selfless exercise of power.

Truly, there is nothing new under the sun. Truly none of us can point an accusing finger at another. I am one with the disciples. I am one with all those on the front page, power hungry men and women. My devils may be smaller devils, but they can be effective nonetheless.

Jesus, help me to study You in action so that my heart and mind may be one with Yours.
**Notices and Events Announcement**

**Priest on Leave**
Rev. Jeffri Gumu will be on leave from September 21st, 2015 to October 19th, 2015.

**Senior Parishioners Gathering**
The Senior Parishioners gathering will be held this Sunday, September 20th, 2015 after the 9.00am English Mass at the Right Wing of the Parish Centre. Senior parishioners aged 55 and above are welcomed. It is free.

**SHC Parish Bookshop Closure for Re-organisation**
Please be advised that the SHC Parish Bookshop will be closed from (Mon-Sun) September 21st to 27th 2015 for re-organisation. It will be re-opened from Monday, September 28th, 2015. Any inconvenience caused is much regretted.

**Closure of SHC Conference Room**
The SHC Conference Room will be closed for Renovation until end of September.

**Sunday Faith Formation Ministry (SFFM)**

**In-house Registration 2016**
The SHC Sunday Faith Formation Ministry will begin in-house registration for 2016 on September 27th until November 8th, 2015 inside the respective classes. All current students are expected to register within this period to avoid congestion next year when the intake of new students begins in January. Contribution of RM10.00 will be collected from each student. Last day for the in-house registration is on November 8th, 2015. For new students in 2016, registration will begin on January 10th until March 13th, 2016. Thereafter registration for the year 2016 will be closed until the next in-house registration in September 2016.

**Adventures in Matthew: The King & His Kingdom**
The 1st part of the 8-sessions study will begin every Tuesday, from September 29th, 2015 for 8 consecutive weeks at 7.45 p.m. at Room F6, SHPC. The programme includes personal learning, small-group discussion and video presentations. Please register with James: 019-8512095; Monica: 012-8432547; SHOP Office: 224741, 223618. Contribution: RM 30.00 (Registration plus Student Pack). All are welcome.

**Blood Donation Campaign**
SHC Charity Ministry will be co-organizing a blood donation drive on Sunday, September 27th, 2015 from 8.00am to 1.00pm in room G1 at the Parish Centre. Staff from QEH Blood Bank will be on hand to assist in the donation effort.

**Life in the Spirit Seminar (in Mandarin)**
The SHC Chinese Prayer Group will be organizing this seminar from October 1st (starting at 7.00pm), 2nd & 3rd, 2015 at the Church of Mary Immaculate. For details please call Mark Chin 016-8331683. All are welcome.

**Growth In The Spirit Seminar 2015**
Theme: “CHosen” John 15:16 Inviting all parishioners to come take part, be refreshed, encouraged & inspired in our spiritual growth & journey. This is jointly organised by Bethel English Prayer Community and Sacred Heart Young Adults Prayer Group Speaker: Bro Jude Antoine (Catholic Lay Missionary).

**Pre-Marriage Course (PMC)**

**October 8th & 9th, 2015 (Thu-Fri)** B.M. (Regn. deadline is 30/9/15) F7, SHPC @ 5.45pm

**October 10th, 2015 (Sat)** F7, SHPC @ 8.15am - 4.30pm

The follow-up sessions for BM PMC will be held on (Saturdays) October 31st, 2015 & November 21st, 2015. Please register at the Parish Office. Couples are required to submit their birth certificate or identity card, baptism & confirmation certificates and engagement agreement for those who are engaged. Contribution is RM50 per couple (morning tea, booklet etc.).

**Fund Raising in aid of St. Catherine of Laboure Church, Putatan**
The Carnival Bazaar will be held on Sunday, October 4th, 2015 at the SHPC from 7.00am to 4.00pm. Please support the bazaar and help their building fund.

**Symbolon : The Catholic Faith Explained**
Faith formation for the entire Parish, moving faith from your head to your heart.

The above programme opens up the “big picture” of the Catholic faith in a way that helps us know it, live it and articulate it to others. The Parish has subscribed to this programme for the faith formation of all of us. As such we can now access it on-line for free. Filmed in Rome, the Holy Land and Calcutta, Symbolon features Catholic teaching in a dynamic way that engages culturally relevant issues. Symbolon is transforming lives in families at homes as well as youth and adult faith formation in parishes all over the world. Please REGISTER at www.symbolon catholic.org/register. Parishioner Registration/ enter code: 77772e

**Notice from St. Joseph’s Benevolent Fund**
We deeply regret that some UNSCRUPULOUS contractors had collected money from deceased’s next of kin for construction of tombs / tombstones (BUT NO WORK WAS CARRIED OUT). Parishioners are therefore advised to liaise with SJBF Office Tel. 216321 for registered contractors to avoid future disputes.

**Sunday Donations**

**SHC Black Bag (17,621.40), Red Bag (12,754.30); CMI Black Bag (6,267.45), Red Bag (5,202.80).**