Liturgy Of The Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6
Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Next Week’s Reading
All Saints
Psalter III - Year B
1st Reading: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14
Respons. Psalm 23:1-6
2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Event Announcement

Monday
- Alpha Programme 8.00pm, room F7; Legion of Mary (Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium), 7.30pm, room F4.
- Senior Alpha 9.00am-10.30am, room G1.

Wednesday
- Intercessory Prayer Group (SHC) prayer, 8.00pm, SHC Chapel.

Thursday
- Intercessory Ministry (CMI) prayer, 8.00pm, CMI Chapel.

Friday
- English Prayer Group Meeting, 8.00pm, Parish Hall; BM Prayer Group meeting, 7.30pm, room F1; Lifeline “LifeNite”, 7.15pm, room F7; Chinese Prayer Group Meeting, 7.30pm, CMI; Intercessory Prayer Group (English) prayer, 8.00pm, SHC Chapel.

Saturday
- Divine Mercy Devotion, 2.15pm, B1, LGF; SHC Altar Servers meeting (1st & 3rd Sat), 2.30pm, SHC Conference room; Boys & Girls Brigade, 2.30pm-5.30pm, CMI; Kids of the Kingdom class, 6.00pm-7.00pm, St. Francis Kindergarten; Lifeline Life Night, 8.00pm, room F6; Special Ministry for People with Dev. Disabilities, 9.00am-11.00am, room G1.

Sunday
- Faith Formation (English), 7.45am-8.45am, Conference room; Kids of the Kingdom class, 9.00am-10.00am, St. Francis Kindergarten; English Choir, 10.30am, room F1; Young Adults Prayer meeting, 8.00pm, room F6; SHC Ministry to Deaf People class, 10.30am-12.00pm, St. Francis Kindergarten.

Thoughts for Prayer SHALOM

The first reading from Jeremiah is an announcement of the good news of return from exile from Babylon. It emphasizes God’s love for Israel and describes the joy of the returned exiles. The psalm echoes similar sentiments as Israel returns from exile, and expresses the intense joy of being in the holy city. The people must now pray for the divine intervention that will give fertility to the land. There is a promise that the painful labour of sowing will be crowned with life by the Lord who has brought them back.

In the Gospel passage, we read the story of Bartimaeus who cries out to Jesus. The title he gives Jesus, “Son of David”, indicates that he, a blind beggar, actually sees who Jesus is more clearly than the disciples and crowd who have been with him all along! His persistence wins out as Jesus has his disciples call him closer. Bartimaeus responds with great joy and enthusiasm and comes to Jesus. Amazingly, Jesus need not touch Bartimaeus or even say “Your faith has saved you” because Bartimaeus’ cry and actions reveal his deep faith in Jesus as his master. It is such profound trust in Jesus that Mark wants to elicit from us as disciples of Jesus. He offers us the hope and encouraging example of Bartimaeus who followed Jesus on the way. His story must become for us a call to follow Jesus more closely each day. It offers to us the message: You have nothing to fear! Get up! He is calling you!

Lord, help me follow You all the way.

Every human being is valuable to Jesus. There is no one so small that God will not notice. On several occasions, the disciples failed to understand Jesus properly or he has been compassionate far beyond what they expected of him. When the multitude gathered, the disciples wanted them to be sent away but Jesus insisted on feeding them. When mothers brought their children to Jesus to be blessed, the disciples thought Jesus would be too tired but Jesus insisted on interacting with them. Similarly, in today’s Gospel, the crowd wants the blind beggar to be silent but Jesus’ voice rings out in the midst of the bustle and confusion: “Call him!” The crowd failed to understand that Jesus actually wants this poor man to come forward – to the Lord – and that he is not a nuisance or a disturbance but a beloved child of God. Jesus is waiting for the poor to call on his name. To understand Jesus, we must first of all understand that he is filled with compassion and love for those whom society considers undesirable.

Parish Priest: Archbishop John Wong
Assistant Parish Priests: Fr. Jeffi Gumu
Fr. Rhabby Aaron Mogolou
Fr. Abu Madisang
Deacon: Joshua Liew
CAC: Fr. Wilfred Atin
IV & Carmelite Chaplain: Fr. Rayner Biusus
**Notices and Events Announcement**

**First Holy Communion 2015**
Candidates from English / BM Faith Formation will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Saturday, October 24th, 2015 at 6.00pm (Sunset Mass) and Sunday, October 25th, 2015 (Mass in BM) respectively at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

**12.00pm Noon Mass**
The Noon Mass will be at 12.15pm every Friday (1st Friday in BM and subsequent Fridays in English).

**31st Anniversary for Chinese Prayer Meeting Group**
Sacred Heart Cathedral Chinese Prayer Meeting is celebrating their 31st Anniversary on Friday, October 30th, 2015. The Mass for Thanksgiving will be at 8.00pm at the Church of Mary Immaculate. All are welcome to attend this celebration and fellowship dinner with them.

**Mass Intention for All Saints’ & All Souls’ Day**
Parishioners are advised to send in their request for prayers by Tuesday, October 27th, 2015. You may also drop the Mass Intention envelopes into the black bag collection during weekend masses or insert it into the collection box at the SHC Parish Office during office hours.

**Masses for All Saints’ Day (Solemnity)**

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**Masses for All Souls’ Day (Commemoration)**

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The priests will start to bless the cemeteries at Mile 1 1/2, Tuaran Road and Mile 4 1/2, Penampang Road at 7.30am on Monday, November 2nd, 2015. Family members who will be at these cemeteries are requested to assemble near the cemetery’s huts to join the singing and prayers before and after the blessing.

**Note:** All evening activities at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre will be cancelled on Saturday, October 31st, 2015 and November 2nd, 2015.

**Celebrating 60 Years of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena Devotion**
The closing for Month of Rosary & Novena Devotion will be held on Friday, October 30th, 2015 beginning with rosary recitation & novena at 6.30pm, followed by Mass at 7.30pm at the Cathedral. Thereafter there will be a fellowship at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre. Devotees and all who have received favours from the Blessed Mother are encouraged to join in the celebration as a sign of devotion and homage to her.

**Briefing for Leaders**
Reminder for Group Leaders and their committee members, Leaders of Ministries and Communities and their assistants (5 members) are required to attend a Briefing from our Parish Priest on Thursday, November 5th, 2015 at 8.30pm at the Room F7, SHPC. Leaders are also encouraged to join the Vespers and Holy Hour at 7.00pm at the Cathedral, prior to the briefing.

**Advent-Christmas Family Visit (Carolling) 2015**
All caroling groups are requested to organize themselves and start practicing as soon as possible. We encourage more groups to be formed this year. Please confirm your group’s participation to the SHC Parish Office (Johny Chong) at 223618, 282068 & 224741 by November 20th, 2015.

**Infant Baptism**

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Parents, please register your children at the SHC Parish Office during office hours. Bring along original and copies of your Church marriage certificates, child-birth certificates and confirmation certificates of godparent. For information, please call 223618, 224741, 262068.

**Pre-Marriage Course (PMC)**

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The follow-up sessions for English PMC will be held on (Tuesdays) November 3rd, 2015 & December 1st, 2015. Please call the SHC Parish Office for information at 223618, 224741 & 262068.

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For Mandarin PMC, please contact Martina at 712416.

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Immediate vacancy at Catholic Archdiocesan Centre. Candidate to have SPM, computer knowledge and willing to learn. Duties are general administration work and answering phone calls. Please send your resume to dioedukk@gmail.com

**Enrollment for 2016**
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**Funeral Arrangement**
Bereaved families are to contact St. Joseph’s Benevolent Fund Office at tel. 216321 or Thomas Chew at 0109570393 for funeral arrangement / Mass and confirmation before making obituary announcement in our local newspapers.

**Hospital Chaplain**
Parishioners are advised to contact Fr. Tony Mojwat and Fr. Aloysius Fidelis for ministry and spiritual guidance.


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**Donations for PAX Assembly**

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**Mission Sunday Donations (October 17th & 18th, 2015)**

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**St. John, Kopungit**

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