

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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 Mondays & Public Holidays: Closed

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MASSES: 29 December – 5 January 2019

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Feast)

Sat 29 Dec	● 6.30pm Sunset Mass
Sun 30 Dec	● 6.45am, 8.30am, 11.30am & 6pm

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (Solemnity)

Mon 31 Dec	● 8pm ● 10pm (with Diamond Jubilee Launch)
Tue 1 Jan	● 10am (No evening mass)
Wed 2 Jan	Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen (M) ● 6.30am & 6.30pm
Thu 3 Jan	Most Holy Name of Jesus ● 6.30am & 6.30pm
Fri 4 Jan	Weekday of Christmas Season ● 6.30am & 6.30pm (followed by Holy Hour)
Sat 5 Jan	Weekday of Christmas Season EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Solemnity) ● 6.30pm Sunset Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRED HEART DEVOTION will be prayed on 4 January at 6pm; mass at 6.30pm; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm.

SHELTER HOME children will sell their SHELTER 2019 Desktop Calendar this weekend. Each page has an original illustration with an inspirational "Hope" quote. Give the children hope – get your copy and also give someone a beautiful gift. Only RM15.

SPECIAL PARKING RATE of RM3 per entry at Assunta Hospital extended to New Year. ● Mon 31/1: 7pm – 1am ● Tue 1/1: 9am – 12noon ● Usual times: Saturdays 5pm – 8pm, Sundays 6am – 2pm & 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

SPM BIBLE KNOWLEDGE: Students in Forms 1 – 5, and adults interested in Scripture, are urged to join the 2019 BK class on Saturdays from 3.30 – 5.30pm at the Family House. Call Cecilia 017-6242276.

CHARISMATIC Prayer meeting resumes Friday 4 Jan.

SUNDAY GOSPEL READING
The Holy Family, Model for All
 Luke 2:41 – 52

MASSES for NEW YEAR
 Fr. Gregory and Fr. Richard wish all parishioners a blessed New Year 2019.

Solemnity of MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
 Mon. 31/12: 8pm & 10pm
 Tue. 1/1: 10am

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday 31 December & Tuesday 1 January. Reopens Wednesday 2 January 2019.

BAPTISM @ ASSUMPTION

Baptism	Instruction	Form by
Sun Jan 13	Tue Jan 8	Wed Jan 2
Sun Feb 10	Mon Feb 4	Tue Jan 29

MARRIAGE LIFELINE
 If you have left your marriage, if your marriage is tearing both of you apart with little or no meaningful communication, or if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe the **Retrouaille Weekend** could help you if you are both willing to work at repairing your marriage and rebuilding the loving relationship you once had. Live-in Retrouaille Weekend from **Friday 15 to Sunday 17 February 2019**. Call Basil 016-7768274 or Martina 019-2305776 (Archdiocesan Family Life Commission) or email retrouaille@archkl.org. Enquiries will be treated with strict confidentiality.


ROUTINE MASS TIMES

Saturdays: 6.30pm Sunset Mass
Sundays: 6.45am, 8.30am, 11.30am & 6pm
 Tuesdays – Fridays: 6.30am & 6.30pm
Tamil Mass: 4th Sunday at 10am
BM-English Mass: 4th Saturday at 6.30pm

Saturday Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

5.10pm Community Rosary
 5.30pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 5.50pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

WHY THIS MARIAN CELEBRATION?



On 1 January, the worldwide Church celebrates the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**, to highlight the significance of her part in the life of Jesus, and emphasizes that He is both human and divine. Also, we are reminded of the role that Mary played in the plan of our salvation. Christ's Birth was made possible by Mary's fiat: "Be it done unto me according to thy word." There's a beautiful spiritual significance in celebrating Mary in the heart of the Christmas season. Pope Paul VI (1974) called the Solemnity of Mary "a fitting occasion for renewing adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels (cf. Lk 2:14), and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace." – *bustedhalo.com*

COME HOME! WE MISSED YOU! ***




If you have been thinking about becoming more active in Church again after a time away, we want you to join us. **Landings** is a 10-week program that offers a "safe place to land," a place for listening and for being heard, a place for asking questions, and for re-connecting with the Faith as an adult. We begin our first session on Mon. 21 January. Pre-registration required. Call Lawrence 012-3955022 or email landings.assumption@gmail.com

LUKE-ACTS IN 4 WEEKS***



Fr. Gregory will break open the ministry of Jesus and the subsequent ministry of the apostles in his lively and engaging presentation on the **Gospel According to St. Luke & the Acts of the Apostles** at 8pm in Dewan Volle. Next 3 sessions: ♥ this **Saturday 29 Dec:** Crucifixion & Resurrection ♥ **Thursday 3 Jan:** From Ascension to 1st Council of Jerusalem (Acts 1–14) ♥ **Thursday 10 Jan:** Missionary Journeys of Paul (Acts 15–28). *Luke-Acts* will be followed by the Gospel of Matthew (see right).




FROM ANTIQUITY, Mary has been called *Theotokos*, or 'God-Bearer' (Mother of God). In 431 AD, the Church Council of Ephesus declared that the holy virgin Mary is the *Theotokos* (for she gave birth to the Word of God become flesh by birth) to reaffirm the central truth of what occurred in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ: that **Jesus was both divine and human**, with the two natures united in His One Person. This wonderful title *Mary, Mother of God*, also reveals a profound truth about us. We are invited into the very relationship that she had with her Son. **We can become God-bearers** to all those whom we encounter. – www.catholic.org

DIAMOND JUBILEE LAUNCH



The 10pm mass on Monday 31 December will be a quadruple celebration to: ♥ Thank God for a historic 2018 ♥ Welcome New Year 2019 ♥ Celebrate our parish patron Mary as *Mother of God*, and ♥ Launch the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption. Come ... join the quad-cel.

The Diamond Jubilee Celebration (DJC) coincides fittingly with the 2019 Year of Mission (YOM), which the Church in Malaysia will observe and celebrate. The DJC is themed **My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord**, while the YOM is thematically based on Christ's command: **Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel** (Mark 16:15). These two celebrations share a common focus: **Proclamation of the Good News**, which also ties in with the local Church's focus on *Mission & Evangelisation*.



THE YEAR OF MISSION closely relates to ministries of mission concerns, such as

- Inter-Religious Dialogue
- Integral Human Development (which covers Special Needs, Poor, Women's Issues, Specially-Abled, & Catholic Education)
- Mental Health
- Care for the Environment
- Migrants
- Orang Asli
- Prison and
- New Evangelisation.

Some of these mission concerns have our own **parish-based ministries** to undertake relevant pastoral programmes.



COME, FOLLOW ME***

Everything revolves around and returns to Christ. Come and contemplate Jesus Christ, the image of the invisible God, in 6 sessions at Stephen Tsao Hall on **Saturdays 10am to 12noon starting 12 January**. Get the 'big picture' on the Gospel of Matthew, and learn how Jesus invites each of us into a discipling relationship with Him. This free course is open to everyone, especially those who have gone through RCIA. To register, call Ben 016-6345802 or Angeline 012-3895044.