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Weekly Activities

Monday
Alpha Programme 8.00pm, room F7; Legion of Mary (Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium), 7.30pm, room F4.

Tuesday
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 F11; Lifeline “LifeNight”, 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; Lifeteen 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 F7; SHC Ministry to Deaf People class, 10.30am-12.00pm, St. Francis’ Kindergarten.

Next Week’s Reading
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalter Week III - Year C
1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9
Respons. Psalm 32:1.12.18-20.22
2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19

Parish Priest: Archbishop John Wong
Assistant Parish Priests: Fr. Rhobby Aaron Mojolou
Fr. Maximilliano Benhor Hontor
Fr. Joshua Liew
CAC: Fr. Wilfred Atilin
IY & Carmelite Chaplain: Fr. Rayner Bisius

Jesus does not take sides against the two brothers who discussed their inheritance; he simply responds with the parable of the satisfied rich. First, we find the proud statement of the rich: you have wealth … lie down, eat, drink; he thinks only of consuming, of having material stuff. But then in the secret of his conscience the divine voice is heard: You fool, this night your life will be taken away and who knows when? A surprising accident? A disease? The fragility that beckons vain dreams? Do we not know. Jesus, however, warns against idolatry and invites everyone to become aware of the transience of life.

Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish
http://www.sacredheartcathedralhk.org/

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL (SHC)
Saturday
Confession (Chapel) : 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Rosary (English) : 4.40pm
Novenas (English) : 5.05pm
Mass (English) : 6.00pm
Sunday
Chapel will be opened from 6.00am – 10.00pm
Mass (Mandarin) : 7.00am
Mass (English) : 9.00am
Mass (Bahasa Malaysia) : 10.35am
Holy Hour (Mandarin) : 8.00pm - 9pm

(Interpreted mass in Sign Language)
Mass (Mandarin) : 10.45am
Holy Hour (Mandarin) : 8.00pm - 9pm

MONDAY – SATURDAY (Chapel)
Chapel will be opened from 5.00am – 10.00pm
Mass (Mandarin) : 7.00am
Mass (English) : 9.00am

THURSDAY (Cathedral)
Vesperps & Holy Hour : 7.00pm - 8.30pm

CHURCH OF MARY IMMACULATE (CMI)
Saturday
Rosary (Mandarin) : 4.00pm
Novenas (Mandarin) : 4.30pm
Mass (Mandarin) : 6.00pm

Sunday
Rosary (English) : 8.15am
Mass (English) : 9.00am
Mass (Korean) : 11.00am

Ministry for People with Dev. Disabilities
Class, 6.00pm-7.00pm, St. Francis Kindergarten;
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Notice & Events Announcement

Sacred Ordination
Deacon Robin Lomangkok (from the Redemptorist Order based in Singapore) will be ordained in the Church of Stella Maris, Tg. Aru on Monday, August 1st, 2016 at 6:30pm, followed by dinner at the Parish Hall.

SHC Parish Bazaar
The Parish Fund Raising Bazaar will be held this Sunday, July 31st, 2016, from 7.00am to 2.00pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. The highlight of the Bazaar will be the Song Requests. Parishioners are encouraged to actively participate in this item. Do come and participate for a day of food and fun for the whole family! Coupons will also be sold during the bazaar.

Weekly Vespers and Holy Hour
The weekly evening prayers and Holy Hour at SHC will be held every Thursday from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. The Vespers and Holy Hour next week, August 4th, 2016 will be facilitated by SHC Youth Ministry (Aline Lim). All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Eucharistic Adoration for Children
Parents please note that the next Eucharistic Adoration for children will be on Friday, August 12th, 2016 at 8.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Men Faith Formation
Theme: “Leading Men to be a Witness of God’s Love, and of the Transformation that Takes Place within their Hearts because of His Mercy”
This will be held at Stella Maris Parish Hall, Tg. Aru on Saturday, August 6th, 2016 from 8.00am to 5.30pm. Speakers are Brother Thomas Chia (a religious Brother of Mercy) and Derek Chong. Contribution at RM15.00 per person inclusive of lunch and light refreshment. Please register with Ben Wong 010-7977733, Dominic Chong 019-8516599, Teresa Alberto 019-8516599.

Divine Mercy Devotion

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Life in the Spirit Seminar
No Longer Bound by the Chains of Sins (Romans 7:6)
Do you desire to live a victorious life in the Spirit? COME and be blessed and EMPOWERED by the HOLY SPIRIT!

Date: August 18th to 21st, 2016, Thu-Sun
(Programme will start at 7.30pm on August 18th, 2016)
Venue: SHPC, Room F7
Contribution at RM15.00 per person. Child care service available. For inquiries, please call LJCCC Office 010-9330466, Lucia 012-8027255 or SHC Parish Office 223618, 224741, 262068.

Infant Baptism

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Parents, please register your child at the SHC Parish Office during office hours. Bring along original and copies of your Church marriage certificate, child’s birth certificate and Godparent’s confirmation certificate & Church marriage certificate (for those who are married). For information, please call 223618, 224741, 262068.

Prodigal Son Retreat
The Prodigal Son Retreat has had well over 10 years of history. Led by a team consisting of Dr. Jeffrey Goh and wife Angie. The two-day retreat is based on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Intended to be a true “retreat”, apart from talks and Masses, time is provided for personal prayer and counseling, celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and para-liturgy. It is open to all Catholics in and around Kota Kinabalu.

Do Not Smoke In Church Premises
SMOKING IS PROHIBITED at all times when you are in the Church premises. Please help to remind anyone you see smoking that this is a NO SMOKING zone. Thank you.

Catholic Family Life Service Centre
Call 013-8612088 for a counselling appointment.

Hospital Chaplains

Sunday Donations (July 16th & 23rd, 2016) (in RM)
SHC Black Bag (17,270.50), Red Bag (13,202.25), CMI Black Bag (5,834.55), Red Bag (4,840.35).

Notice from SJBF
The 30th Annual General Meeting of the St. Joseph’s Benevolent Fund will be held on Sunday, August 21st, 2016 at 1.30pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre. Members may collect the annual reports and financial statements from SJBF Office during office hour. Please come with your name tag.

SHC Environmental Education Fund
Thank you for your continued support by sending recyclable items (old newspapers/ magazines/ cardboard, mixed paper) to the ‘Green Hut’ at SHPC basement. The sale of the recyclable items will be utilized to help needy catholic students (kindergarten to secondary school). For those in need of financial assistance, kindly contact Catherine or Martina at 088-723973.

Parking at the Parish Centre (SHPC)
Parishioners are reminded NOT to park their vehicles along the through-road at the back of the Parish Centre during Sunday masses and other events. It is causing a traffic jam as vehicles could barely pass through this road to exit from the complex. Please consider using your fellow Church members.

Presentation of Gifts
Families are encouraged to take part in the Presentation of Gifts during weekend masses. Those interested can contact Jenny Tsen 0168336264 or SHC Parish Office 224741, 262068.

Venue: St. Simon Catholic Church, Likas
Date/Time: 12/8/16 (Fri), 7.00am to 7.30pm
13/8/16 (Sat), 7.00am to 3.00pm
Contribution at RM100.00(inclusive of meals & teas). First come, first served! For information, please call St. Simon Catholic Church at 212713.