The light of Yahweh pervades nature and is available to all people, irrespective of all human considerations. All who search will find its rays in people, in the stream among the woods, in the breeze. Those who are adamant and close their eyes will never see the light. The wise men, though not members of the chosen people, read the signs of nature, received the message of God and found the Son of God – the most sublime revelation of God. Herod and the Jewish leaders never found Jesus, though the latter got the opportunity to interact with him. God dispels the darkness in every life. But, alas, nobody can save those who are determined to live in darkness.

Matthew's story of the Magi is a magnificent pedagogical instrument. His dramatization of the quest of Gentiles for a Saviour born of Israel is one of the best remembered and most beloved stories in the New Testament. In some countries, children do not receive gifts on Christmas Day but on the Feast of the Epiphany, associating the gifts with the Magi’s gifts.

The Magi’s gifts reveal to us who Jesus is: king, God and Messiah. For us, these gifts signify the spiritual poverty, greater love and sincere obedience to which the spirit of the Gospel invites us as we strive to follow Jesus as Christ the King, Son of God and Saviour. The Gospel invites us to poverty of Spirit, signified in the offering of gold, all our material possessions, which must always be used in a just way. The Gospel reveals a new commandment of love, to love as Jesus loved us. This love is signified by the Magi’s incense for incense is burned in worship, and fire is a great symbol of love. Myrrh signifies the greater sacrifice, more love and sincere obedience to which the Gospel calls us. Jesus fulfilled his mission as the anointed one by being obedient unto death.

Lord Jesus, may we always live sincerely according to the spirit of the Gospel, poor, loving and obedient like you.
**Weekly Vespers and Holy Hour**
The Weekly Vespers and Holy Hour (7.00pm-8.30pm) will resume on January 12th, 2017 and facilitated by SHC Parish Pastoral Council (Jason Joeno). All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

**Eucharistic Adoration for Children**
Parents please note that the next Eucharistic Adoration for children will be on Friday, January 13th, 2017 at 8.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**Adventures in Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom**
The 2nd part (10-sessions) of this 20-Week Bible study on DVD by Jeff Cavins will begin every Tuesday, from January 10th, 2017 for 10 consecutive weeks at 7.45 p.m., SHPC Room F6. The programme includes home preparation, small group discussion, video presentation & review of responses. Please register with Monica 012-8432547, Helen 016-8391449; SHC Parish Office 224741, 223618. Contribution: RM30.00 (Registration plus Student Pack). All are welcome!!!

**No Morning Masses**
There will be NO morning Masses from January 17th to 18th, 2017 (Tues-Wed) at the SHC Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All Priests will be attending the Clergy Meeting at Keningau.

**Vocation Seminar 2017**
If you want to discover more about the Diocesan Priesthood or feel you are called by God to be a Diocesan Priest come to this Seminar which is to be held from January 13th to 15th, 2017 (Fri - Sun) at the Bundu Tuhan Retreat Centre. Working young men, 18 years and above, with SPM/STPM are cordially invited. Pick up a registration form during office hours from your respective Parish Office and return the completed form to Fr. Wilfred Atin at Tel: 088-712297/ 715017 or Fr. Rayner Bisuis 088-236102 or your Parish Priests together with copies of your identity card.

**Sunday Faith Formation Ministry (English) Class**
Classes will resume next Sunday, January 15th, 2017 and current students are advised to bring the In-House Registration form and proceed to the respective classroom indicated in the form. For new students in 2017, registration will begin on the same day i.e. January 15th, 2017 at the lobby of SHPC. Last day of registration for 2017 is on March 26th, 2017. Thereafter, registration for the year 2017 will be closed until the next in-house registration in September 2017.

**Senior Parishioners Gathering**
The Senior Parishioners gathering (for celebration of Christmas and New Year) will be held on Sunday, January 15th, 2017 at 9.00am English Mass at the Right Wing of the Parish Centre. Senior parishioners aged 55 and above are welcome. It is free.

**Infant Baptism**

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<td>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 &amp; Church marriage certificate (for those who are married). For information, please call 223618, 224741, 262068.</td>
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**Devotion to the Holy Spirit**
Organised by Light of Jesus Christ Covenant Community.

**Kids of the Kingdom Children Class**
Classes will start on January 14th & 15th, 2017 (every Saturday, 6.00pm to 7.00pm, and Sunday, 9.00am to 10.00am) for children aged 4-7. Parents can register at the St. Francis’ Kindergarten. Programmes: Prayers / Bible stories - craft colouring / song / fellowship. Parishioners are encouraged to attend.

**Sacrament of Marriage**
Couples who wish to get married either at the Sacred Heart Cathedral or Church of Mary Immaculate, Bukit Padang are required to meet with the Parish Priest at the SHC Parish Office at least 4 months prior to the proposed date of marriage. Couples please take note that the date of marriage can only be decided at the Pre-nuptial Interview with the Parish Priest and NOT before.

You are also advised to refer to the Parish Priest before making arrangement for Wedding Reception, Bridal Attire, Choir etc. in preparation for a Church Wedding.

**Pre-Marriage Course**
Please note that the Pre-Marriage Course has been rescheduled to Feb 23rd-25th, 2017 (instead of Feb 16th-18th, 2017 as announced last weekend). Registration at the SHC 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 at RM50.00 (morning tea, booklet etc.).

**Special Ministry for People with Developmental Disabilities**
The Ministry is inviting parishioners to come and serve the Lord through our “special children” in our midst. The Ministry meets every Saturday from 9.00am to 11.00am in Room G1, SHPC. For any inquiry please contact Sr. Genevieve Nicholas 019-8025618.

**Parish Calendar 2017**
Parish Groups / Communities / Ministries etc., please submit your activity itineraries for the calendar year 2017 to the SHC Parish Office. Deadline: January 31st, 2017.

**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 223618, 224741, 262068.

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

**Activities at the Parish Centre**
All Church communities and groups using the room facilities at the Parish Centre are reminded once again to wrap up and close their activities by 10.30pm. Please note that NO FOOD is allowed in the rooms. Thank you for your kind attention and cooperation.

**Hospital Chaplains**

**Sunday Donations**
(December 31st, 2016 & January 1st, 2017) (in RM)
SHC Black Bag (15,751.55), Red Bag (11,750.20); CMI Black Bag (6,748.00), Red Bag (5,326.10).