Liturgy of The Word

First Reading : Isaiah 11:1-10

Respensorial Psalm : In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

Second Reading : Romans 15:4-9

Gospel : Matthew 3:1-12

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Lord, this Advent help me let go of what is unhealthy or sinful. I desire to draw closer to You. I desire Your peace.

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The word of John the Baptist resounds in the desert. His proclamation anticipates Christ. John is the prophet, the precursor, speaking on behalf of God. His message is twofold. First, he reminds that God has chosen to build a kingdom of justice, truth and love; then invites all to conversion, to return the heart to God’s plan which Jesus came to do. The prophetic voice of the Baptist is vehement; it wants to awaken the sleeping consciences and lukewarm and corrupted spirits. It is a voice that must also be heard in a distracted and superficial world of ours today.

Parish Priest: Archbishop John Wong
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Fr. Maxmilliano Benhir Horntor
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Fr. Joshua Lew
CAC: Fr. Wilfred Atin

Thoughts for prayers SHALOM

Do you desire peace in your place of work or in your family? Today we hear that Jesus is coming to bring us deep peace. It is a peace that allows people to “live in harmony with one another” (Rom. 15:5). Instead of struggling in conflict as predator and prey, “the wolf shall live with the lamb” (Is.11:6). Only Jesus, the Prince of Peace, can bring about such harmony.

Amazingly, Jesus invites us to work with him to usher his peace into the world. How? John the Baptist calls us to repent. The Greek word for repentance is metanoia. It involves letting go of something that draws us away from God, such as a behavior that is self-centered or in some way sinful. More positively, repentance involves turning toward God in daily life, for example, by serving others, forgiving someone or reflecting upon Scripture.

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**Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary**
The 11th anniversary of Rev. Wilfreid Atin’s Sacerdotal Ordination will be celebrated this Saturday, December 3rd, 2016. Let us pray for God’s choicest blessings on him.

**SHC Recycling Collection Team (RCC)**
Parishioners, please note that there is a newly authorised team to collect and distribute the recycled items donated, with immediate effect. The Parish wishes to record a word of thanks to Fr. Felix Chung, Patrick Ho and his team that has taken care of the recycled items donated previously.

**Weekly Vespers and Holy Hour**
The Vespers and Holy Hour next week, December 8th, 2016, will be facilitated by Parish Family Pastoral Network. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

**Advent-Christmas Family Visit (Carolling) 2016**
Date: December 5th to 16th, 2016
Carolling starts on December 5th to 16th, 2016. Please welcome these carollers into your homes. For information, please contact the SHC Parish Office.

**Pre-Christmas Garage Sale**
The Pre-Christmas Garage Sale is organised by the Light of Jesus Christ Covenant Community in aid of the poor this Sunday, December 4th, 2016 at the Left Wing of the SHPC from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Kitchen appliances, glasses, mugs, plates, electrical items, furniture, sports items, books, new & used clothing, shoes, bags, potted plants of all kinds, toys, fresh vegetables & fruits etc. will be on sale... All are welcome.

**Eucharistic Adoration for Children**
Parents please note that the next Eucharistic Adoration for children will be on Friday, December 9th, 2016 at 8.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**2016 Divine Mercy Devotion Seminar**
This seminar will be held on Saturday, December 10th, 2016 from 8.00am to 4.00pm at the Church of Mary Immaculate, Bukit Padang. Registration forms can be obtained from SHC Parish Office during office hours. Closing date: 6/12/16. For information please call Jenny 016-8035802, Rosie 016-6870398 & Cherry 016-8103155.

**Recyclable Items**
Sales of recyclable items collected at the Parish Centre basement bins for November 2016 amounted to RM 641.10.

**SHC Children Christmas Party 2016**
Children Christmas Party is open for registration for children aged 4 to 12 years old. This will be held on Sunday, December 18th, 2016 at 2.00pm at the SHPC hall. There will be registration at the Cathedral entrance from this weekend onwards. Registration forms are available at the SHC Parish Office during office hours. For details please call Marcus 016-8276375, Phyllina 014-6795833, Jane 016-8323710, Lucy 016-3312569.

**CMI Children Christmas Party**
**Date/Time:** December 18th, 2016 at 10.30am
**Venue:** CMI canteen, Bukit Padang
**Activities:** Appearance of Mr. Chubby Clown, Santa Claus/Santa Rina, performances by parents/children, games, gifts presentation
**Registration:** November 27th, 2016 to December 16th, 2016 (at the entrance of CMI after the morning Mass)

**SHC Christmas Carols by Candlelight**
"O Come Let Us Adore HIM"
The Parish Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, December 18th, 2016 at 7.00pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre.

**Archbishop Christmas Open House 2016**
Our Archbishop will be having an open house at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre on Christmas Day, December 25th, 2016 (Sunday) from 2.30pm to 5.00pm. Let us celebrate Christmas with our Archbishop and other well-wishers and visitors.

**Rev. Cosmas Lee’s 40th Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary Dinner**
The SHC Parish Pastoral Council is organizing a Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday, December 27th, 2016 at 6.00pm at the Putera Theatre Ballroom, Bukit Padang. Ticket at RM60.00 per person is available from SHC Parish Office during office hours.

**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.

**Holy Family, Telipok**
Advent Penitential Service 2016 (Year A) with Sacrament of Confession

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**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 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 TPM/STM and unmarried are cordially invited. Pick up a registration form during office hours from your respective Parish Office and return the completed form to Fr. Wilfreid Atin at Tel: 088-712297/715017 or Fr. Raymer Bisius 088-236102 or your Parish Priests together with copies of your identity card.

**St. Joseph’s Benevolent Fund (SJBF)**
Annual Mutual Aid Fee in Arrears
SJBF Committee would like to remind all SJBF members to pay up their Annual Mutual Aid Fee in arrears on or before December 30th, 2016 to avoid action to be taken under the Rules and Regulations of St. Joseph’s Benevolent Fund. Please contact SJBF Office 216321.

**Peter Pence Donations**
(November 26th & 27th, 2016) (in RM)
SHC Black Bag (19,832.70), Red Bag (14,701.30); CMI Black Bag (7,577.75), Red Bag (6,253.00).