

## NOTICES & EVENTS

### BANNIS

#### Proposed Members of

#### New Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) 2023-2026

The following persons have been proposed to be members of the new PPC:

*Aloysius Tsen, Anne Wong, Arthur Wong, Daniel Teh, David Funk, Eugene Ng, Joseph Leong, Joshua Lin, Godfrey Moey, Irene Liew, Teresa Ham & Vincent Wong.*

Any parishioner who has serious reason that any of these 12 persons should not be in the PPC, please contact the Rector or his Assistant directly by Thursday, 11 May 2023.

#### Schedule on Nomination and Selection of Members for New Parish Pastoral Council (2023 - 2026)

- Sunday 16/4/23:** Announcement **PPC Selection Committee and Dissolution of current PPC**, brief catechesis on the role and function of the PPC at all Masses.
- Sunday 23/4/23:** **Reminder** to parishioners to prepare for nomination.
- Sunday 30/4/23:** **Nomination by all parishioners at both Masses.**
- ALL who are 18 years old and above present at the 8.30 and 11.30 Masses are eligible to nominate.
  - Distribution and filling of nomination forms will be done immediately after Mass in the church.
  - Each parishioner is to nominate and write down a maximum of 2 names of persons he/she considers most suitable to be in the PPC.
  - Please start thinking and discerning on your choice of candidates, and have their mobile phone contacts.
  - Bring a pen/pencil.
  - Place completed forms into nomination boxes at the main entrance of church as parishioners depart from church.
  - After the second Mass, the parish priests and the Selection Committee will meet to count the nominations, and begin the process of selecting a list of suitable candidates. Once the list of 12 candidates is finalized, the priests will approach and seek the consent of the selected candidates.
- Friday 12/5/23:** **Catechesis for all candidates** who have consented to be members of the PPC.  
**8.00pm**
- Sunday 14/5/23:** **Commissioning** of new PPC at 8.30am Mass
- Wednesday 17/5/23:** **First Meeting of new PPC and election of office bearers.** Names of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer will be announced on the following Sunday 21 May 2023.  
**8.00pm**



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**Rector** Rev Fr Cosmas Lee

**Assistant** Rev Fr Rhobby Mojolou

**Priest**

**Sunday Mass:** 8.30am & 11.30am

**Daily Mass:** 6.30pm

**Saturday:** 7.00am

**Chapel Open:** 9am to 6pm (Mon-Fri)  
9am to 12pm (Sat)  
Closed on Sunday

**Holy Hour:** Every Thursday 7.30pm  
Followed by Mass at 8.30pm

**Weekly Intercessory Prayer:** Every Tuesday after weekday Mass

#### SAINTS & FEAST DAYS

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| 10 May | Saint John De Avila, priest & doctor   |
| 12 May | SS. Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs<br>Saint Pancras, martyr   |
| 14 May | Saint Matthias the Apostle   |
| 18 May | Saint John I, Pope & martyr<br>Ascension of the Lord   |
| 20 May | Saint Bernardine of Siena, priest  |
| 21 May | Saint Christopher Magallanes, & companions, martyrs<br>World Social Communications Sunday<br>Collection for Media Apostolate |
| 22 May | Saint Rita of Cascia, religious  |
| 25 May | Saint Bede the Venerable, priest & doctor<br>Saint Gregory VII, pope<br>Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin                |
| 26 May | Saint Philip Neri, priest  |

#### 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 7 MAY 2023

**R1:** Acts 6:1-7 **R2:** Peter 2:4-9

**Res Psalm:** May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

**Gospel:** John 14: 1-12

#### 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 14 MAY 2023

**R1:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 **R2:** Peter 3:15-18

**Res Psalm:** Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

**Gospel:** John 14:15-21

#### ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 17 MAY 2023

**R1:** Acts 1:1-11 **R2:** Ephesians 1:17-23

**Res Psalm:** God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

**Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20

#### PARISH DONATIONS

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| 23 April | Black | RM4,895.30 |
|          | Red   | RM3,737.80 |
| 30 April | Black | RM5,242.80 |
|          | Red   | RM4,398.50 |

*Thank you for your generosity and May God bless you.*



## Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life

Today's Gospel focuses on Jesus who was speaking to his troubled disciples at the Last Supper on the eve of his crucifixion. He tells them of his imminent departure and asks them not to be afraid saying,

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me."* He told them he will return to take them with him.

He said, *"I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me, so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going."*

The disciples at this point do not understand and Thomas asks him, *"Lord we do not know where you are going so how can we know the way?"*

Jesus replies him with these words, *"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him."* Jesus is equating himself with the Father saying that *"I am in the Father and the*

*Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason."*

The question Thomas asked is still a valid question today for many of us. Even though Jesus has promised to take us to be with him, we may not know where he is going and we can get lost along the way. Jesus said, I am the Way. To find the way, a person has to look at the person guiding the way as an example - how he lives his life through his words, actions, his interaction with those around him. Only then we can learn to be like him and follow his path. Jesus lived a life of gentleness, humility, love and compassion for all especially the sick, poor and needy. Over all he preached forgiveness -he forgave sinners, he forgave all those who repented for their sins and he forgave those who crucified him.

In our human weakness, we can follow the way of Jesus only through constant prayer, the Holy Spirit dwelling within us and the Eucharist which nourishes and sustains us. Through prayer on the deepest level and by devotion to the Word of God, we can hear God speaking to us in our hearts.

Jesus said he is the Truth. Because he is the Son of God, Jesus reveals the Father to us, and all things he taught are the true revelations of God the Father. And the truths when followed will lead to eternal Life because through Jesus, we have become sharers in that divine life.

*"...The wise of this world realize that God is eternal life and knowable truth; but the Word of God, who is Truth and Life joined to the Father, has become the Way by taking a human nature. Make your way contemplating his humility and you will reach God" (St Augustine)*

Before he departed, Jesus declared,

*"I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father."*

This implies that Jesus' work on earth is not completed, that he expects much more to be done by those who believe in him. By following Jesus the Way, believers will be empowered to carry on his mission of building his Kingdom on earth. Whether through miracles or signs using charismatic gifts of the Spirit, for most of us it will be through our daily living, walking in the footsteps of Jesus proclaiming the Good News- serving others with gentleness, humility, love and compassion and offering forgiveness to those who hurt or wronged us.

The First Reading today from Acts of the Apostles shows the beginnings of ministries within the early believers, with division of labour according to their charisms. All were chosen for their faith, wisdom and being filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Second Reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of Peter shows how each of us is called to be a living stone in God's Holy Temple, with Christ as the cornerstone.

*"We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."*

### NOTICES & EVENTS

#### Priest's Meeting

Please be informed that there will be NO MASSES on 8 - 10 May 2023 since all priests will be in Bundu Tuhan for a meeting.

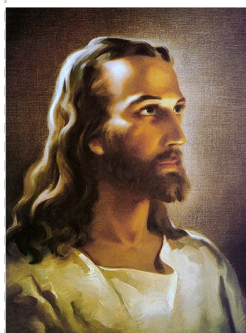
#### Come Join The Boys' Brigade

Inviting Boys age 9 until 14 to join our weekly Saturday Christ-centred and fun program.  
Day: every Saturday afternoon  
Time: 2pm-6pm  
Venue: St Simon Parish Hall  
Recommended attire: sportswear, sports shoes & bring water bottle  
Junior Section: for Boys age 9-12.  
Senior Section: for Boys age 13-19

For more information please contact Godfrey Moey, 019-224 9432.

#### Ascension of the Lord

Mass on 17 May 2023 at 7.30pm.  
Please take note that this is a **DAY OF OBLIGATION**.



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