

SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF COMMUNION PARTICIPATION AND MISSION (MATTHEW 5: 13-16).

#### **MONTHLY FOCUS**

A SHARED MISSION TOWARDS A SYNODAL CHURCH

## Are We Still "Blind"?

ver the past few Sundays, the gospel passages have been describing the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem. Along the way, Jesus has been predicting to his disciples that he will undergo his passion and death. However, they did not comprehend what he was trying to say to them. In other words, they were still "blind" as to who Jesus is and as to the actual purpose of his mission.

"A synodal church is a listening church, aware that listening is more than hearing. It is a reciprocal listening in which each one has something to learn."

**Pope Francis** 





#### **SCRIPTURE** of the DAY

Jeremiah 31: 7-9

Psalm 125: 1-6

Hebrews 5: 1-6

Mark 10: 46-52

INTERNAL CIRCULATION ONLY

As Jesus continues the journey, a large crowd follows him and his disciples. Leaving Jericho, they pass a blind man, a beggar, named Bartimaeus. On discovering that Jesus is passing by, he cries out to Jesus to have pity on him, that is, to heal him. He calls Jesus, "Son of David", a messianic title, indicating that Jesus is the Davidic king, the heir of the promise made to King David (2 Sam. 7: 12-16).

Although some people tried to prevent Bartimaeus from attributing the title "Son of David" to Jesus, the blind man is persistent. To him, Jesus is his Master. He has such profound trust in Jesus, and this is what draws Jesus' attention. As a result, Jesus has his disciples bring Bartimaeus closer to him.

In healing him, Jesus did not touch Bartimaeus or say, "Your faith has saved you". It is because of Bartimaeus' deep faith in Jesus. On receiving his sight, Bartimaeus immediately follows Jesus "on the way". Bartimaeus, therefore, is presented as a model of faith to us. He shows us that it is only by faith and complete trust in Jesus can a person "see" Jesus.

How about us? Are we like the disciples thinking that we know Jesus? After all, we have been Christians for a long time. Or we would honestly admit that we are "blind", that is, still unable to "see" who Jesus is in our lives?

The gospel passage today reminds us that like Bartimaeus, we have to keep calling out to Jesus: "Son of David, have mercy on me" again and again in faith and with total trust in order that we may draw closer to him. We do this so that he may open our eyes and help us to truly "see" him, and in doing so, as his disciple, are ready to follow him all the way. •

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**2024 THEME** OCTOBER

#### SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION A SHARED MISSION TOWARDS A SYNODAL CHURCH

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH	
Oct 27 (Sun)  Jer 31:7-9  Heb 5:1-6	7.30 am 8.00 am	ROSARY followed by MASS (M)	30 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) No Livestream	
Mk 10:46-52	10.00 am 10.30 am	ROSARY followed by MASS (E)	Livestream	
Oct 28 (Mon)	6.40 am	Lauds Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles, Feast		
	7.00 am	MASS (E)	No Livestream	
Oct 29 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	No Livestream	
Oct 30 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	No Livestream	
Oct 31 (Thu)	8.00 pm	ROSARY	ALL SAINTS, SOLEMNITY (VIGIL)	
	6.00 piii	followed by MASS (E)	No Livestream	
Nov 01 (Fri)	7.00 am 12.00 noon 8.00 pm	MASS (E) MASS (E) MASS (ETM)	ALL SAINTS, SOLEMNITY (HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION) No Livestream No Livestream Livestream	
Nov 02 (Sat)	7.00 am	MASS (E)	ALL SOULS' DAY Livestream	
	5.30 pm	Novena to OMPH	31 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)	
	6.00 pm	followed by MASS (E)	Livestream	
Nov 03 (Sun)				
Deut 6:2-6	8.00 am	MASS (M)	No Livestream	
Heb 7:23-28	10.30 am	MASS (E)	Livestream	
Mk 12:28-34				
E = English M = Mandarin T = Tamil BM = Bahasa Malaysia				

#### PLANS FOR UPCOMING MONTHS (Inclusivity, Care & Unity)

October - Month of Unity

November - Month of Inclusivity, Care & Unity

#### **PARISH NEWS**

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Offerings of Mass Intentions, financial giving of monthly tithing, love offerings or donations to the Parish can be made through online transfers to the following designated bank account:-

Online Payment for	Donations	Tithes	Sharing Hope Project
	Mass Offering		Outreach Projects
	Hall Booking		
	Wake Room Booking		
Bank	Public Bank Berhad	RHB Bank Berhad	RHB Bank Berhad
Account Number	309 3049812	20708 2000 39510	20708 2000 39928
Account Name	Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	Cathedral CHS

Email Bank-in-Slip to admin@holyspiritcathedral.com

Our Collection on 19 & 20 October 2024: RM 10.860.00

"God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Cor. 9:7

#### 1. MASS TIMES FOR ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS' DAY

31 October 2024 (Thursday)

Rosary followed by Vigil Mass for All Saints (English) 8.00 pm

01 November 2024 (Friday) | All Saints (Holyday of Obligation)

02 November 2024 (Saturday) | All Souls' Day

7.00 am Mass (English)

7.00 am Mass (English) 12.00 noon Mass (English)

8.00 pm Mass (English/Tamil/Mandarin)

#### BLESSING OF GRAVES ON ALL SOULS' DAY: 02 NOVEMBER 2024 (SATURDAY)

7.45 am Kelawei Road Cemetery 9.30 am Western Road Cemetery 3.00 pm Balik Pulau Cemetery

#### ALTAR SERVERS INSTALLATION 2024 | 03 NOVEMBER 2024

03 November 2024 (Sunday)

Time: 10.30 am

Since their journey towards becoming Altar Servers in March 2024, our newest batch of Altar Servers are finally ready for their long-awaited Altar Servers Installation. They will be presented with a special blessing by our Parish Priest, as well as their very own Altar Servers Cross. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this glorious event.

#### 4. INSTALLATION OF NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)

It has been 3 years since our last installation of EMHC and we are in the midst of reviewing the new candidates. Additional EMHC are needed due to increasing pastoral needs to care for the elderly. Kindly keep us in prayer as we go thru the discernment and selection process.

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#### WESTERN ROAD CEMETERY VISIT | 03 NOVEMBER 2024

In conjunction with the month of ICU and All Souls' Day, CHS is organizing a visit to the Western Road Cemetery on Sunday, 03 November 2024. During this visit, we will light a candle and say a prayer for the souls of unattended graves. We will gather in CHS compound at 3pm on 03 November 2024, after which we will carpool to the Western Road cemetery. The whole prayer session is expected to finish by 7pm.

In order to determine the headcount and arrangement of transportation, kindly scan the following OR code or browse the following link for registration:- https://tinyurl.com/chs-3nov2024

Let us all come together as a community to pray for the departed souls, especially those whose graves are unattended, in the hope that they will be granted indulgence, that is the remission of temporal punishment (c.f. Code of Canon Law No. 992-994, Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 1471).

#### Note:

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to any of the faithful who:-

- 1) on one of the days from 01 to 08 November visit devoutly a cemetery or who simply pray mentally
- on All Souls' Day (or else with the permission of the Ordinary, on the Sunday that precedes or follows, or else on All Saints' Day) visit a church or chapel with devotion and there recite the Our Father and the Creed.

A partial indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to any of the faithful who:-

- visit devoutly a cemetery or who simply pray mentally for the dead;
- recite devoutly the Lauds or Vespers of the Office of the Dead, or the invocation of Eternal rest grant..... (requiem aeternam dona...) (Manual of Indulgences, edition of 1999, concession 29).

#### 6. **GLOWING EMBERS: AN EVENING OF FLOWERS AND FRILL AND BOW TIES**

Date: 17 November 2024 (Sunday)

Time: 3-6 pm

Venue: Dewan Holy Spirit Entry fee: RM30 donation

Tickets available after weekend Masses and can also be bought from Parish Office

#### **CANTORS FOR LAUDS AND VESPERS**

We are looking for cantors to help sing for Lauds or Vespers before the daily Masses. If you are able to help with the singing, please contact Dcn Andrew at our parish office.

#### PENANG ISLAND ADVENT CONFESSIONS 2024

Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, Jalan Macalister

03 Dec (Tue), 10 am and 8 pm

#### Church of Immaculate Conception, Pulau Tikus

09 Dec (Mon), 10 am and 8 pm

#### Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Island Park

10 Dec (Tue), 10 am and 8 pm

#### Church of the Risen Christ, Air Itam

11 Dec (Wed), 10 am and 8 pm

#### Church of the Divine Mercy, Sungai Ara

12 Dec (Thu), 10 am and 8 pm

#### Church of Holv Name of Jesus, Balik Pulau

13 Dec (Fri), 10 am (Mandarin) and 8 pm

#### INTO THE DEEP ~ 3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS RETREAT | 22 - 24 NOVEMBER 2024

Formation for those who are interested to be Prayer Warrior and desire to grow deeper in relationship with The Blessed Trinity.

22nd Nov 2024 (Friday check in at 7pm, program starts at 8pm)

to 24th Nov 2024 (Sunday 5pm)

Venue: Minor Basilica of St Anne - DOMUS

Cost: RM250/pax (Twin Sharing)

Closing date for registration: 1st November 2024 Limited places. Registration will be closed earlier when the allotted place is full. Contact: Anna Liew (013-4852743) or Dorothy Chew (012-4749088) Registration link google form: <a href="https://forms.gle/c9SLhSYcTM4TU7Ln8">https://forms.gle/c9SLhSYcTM4TU7Ln8</a>





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