Lord God, may we always remember Your truth and Your love. Continually re-create us in Your image and likeness and make us each day more Christlike.

The Responsorial Psalm invites us to sing a new song to the Lord. We sing a new song because “the Lord has made known his salvation”, not now through the words of the prophets, nor through the many promises of the Old Testament but through the child born for us in Bethlehem. In this great new event God has remembered his truth and his love. The prologue of the Gospel of John is the quintessential anthem of the liturgy of Christmas Day. It’s a kind of third Gospel of infancy. Its richness is so great that it is impossible to explain it in a nutshell. We highlight two significant pair of words. The core of the hymn is the puzzling link between the word and the flesh; two different realities meet and embrace in the baby Jesus of Nazareth. The second pair is the contrast between light and darkness; the ongoing conflict between light and darkness.

The upcoming weeks will be very significant.

The prologue of the Gospel of John:

1. The following sessions will begin January 8th, 2017
   - Chinese (Faith Formation): Children, 7-15 years
     - Time: 8.30am-9.30am
     - Venue: Respective Classroom @ SHPC Hall
     - Contact: Catherine Wan 013-8875157
   - English (RCIA): Adults, 15 years above
     - Time: 9.30am-11.00am
     - Venue: Room F7
     - Contact: David Tan 019-8601699
   - English (CIC): Children, 7-14 years old
     - Time: 9.30am-11.00am
     - Venue: Room 12
     - Contact: Regina Sult 012-8289791
   - B. M’sia (RCIA & CIC): Children, 7 years above & Adults
     - Time: 9.00am-10.00am
     - Venue: Room F6
     - Contact: Richard Angkis @ 019-8304433
   - English (Faith Formation): Children, 7-15 years
     - Time: 7.45am-8.45am
     - Venue: SHPC Hall
     - Contact: Gregory Matanjun 013-8517888
   - BM (Faith Formation): Children, 7-15 years
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Documents required for registration are photocopies of Birth Certificate, Identity Card and Marriage Certificate (if married) with two photographs (passport size).

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Assistant Parish Priests: Fr. Rhobby Aaron Mojiabe
Fr. Maximilliano Binh Hor Hor
Fr. Mitchelly Kuan
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Thoughts for prayers SHALOM

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Parish: Sacred Heart Cathedral

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**NOTICES & EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENT**

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**


**ARCHBISHOP CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE 2016**

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

**Confession at SHC Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

Parishioners, please be informed that there will be NO Confession starting December 22nd, 2016 to January 8th, 2017 at the Chapel.

**MASSES DURING CHRISTMAS TIME**

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Please note the Cantata will start at 8.30pm (instead of 9.00pm, published last weekend).

| Church of Mary Immaculate | 7.30pm Mandarin |
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| Our Lady Queen of Peace, Kobusak | 7.30pm Kadazan |
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**Archbishop Emeritus John Lee’s Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary**

Archbishop John Lee will celebrate his 52nd Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary on Tuesday, December 27th, 2016. Let us pray for God’s choicest blessings on him in his priestly ministry.

**Weekly Vespers and Holy Hour**

During this Christmas Season, there will be NO Holy Hour on Thursdays, December 29th, 2016 & January 5th, 2017. The Weekly Vespers and Holy Hour will resume on January 12th, 2017.

**Talk on Our Blessed Mother Mary**

This talk will be held on Friday, December 30th, 2016 at 7.30pm at Room F7, SHPC, organized by the Light of Jesus Christ Covenant Community. The invited speaker is Anna Cappello, who holds a licentiate in Sacred Theology with a specialization in Spiritual Theology (Rome). All are welcome.

**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 7.45p.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. Fees: RM30.00 (Registration plus Student Pack). All are welcome!!!

**Infant Baptism**

**English**

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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.

**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.

**CORRECTION FOR CATHOLIC SABAH**

An inadvertent error has been made in ‘WHAT’S ON’ on page 8 in the Catholic Sabah-Dec 4. Please note the date for the Ruby Sacerdotal Jubilee of Rev. Cosmas Lee Thanksgiving Mass (6.00pm) at St Simon Catholic Church should read Dec 26th instead of Dec 27th. Catholic Sabah regrets the error.

**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**

**February 16th to 17th, 2017 (Thu-Fri)**

| BM (Regn. Deadline: 13/2/17) | F7, SHPC at 5.45pm onwards |
| Feb 18th, 2017 (Sat) | F7, SHPC @ 8.15am to 4.30pm |

Please register 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.).

**Divine Mercy**

Divine Mercy Devotion will resume on January 7th, 2017 for the English speaking group and January 8th, 2017 for the B.M. speaking group.

**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 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. Wilfred Atin at Tel: 088-712297/ 715017 or Fr. Rayner Biusiu 088-236102 or your Parish Priests together with copies of your identity card.

**Sunday Donations (December 17th & 18th, 2016) (in RM)**

| SHC Black Bag (7,585.90), Red Bag (12,858.55); CMI Black Bag (7,281.35), Red Bag (5,884.10). |  |