



# Blessed Sacrament Church

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**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019**

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### **50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL:**

- **THANKSGIVING MASS** will be celebrated on **Tue, 19 Mar** at 8 pm and not 7.30 pm as printed in the Lenten Programme. Join us for it.
- A Commemorative Coffee-table book will be launched at the Mass. Authored by Archbishop Emeritus John Ha, the book entitled "Icon of Change", tells of the interesting history of our Cathedral and of the Catholic Church in Kuching. It also has stunning images. Order a copy at RM70 from our parish office.

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND MASSES ON EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT**

- at Blessed Sacrament Church – 6 pm in English and 7.30 pm in Chinese. Confessions will be heard during the Stations of the Cross.
- at Carmelite Chapel – Archbishop Emeritus John Ha will celebrate Mass (only) at 12.30 pm
- at St Joseph's Private School Chapel – 8 pm in English

## **THE SCHEDULE OF LENTEN PROGRAMMES IN BSC** is now available on our website.

**ANNUAL LENTEN APPEAL** – This is a project by the Catholic Welfare Services of Sarawak to raise funds for the poor. Please collect envelopes, boxes and information leaflets from the main entrance of the Church. Place your donations into the collection bags. Almsgiving for the poor is a praiseworthy Lenten practice.

**LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO CMPC, MT SINGAI** – English & Chinese Sunday Schools are organising their annual Lenten pilgrimage to CMPC Mt Singai on **23 Mar** at 8.30 am. Parishioners are welcomed to join. Registration forms are available at the main entrance.

**BSC LENTEN PROJECT FOR THE POOR** – The BSC Youth and Ignite are organizing a Lenten project to collect food and other items for the poor. Please visit the booth at the choir entrance after our Masses for the list of items to donate. For further information, contact Jason Kho (012-8339987)

**BIBLE READING PLAN** – As part of our parish's program to encourage Bible reading, the parish has prepared a New Testament reading plan which is downloadable from our parish website. This is a good personal project for Lent!

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR** will be conducted in the BSC Hall:

- In Chinese: 22 to 24 Mar.

- In English : 5 to 7 Apr

Registration Fee is RM35 per person (including meals). Forms are available at the main entrance or you may register online. Closing date is Wed, 20 Mar (Chinese) and Sun, 31 Mar ( English).

**ENGLISH PRAYER MEETING** will be at Block A Room 102-103 on this coming **Fri, 22 Mar**. It will be at the Hall as usual the following week.

**COMBINED REQUIEM MASS** will be celebrated on **Fri, 29 Mar** at 6 pm. Hand in prayer intentions to the Parish Office by Wed, 27 Mar.

**LENTEN REFLECTION - THE LOST SHEEP** by Fr Francis Lim, SJ – All are welcome to the St Joseph's Private School Chapel for this reflection on **Wed, 27 Mar** at 7.30 pm.

**BSC LENTEN GOTONG ROYONG PROJECT** – We ask for volunteers to help clean the Church compound on Saturdays at 8.30 am during Lent, starting **23 Mar to 6 Apr**. Bring along your high-pressure washers. Please contact project coordinators: John Liew (013-8114823) or Michael Wong (016-8630111).

**BSC DECORATION COMMITTEE**– The Parish requests volunteers to join this committee to decorate our Church, especially for solemn liturgical celebrations. Those interested, please contact the Parish Office.

**LAUDATO SI** – A talk on Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment will be held from **30 to 31 Mar** from 8.30 am to 5 pm at the BSC Hall. We encourage you to participate. Fee per participant is RM45. Please contact Desmond Kueh (014-2878856), Bettie Leong (012-8555757) or Bernard Jussem (016-8605699).

**MARRIAGE CONVALIDATION COURSE** According to our Church Law, any marriage involving a Catholic party (at the point of marriage) must be celebrated in a Catholic church for it to be valid. A convalidation course in BM will be conducted on **23-24 Mar**, 8.30 am – 4.30 pm, in ACCPC for couples whose marriages of more than 5 years are not valid. Please register with St Joseph's Parish Office by 18 Mar. The Marriage Convalidation in BSC can be arranged with parish office.

**CHILDREN CAMP** organized by the Chinese Children Liturgy will be held **on 25 to 27 May** for children age 6 to 12 years old. Registration fee is RM35.00. For more details, kindly visit our booth set up at the church entrance.

## **CHURCH SWEEPING & CLEANING**

- 23 Mar (Sat), 10.30 am - Representatives from various ministries and groups, kindly report to James Chieng, coordinator on duty.

Volunteers are invited to participate. Church cleaning volunteer forms are available at the entrance of the Church. Contact persons: Mr. John Liew (013-8114823) and Mr. James Chieng (012-8872299).

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**SECOND COLLECTION** this week is for **Church Maintenance Fund.**