



St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

Weekly Parish Bulletin • 19 July 2026 • 16th Sun Ordinary Time (Year A)

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8.00am to 9.00pm

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES (Chapel of St Joseph)

Mon – Fri : 6.30am, 6.30pm
Sat : 6.30am

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat : 5.30pm (Sunset)
Sun : 7.30am (Mandarin),
9.30am, 11.30am and 5.30pm

CONFESSIONS

15 mins before all weekend Masses in
the Reconciliation Rooms in Church.

OTHER SERVICES

ADORATION ROOM

Mon – Fri : 8.00am to 9.00pm
Sat : 9.30am to 7.00pm
Sun : 8.00am to 7.00pm
Public Holidays : 8.00am to 4.00pm

COLUMBARIUM / ROSARY GARDEN / STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mon – Sun : 8.00am to 8.00pm

MEDIA CENTRE (BOOKSHOP)

Sat : 4.30pm to 7.00pm
Sun : 8.30am to 1.00pm
Every 2nd Sunday : 8.30am to 1.00pm,
5.30pm to 7.00pm

DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour : First Friday @ 8.00pm
in Main Church (unless otherwise stated)

Mass in Honour of St Joseph :
First Wednesday @ 8.00pm
in Main Church

Divine Mercy :

Every Friday @ 8.00pm (except First Fri)
in the Chapel of St Joseph

Garden Rosary :

First Saturday after the 5.30pm Mass

Grotto Rosary : Every 13th of the month
after 6.30pm Mass (weekdays only)

Holy Hour for Vocations :

Every Third Thursday of the month in
the Chapel of St Joseph @ 8.00pm

Blessing of Expectant Mothers:

Every Fourth Sunday of the month

Farewell Mass (Tue 21 Jul @ 7.15 pm)



We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in prayer as we give thanks for our beloved Shepherds.

As they move on to new pastures, we pray that God will continue to guide them in their ministry and bless them with good health, peace, and joy.

We also take this opportunity to thank them for their faithful service, and we will always cherish and hold dear the memories we made together.

Please note that the Mass timing has been changed to **7.15 pm** (instead of 7.30 pm)

Thanks for the Memories...

Dear parishioners,

As we prepare to move on to our new assignments, our hearts are filled with gratitude.

Thank you for your prayers, your faith, and for the gift of your friendship and love over the years.

A special thank you to all who came for the Farewell Dinner. Your presence, warmth, and generosity made the evening truly memorable for us.

Serving this community has been a great blessing, and we carry you with us in prayer. Please know that we will continue to pray for you, as we ask for your prayers too.

With love and gratitude

Fr Christopher Lee, Msgr Peter Zhang and Fr Lourdusamy Prasanna

Farewell Message from Fr Christopher Lee

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I prepare to leave St Joseph's Church after thirteen blessed years, my heart is filled with gratitude. This parish has been my home, and together we have shared countless moments of prayer, celebration, joy, and even sorrow. Through these years, I have witnessed how God has transformed our parish into a vibrant, welcoming, and faith-filled community. I thank God for each one of you who has journeyed with me and supported me in my ministry.

Although saying goodbye is never easy, I leave with many treasured memories and deep affection for all of you. I have been deeply touched by your kindness, your friendship, and your expressions of sadness at my transfer. Your love and prayers have been one of the greatest blessings of my priesthood.

As I begin a new chapter of ministry, I humbly ask you to continue praying for me, just as I will always remember you in my daily Masses and prayers. Though I may serve in another parish, St Joseph's Church will always hold a special place in my heart.

May the Lord continue to bless each of you and your families with His peace, love, and abundant grace. May our Blessed Mother and St Joseph watch over you always. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your priest. I will miss you dearly, but I trust that God will continue to guide and bless our journeys until we meet again.

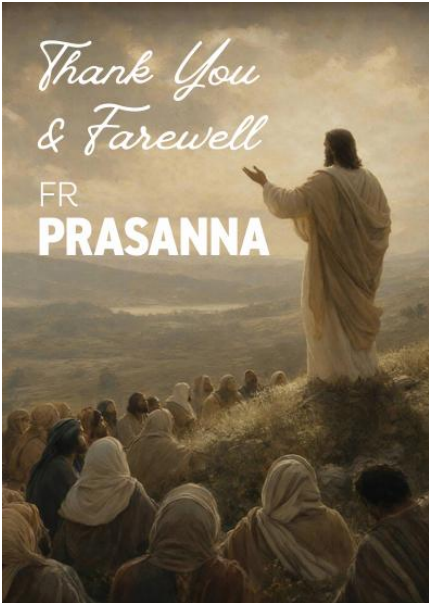
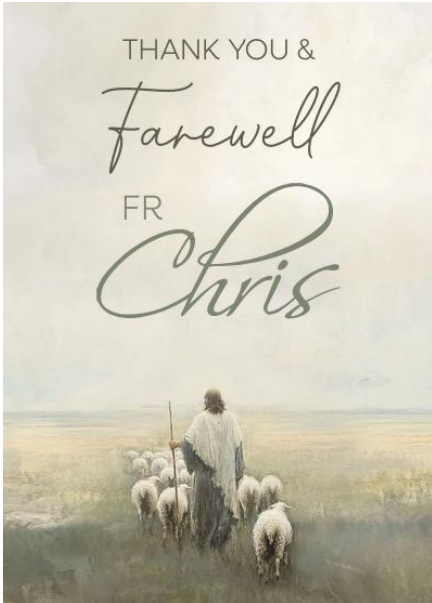
With gratitude, love, and prayers,
Fr Christopher

Thanks for the Memories (cont'd)



Go to the Church website to view all the pixes.

Farewell to our Beloved Shepherds



Our Farewell Souvenir Books with messages and well-wishes from parishioners



Our inaugural outdoor setting.



Most of all, we thank God for giving us good weather and for the many blessings that He has showered on our parish family.
For our out-going priests, we thank them for their dedication and commitment. As they venture forth to their new assignments, may God continue to bless them abundantly.

SSVP (Awareness, Reach-Out, Connect) (Sat 18 Jul and Sun 19 Jul)

SSVP ARC

18 & 19 July 2026

Awareness, Reach-Out, Connect



Know Of Anyone Who Needs Support?

If you or you know of someone facing financial or personal struggles,

Reach out via our email stjoa@ssvpsingapore.org or leave your contact at the Parish Office.



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As part of Bible Month, join the Faith & Bible Reflections community in reflecting more deeply on the Sunday Scriptures. Online via Zoom on Tuesday nights and Wednesday mornings, as well as in-person after the Sunday 11.30am Mass. Join the FAB Whatsapp Community for more information: [tinyurl.com/SJCBTFAB](https://www.tinyurl.com/SJCBTFAB)

Tuesday Morning Manna (21 Jul @ 11.05 am)

 TUESDAY
MORNING MANNA
presents



Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love

- Tuesdays 11.05am - 12.35pm, St Joseph AVA Room
- July 7, 14, 21, 28, Aug 4, 11, 18, 25

Join us for the video series "Who am I to Judge?" on Tuesdays 11.05am-12.35pm, St Joseph AVA Room. In this 8-episode series, we'll explore the classical view of morality and find that it's not merely a set of guiding principles for theoretical situations—it is an entire way of life. All are welcome! Join the Whatsapp community to stay updated: tinyurl.com/SJCBTTMM

Scripture Series with Fr Ambrose Vaz (Thu 23 Jul @ 9 am)

Scripture Series : The Gospel of Matthew
By Fr Ambrose Vaz



*Ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 133)*

Time : 9 am to 10.45 am
Venue : St Joseph AVA Room
 St Joseph's Church (BT)
Dates : Apr 16 / 23
 May : 21 / 28
 Jun : 4 / 11 / 18 / 25
 Jul : 2 / 9 / 16 / 23 / 30
 Aug : 6 / 13 / 20
 (16 sessions)



No registration required. All are welcome. Do bring along your bibles.

Journey through the Gospel of Matthew with bible scholar, Fr Ambrose Vaz. All are Welcome.

Holy Hour for Vocations (Thu 23 Jul)

Holy Hour for Vocations Thu 23 July 2026 Time : 8 pm Venue : Chapel of St Joseph

The seminarians from St Francis Xavier Major Seminary will be leading the Holy Hour every third Thursday of the month to pray for Vocations.

Please come and join them to pray for vocations to the priesthood!



Neighbourhood Prayer Walk (Sat 25 Jul @ 8.30 am)

Neighbourhood Prayer Walk



Sat 25 July, 8.30am:

- Meet at De La Salle School canteen
- Come and pray for our neighbourhoods followed by the Breaking of the Word.
- For more info:
tinyurl.com/SJCBTNPW



Come and pray for the residents in Choa Chu Kang at our next Neighbourhood Prayer Walk! Please meet at De La Salle School canteen on Saturday 25 July at 8.30am. For more information, go to: tinyurl.com/SJCBTNPW

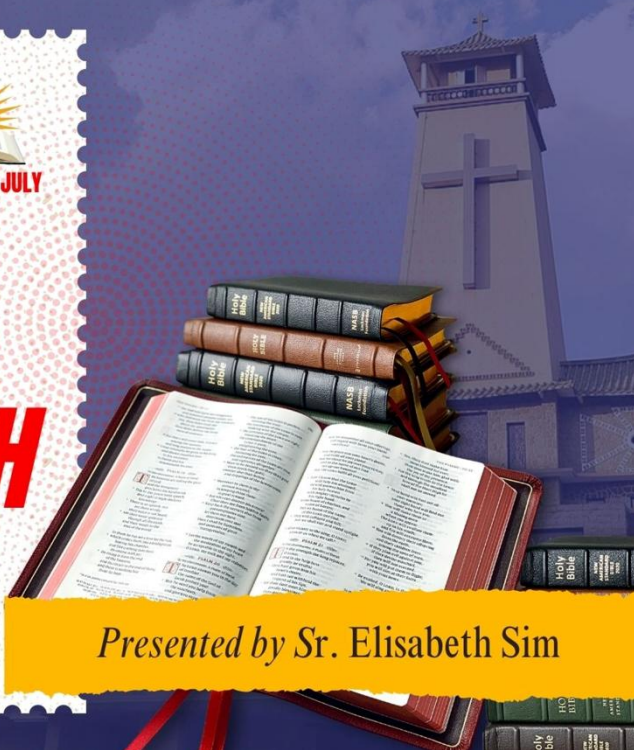
Talk by Sr Elizabeth Sim, FDCC (Sat 25 Jul @ 10 am)

Sat 25 July
10.00am - 11.30am

**THE GOD WHO
LOVES TOO MUCH**

St Joseph AVA Room,
St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

Presented by Sr. Elisabeth Sim



Come join Sr. Elisabeth Sim as she speaks to us on the topic “The God Who Loves Too Much” for Bible Month.

Prayer thru Music (Fri 31 Jul @ 8 pm)



SAHOP ©
(Prayer thru Music)

- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Scripture Reading
- ❖ Intercessory Prayers
- ❖ Spiritual Talk
- ❖ Community Bonding

(Friday) 31 July 2026
8.00pm, AVA Room, Level 3,
Parish Community Hall

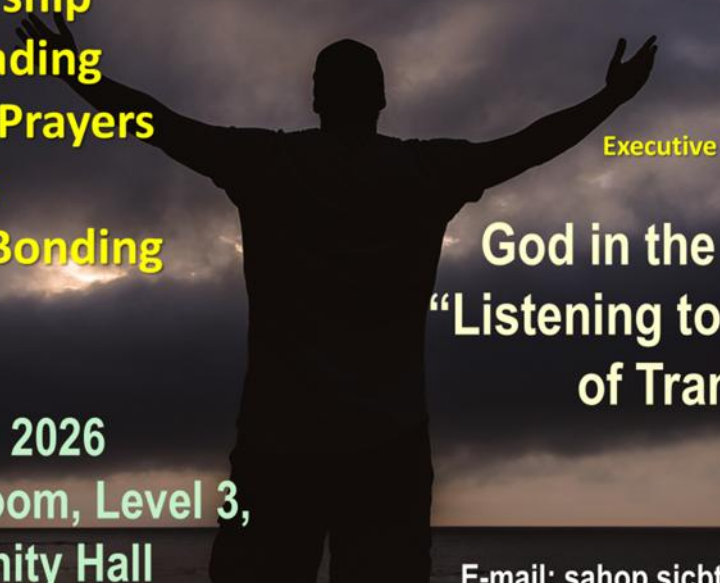


Zerah Goh
Executive Director | Montfort Centre

God in the In-Between
“Listening to God in Times
of Transition”



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AROUND THE PARISH

Heritage Tours (Sat 08 Aug or Wed 12 Aug @ 10 am)

DISCOVER OUR ROOTS: HERITAGE TOURS

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH (BUKIT TIMAH)



SCAN TO REGISTER

SATURDAY, 08 AUGUST @ 10 AM
ST JOSEPH AVA ROOM

WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST @ 10 AM
ST JOSEPH AVA ROOM

In celebration of our 180th Anniversary, we invite you to join guided tours around our Church. Discover the beauty, heritage, and people who have made this Church your home.

Family & Youth Conference (Sat 22 Aug @ 9 am)



Family & Youth Conference

SPEAKERS:
Nick Jarvis Tan
"Discipleship in Work, Relationships & Everyday Life"



Redemptorist Mission Team
Church of St. Alphonsus (Nevens Church)
403 Shenton Road, Singapore 307033
0975 2132 ext 213, 4729 9229 (direct line)
http://www.rmt.org.sg/parish/bukit-timah



Redemptorist Mission Team
"From Joseph to Saint"

THEME: "The Virtues of St Joseph"

Saturday, August 22, 2026
9:00am to 4.30pm
St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

SPECIAL BREAKOUTS:

- Parents
- Children 6-12 years
- Teens 13-18 years
- Young Adults 19-35 years

REGISTER



SPEAKERS:



BE+live Ministry
"BE.brave, Love Big!"

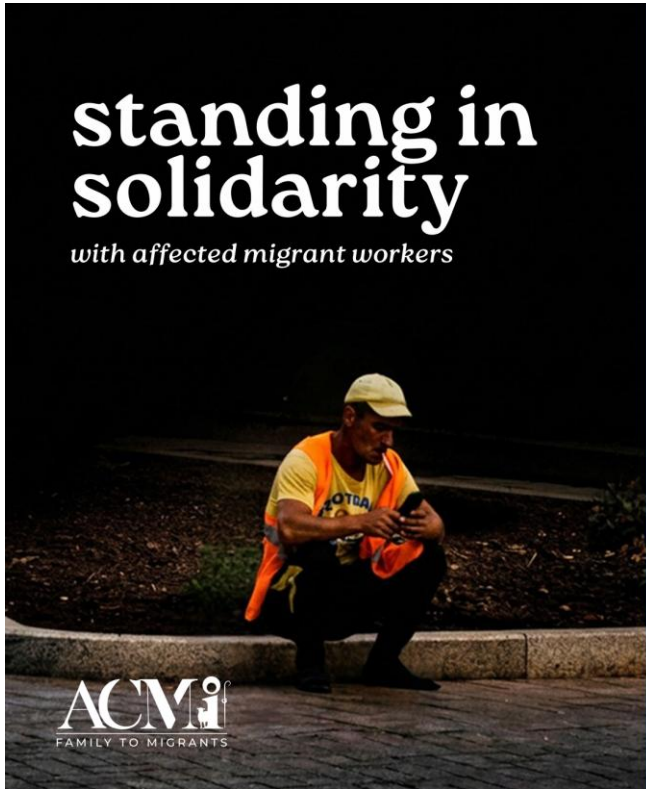


Kirk & Clarissa Ho
"Becoming the Parent our Children Need"

ACMI Standing in Solidarity

standing in solidarity

with affected migrant workers



Over **400 migrant workers** have gone unpaid for months. ACMI is providing emergency food, funds, and counseling, but they need your help.

Please pray for them and donate to ACMI's emergency campaign today. Thank you!



DONATE NOW



My Personal Compass : Christian Morality (Commencing 22 Jul)



My Personal Compass: CHRISTIAN MORALITY

Do Christians follow different rules?
BY FR DAVID GARCIA, OP



Fee: \$50

22 Jul - 19 Aug 2026
(Wednesdays)
8.00PM to 9.30PM

 Catholic Center @ Waterloo St (Level 2)



bit.ly/perscomp-jul26

22 Jul: Does God exist?
Do Christians have separate morals?

29 Jul: Why do we need God?
What is grace?

5 Aug: Is faith irrational or necessary?

12 Aug: What do we hope (and pray) for?

19 Aug: How does love fulfill us?

After introducing the foundation of morality early this year, My Personal Compass now returns to explore the relationship between morality and grace. Join us to find out whether non-Christians and you should have different morals!

Register now at bit.ly/perscomp-jul26

API CARE & COUNSELLING

RERUN
BY POPULAR DEMAND

Long-Term Effects of Trauma: From Childhood to Adulthood

SCHEDULE

Date: Saturday 25 July, 2026

🕒 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

📍 20 Aljunied Road, S389805

\$200 per pax

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Recognise the various forms childhood trauma & adversity
- Identify common signs of mental distress from childhood adversity
- Understand the neurological & psychological mechanisms underlying these links
- Learn how to create a supportive environment and provide appropriate resources for such individuals

SYNOPSIS

We invite you to an exploration of the intricate interplay between early life experiences and adult mental wellness. Through this workshop, we will unravel the profound impact of childhood family dysfunction and traumatic events such as abuse and neglect, shedding light on their enduring effects well into adulthood.

By the workshop's conclusion, attendees will emerge equipped with a foundational understanding of the links between childhood adversity and adult well-being. With this knowledge, attendees will be better able to foster genuine empathy and support for individuals who have faced such adversities. Join us as we cultivate resilience and compassion together.



[For more details and registration click here](#)

Connection before Correction (Fri 31 Jul @ 8 pm)



Connection BEFORE Correction



A POSITIVE DISCIPLINE INTRODUCTION FOR PARENTS

Build stronger connections with your child while learning effective, respectful discipline strategies.

31 July 2026 | 8.00pm - 10.00pm
Church of St. Vincent de Paul,
Fee: \$20 per pax | \$35 per couple

REGISTER HERE:
www.familylife.sg/CBC

SCAN HERE



POSITIVE
DISCIPLINE

KIND & FIRM
RESPECTFUL
& EFFECTIVE

PIETA (Tue 28 Jul)

Pieta Prayer Support for Bereaved Parents

Tue 28 July from 7.30pm to 9.15pm on Zoom



We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to meet every fourth Tuesday of the month to pray and support each other.

Enquiries: pieta.singapore@gmail.com
or <https://pieta.familylife.sg/>
Please email us directly for the Zoom link.

Note: In August, we will be meeting in person at Catholic Family Life at Highland Road. Please email us for details.

SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS & EDUCATORS

Schools & Families:
Shaping Minds , Forming Hearts

FAMILY EDUCATION CONFERENCE

1 Aug (Sat) 8.15am – 1.00pm @ Church of the Holy Spirit

Organised by:

 x  Catholic Family Life

Supported by:

  BE+live
A Catholic Children's Ministry

REGISTER HERE





Catholic Nurses' Guild Annual Mass

And Allied Health-Care Professionals & Retired Nurses

Theme: The Compassion of the Samaritan:
Loving by bearing another's pain.
(Inspired by Message of Pope Leo XVI for the 34th World Day of the Sick.)

DATE: SUNDAY 2, AUGUST 2026 TIME: 5.30 PM.
VENUE: ST. Alphonsus Church (NOVENA), Thomson Rd, Singapore.





There will be a fellowship dinner after Mass at S\$18/- per person.



There will be gifts on a first come, first served basis.



CATHOLICNURSESGUILD@GMAIL.COM

CHOICE Weekend (8 – 10 Aug)



CHOICE WEEKEND

FOR YOUNG ADULTS
SINGLE OR DATING
18-40
A CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE AFFILIATE

Learn how to *love deeply* and *live authentically*

- Reflect on your relationships
- Hear raw, honest stories from singles, couples and religious voices
- Grow in self-awareness navigating relationships, faith and identity



Registrations open now

UPCOMING WEEKEND
8 – 10 August (Sat – Mon),
📍 Stay-in @ ME House (Punggol)
There are other run in October

Diocesan Vocation Retreat (14 – 16 Aug)





SFXMS
Diocesan Vocation Retreat

Will you be His priest to magnify Him?

Date: 14-16 Aug 2026*

Register by 31 Jul:

<https://tinyurl.com/vocationretreat2026>

**For men aged 21-35*



Have you felt a desire to give more? Do you think the Lord may be inviting you to consider the diocesan priesthood? The St Francis Xavier Major Seminary invites all young men aged 21 to 35 for their annual Vocation Retreat happening from 14 to 16 August. Priority will be given to first timers. Registration closes on 31 July.

Please use the attached QR code or registration links to sign-up.
<https://tinyurl.com/vocationretreat2026>

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Little Shepherds' Schoolhouse Open House (Sat 22 Aug)

Slots Remaining

22 AUG

SATURDAY

9.00 AM-12.00 PM

OPEN HOUSE

WAIVER OF ONE MONTH'S SCHOOL FEE

for all new enrolments registered during our Open House!
T&Cs apply

BOOK A TOUR TODAY



SECURE YOUR SPOT

LIMITED SLOTS LEFT



LITTLE SHEPHERDS' SCHOOLHOUSE

Novena Youth Rally 2026 (Fri 4 Sep)



NOVENA YOUTH RALLY 2026

@ NOVENA CHURCH
300 THOMSON ROAD

FLEAMARKET
6PM - 10.30PM

RALLY & MASS
7.30PM - 10.30PM

WRITTEN IN THE STARS

4TH SEPTEMBER 2026

NOVENA CHURCH

NOVENA



God Money & Me (Sat 05 Sep)

GOD, MONEY & ME

Learn how your finances, work, and family life can come together in God’s plan.

-  Orientation: Sat, 10am – 12pm
5 Sep 2026
-  Sessions: Sat, 9am – 1pm
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Oct 2026
-  Location: Catholic Centre,
55 Waterloo Street

SIGN UP NOW



[catholicfoundation.sg/
god-money-and-me](https://catholicfoundation.sg/god-money-and-me)

CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION

God Money & Me blends practical financial tools with Catholic principles, helping you build healthy habits, make values-based decisions, and experience the freedom of faithful stewardship.

Retrouvaille Weekend (25 – 27 Sep)



a
marriage
lifeline

Retrouvaille Singapore is an
affiliate of Catholic Family Life



Is your marriage
tearing you apart?

Are you considering
divorce or separation?

RETRouvaille
WEEKENDS

25 - 27 SEP 2026

retrouv.sg@gmail.com
+65 9628 0188

Register: bit.ly/RetroWESep26

Gebirah Missions to Hong Kong (6 – 10 Nov)



GEBIRAH MISSIONS
FAITH IN ACTION. LOVE IN SERVICE.



HONG KONG

MISSION 2026

6 – 10 NOVEMBER 2026

After All Saints and All Souls,
COME WITH US TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE FORGOTTEN.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
— Matthew 25:40

Hong Kong is a city of bright lights and hidden poverty. Many live unseen—homeless, refugees, migrants, elderly poor, and families struggling in difficult conditions.

Gebirah Missions will return to Hong Kong for a follow-up mission of service, solidarity, prayer and pilgrimage.



*Rooted in our Catholic Faith.
Sent by Love. Moved by Mercy.*

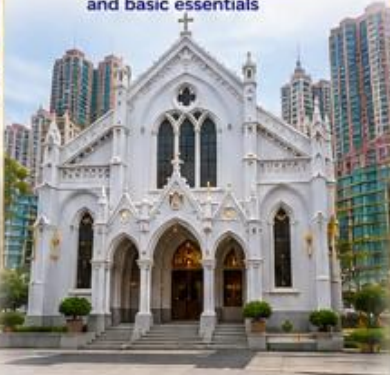
WHAT WE WILL DO

- Homeless outreach and dignity encounters
- Distribution of winter clothes, food, toiletries and essentials
- Support for refugees, migrants and marginalised families
- Menstrual health education and reusable pad distribution
- Follow-up visits from last year's mission
- Prayer, reflection and Catholic fellowship



WHO WE WILL SERVE

- Homeless persons
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Migrant families
- Women and girls in need of menstrual health support
- Elderly poor
- Families living in hardship
- People who need winter clothing, food, toiletries and basic essentials



WHAT BENEFICIARIES NEED

- Winter jackets, sweaters, hoodies
- Warm socks, scarves, beanies, gloves
- Toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Sanitary pads and reusable sanitary pads
- School supplies
- Non-perishable food
- Basic medicines where appropriate
- Financial sponsorship for mission expenses and aid distribution



WE WILL END OUR MISSION WITH A PILGRIMAGE TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

After days of serving Christ in the poor, we will go to Mary to give thanks to God, to pray for our friends in Hong Kong, and to ask Our Lady to continue watching over them.

This pilgrimage is the spiritual crown of the mission — a moment to bring everything we have seen, carried, loved and suffered back to God through the hands of Mary.

One of the customs of Gebirah Missions is to invite family and friends to submit petitions to Mother Mary.

- Write your petition to Mother Mary, seal it in an envelope, and pass it to us before we depart.
- At the shrine, we will prayerfully offer these sealed petitions before Our Lady.
- Afterward, the envelopes will be burned unopened, ensuring that every petition remains private.



HOW YOU CAN HELP



JOIN
as a volunteer missionary



DONATE
winter clothes and essentials



SPONSOR
a missionary or aid packs



HELP
with packing and logistics



SHARE
with your parish, family & friends



SEND
prayer petitions



PRAY
for the mission and the people of Hong Kong

UNABLE TO AFFORD THE MISSION?

If you are sincere in serving the marginalised, you can apply for **PART SPONSORSHIP**. We don't want cost to stop a sincere heart from serving.



THE POOR CANNOT WAIT.
Let us go where love is needed.

SIGN UP NOW
Places may be limited.



Be Christ. Bring Hope. Change Lives.

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Come to Hong Kong with Gebirah Missions. Serve. Pray. Listen. Give. Let God enlarge your heart.

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