Being ungenerous is not selfishness because it highlights a truth that we must recognise. In the matter of "preparation", that is, in the way of virtuous living, nobody can live virtue in our stead. In other words, no matter how "good" it feels that heaven should be less calculative in regard to the foolish virgins, the truth is simply that sanctifying grace cannot be shared. **If we live as if preparations were not important, believing that the Lord will somehow, since He is merciful, open the door for us, then we are mistaken.** He is not waiting on the other side to open the door for us or to shut the door on us. Instead, we, through our lack of preparation, have shut the door ourselves. Hence, time for us here is not forever. It is limited even though it feels as if we have been waiting forever for Him to come. *(Extract from the Homilies of a Jesuit dated 7 November 2020)*

This parable focuses on the attitude we should have towards the future. The questions we need to ask ourselves are... Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

Once someone was confronted with this question when she was diagnosed with blood cancer. Her twin sister who accompanied her to the doctor broke down upon hearing about her condition. She asked her later when they were on their way home if she was prepared – to meet her maker. She told her twin sister, that she believes, Jesus holds her tomorrow. Whatever happens, she trusts it is her destiny. This story tells us that our destiny and mission are not complete.

With the earth calling for our attention, how should we account for the way we live our daily lives? Have our attitude and actions changed from a life of discarding to one of conservation?

SCRIPTURE *of the* DAY

Wisdom 6: 12-16
Psalm 62: 2-8
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
(or 4: 13-14)
Matthew 25: 1-13

"Consumerism and the throwaway culture have forced us to become accustomed to the waste and excess of resources."

Pope Francis

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MONTHLY FOCUS: **ECOLOGY: The Cry Of The Earth Is The Cry Of The Poor**



Are we Prepared?

Today we are told to stay awake and stand ready, because we do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Salvation is our personal responsibility. As the Groom arrives, the virgins who did not have enough oil pleaded with those who had adequate to share. What often comes across is how selfish the wise virgins appear to be for they did not want to share.

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MASS SCHEDULE

07/11/26	**SAT**	11:30 am – LSS Mass
Thirtysecond sunday in Ord Time		8:00 am – Multiligual 10:45 am – Multilingual
09/11/26	**TUE**	7:00 am – Our Lady's
10/11/26	**TUE**	No Mass
11/11/26	**WED**	No Mass
12/11/26	**THU**	No Mass
13/11/26	**FRI**	7:00 pm – Grotto Mass
14/11/26	**SAT**	7:00 am – SFDS 5:00 pm – COF, Suak Padi
Thirtythird sunday in Ord Time		7:30 am – English 9:00 am –Tamil 10:45 am – Bahasa Malaysia 05:00 pm – Mandrin

UPDATE

Coffee Morning : 08/11 – No Coffee Morning
Coffee Morning : 15/11 – No Coffee Morning
Altar Flower : 07/11 – Ladies Group
Altar Flower : 14/11 – Gear Leong & Family

Join Us in Preparing for LSS!

We invite all parishioners to join us on **Thursday, November 5th**, starting at **5:00 PM**, as we set up our space for the upcoming Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS). We will be setting up six session stations, so extra hands will be greatly appreciated! Come help prepare the venue, enjoy fellowship with fellow parishioners, and stay for light refreshments afterward. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parish Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS)

"Loved, Forgiven, Set Free"
"Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." — Luke 7:47

Schedule of Events

Time	Activity / Session Title	Venue
08:30 AM – 09:00 AM	Registration & Gathering	Hall
09:00 AM – 09:30 AM	Praise & Worship	Hall
09:30 AM – 10:30 AM	**Session 1:** Dethroning Idols — Breaking Free	Rooms
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Small Group Sharing	Rooms
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Tea / Coffee Break	Hall
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Eucharistic Celebration (Holy Mass)	Hall
12:30 PM – 02:00 PM	Lunch Break	Hall
02:00 PM – 02:30 PM	Praise & Icebreaker	Rooms
02:30 PM – 03:30 PM	**Session 2:** In the Name of Jesus — God's Abundant Grace	Rooms
03:45 PM – 05:00 PM	Prayers for Healing & Outpouring of the Spirit	Hall
05:00 PM	Closing Prayer	Hall

Presenters & Facilitators:
Rev. Frs. Henry Rajoo and Dominic Santiyagu; Simon Tommy, Stanley Antoni, Deacon Charles Lazaroo, and Ms. Christina.

We have undertaken thorough preparations for this LSS as a parish. Let us continue to pray for a powerful encounter with Jesus.

Parish Updates & Announcements

Nov 10–11: Clergy Recollection in Bukit Mertajam.

Sitiawan Clergy Ecumenical Meeting

We recently held our first Sitiawan Clergy Meeting, attended by pastors and representatives from the Anglican, Methodist and Catholic Churches, as well as Sidang Injil Borneo (SIB). It was a very fruitful meeting, and three key decisions were made:

1. Ecumenical Christmas Gathering: We will host a joint Christmas celebration on December 12th, from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM, at the Methodist Church. This event will allow local Christians to gather, connect, and pray together.
2. Clergy Fellowship: The clergy recognized the importance of ongoing fellowship, get to know and building stronger relationships among church leaders.
3. Bi-Monthly Formations: Formation sessions will be held once every two months for anyone interested.

We hope more representatives from other local churches will join us in the future. Please keep this initiative in your prayers!

Parish Children's Christmas Gathering

We are pleased to announce that eight parishioners have volunteered to help organize this year's Children's Christmas Gathering! The team had its first meeting on Sunday after Mass. We will keep you updated as plans progress.

Project Tender Update

Five contractors initially expressed interest in the parish projects, with three ultimately submitting proposals. The Parish Maintenance Team has completed its review of these three submissions. Separately, contractors will be introduced to the Bell Tower Committee to present their options specifically for the Bell Tower.

However, the final selection for the maintenance work must wait until the full Tender Committee reconvenes, as several members are currently away. We will provide a complete update once a contractor has been chosen.

Upcoming Formation Sessions

"Relearn, Reform, and Relive"
Presented by Fr. Chin Sinwee, OCD (Carmelite priest based in Seremban)
Venue: St. Michael's Church
Dates: November 6–8

- **Nov 6 at 8:45 PM** (Mandarin): Baptism: The Beginning of Christian Life
- **Nov 7 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM** (English): The Tradition of Prayer
- **Nov 7 at 8:00 PM** (Mandarin): The Tradition of Prayer
- **Nov 8 at 12:30 PM** (Mandarin): The Spirituality of St. Thérèse of Lisieux