To squander our lives on worthless things, and if life should come to an end soon, we will feel a sense of gratitude and satisfaction with how we have lived. Some become lazy, others take to drunkenness and self-indulgence. But the master who comes without warning in the midst of the darkness.

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Liturgy Of The Word

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9
Responsorial Psalm: Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.
Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19

Weekly Activities

Monday
Alpha Programme 8.00pm, room F7; Legion of Mary (Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium), 7.30pm, room F4.
Tuesday
Senior Alpha 9.00am-10.30am, room G1.
Wednesday
Intercessory Prayer Group prayer, 8.00pm, SHC Chapel.
Thursday
Intercessory Ministry (CMI) prayer, 8.00pm, CMI Chapel.
Friday
English Prayer Group Meeting, 8.00pm, Parish Hall; BM Prayer Group meeting, 7.30pm, room F1; Lifeline “LifeNite”, 7.15pm, room F7; Chinese Prayer Group Meeting, 7.30pm, CMI; Intercessory Prayer Group (English) prayer, 8.00pm, SHC Chapel.
Saturday
Divine Mercy Devotion, 2.15pm, B1, LGF; SHC Altar Servers meeting (1st & 3rd Sat), 2.30pm, SHC Conference room; Boys & Girls Brigade, 2.30pm-5.30pm, CMI; Kids of the Kingdom class, 5.00pm-7.00pm, St. Francis Kindergarten; Lifeline Life Night, 8.00pm, room F6; Special Ministry for People with Dev. Disabilities, 9.00am-11.00am, room G1.
Sunday
Faith Formation (English), 7.45am-8.45am, Conference room; Kids of the Kingdom class, 9.00am-10.00am, St. Francis Kindergarten; English Choir, 10.30am, room F1; Young Adults Prayer meeting, 8.00pm, room F7; SHC Ministry to Deaf People class, 10.30am-12.00pm, St. Francis’ Kindergarten.

Thoughts for prayers SHALOM

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Lord, may each day of my life be pleasing in Your sight.
Notices & Events Announcement

**SHC Parish Fund-raising Bazaar**

Our Rector, Archbishop John Wong together with his Assistant Priests, Fr. Rhobby Aaron Mojolou, Fr. Maximilianno Benhor Hortor & Fr. Joshua Liew, and members of the Parish Finance & Property Council wish to extend a big ‘thank you’ to all the Parishioners and their families for their generous support and active participation in making our Parish Fun-Raising Bazaar a great success.

Special thanks to all the Group Leaders and their members for all their hard work and contribution in running the respective stalls.

The Organising Committee is in the process of finalising all the accounts. The accounts will be published in the Bulletin for information as soon as it is completed.

Once again, Thank You and God bless you and your families.

**Weekly Vespers and Holy Hour**

The weekly evening prayers and Holy Hour at SHC will be held every Thursday from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. The Vespers and Holy Hour next week, August 11th, 2016 will be facilitated by Light of Jesus Christ Covenant Community (Anthony Lim). All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

**Eucharistic Adoration for Children**

Parents please note that the next Eucharistic Adoration for children will be on Friday, August 12th, 2016 at 8.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**Divine Mercy Devotion**

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**Life in the Spirit Seminar**

*No Longer Bound by the Chains of Sins (Romans 7:6)*

Are you looking for a closer relationship with God? Do you desire to live a victorious life in the Spirit? COME and be blessed and EMPOWERED by the HOLY SPIRIT!

Date: **August 18th to 21th, 2016**, Thu-Sun (Programme will start at 7.30pm on August 18th, 2016)

Venue: SHPC, Room F7

Contribution at RM15.00 per person. Child care service available. For inquiries, please call LJCCC Office 010-9330466, Lucia 012-8027255 or SHC Parish Office 223618, 224741, 262068.

**Infant Baptism**

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**Sacrament of Marriage**

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.).

**Pre-Marriage Course**

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**Prodigal Son Retreat**

The Prodigal Son Retreat has had well over 10 years of history. Led by a team consisting of Dr. Jeffrey Goh and wife Angie. The two-day retreat is based on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Intended to be a true “retreat”, apart from talks and Masses, time is provided for personal prayer and counseling, celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and para-liturgy. It is open to all Catholics in and around Kota Kinabalu.

Venue: St. Simon’s Catholic Church, Likas

**English Friday Prayer Meeting**

There will be a special Praise & Worship with Family Movie Night - FIREPROOF on Friday, August 19th, 2016 (Friday), 8.00 pm at SHC Parish Hall organised by the Bethel Prayer Community. All are welcome.

**Notice from SJBF**

The 30th Annual General Meeting of the St. Joseph’s Benevolent Fund will be held on Sunday, August 21st, 2016 at 1.30pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre. Please come with your name tags. Due to the delay in printing, the Annual Report and Financial Statement will only be available after August 15th, 2016.

**NEW TRAFFIC DIRECTION FOR WEEKEND MASSES & EVENTS**

1. The By-pass parking (left & right side) is STRICTLY one-directional that is to exit to JALAN SANG KANCIL (adjacent to Kindergarten gate).

2. Entrance from JALAN SANG KANCIL is STRICTLY for cars parking at the Kindergarten car park only.

3. Parishioners are to observe the road signage / or follow directions of traffic wardens.

**Recyclable Items**

The sales of recyclable items collected at the SHPC basement bins amounted to RM484.30.

**Hospital Chaplains**


**Sunday Donations (July 30th & 31st, 2016) (in RM)**

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