



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

Reading I: 1 Kgs 3: 5, 7-12;

Reading II: Rom 8: 28-30;

Gospel: Mt 13: 44-52

Revised Roman Missal: 537

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Gospel Summary

Jesus compared the Kingdom to a valuable treasure. First it was a buried treasure and second it was like a rare and priceless pearl. These findings were more valuable than anything we have known previously and that is what the Kingdom will be, too. When we finally understand the Kingdom of God, it will be like finding the greatest treasure we can imagine. However, it will be God who sorts out the good from the bad. Judgement is not ours.

Reflection for Families

We often let our children know what we think is valuable or what has little value. Sometimes we do this with body language and facial expressions. Sometimes we show them by what we choose to spend our time, money and energy on. Think about your actions for just one day and make a mental list of what you have shown to be "jewels" in your life. Be honest and if necessary, make some adjustments as a result of this reflection.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Look through family photos and identify members of your immediate and extended family. Describe a way in which each one of those people is a special jewel in the Kingdom of God. In what way does each person represent a special gift from God?

Discussion Starters

1. The greatest jewel in my field is... this directly relates to the Kingdom of God because...
2. One thing that is so valuable to me that I would give up everything I own to keep it is...
3. In order to better see my treasure, I have to get rid of some junk. That junk includes...

- **SECOND COLLECTION**

A second collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend in support of the Tunggulian Christian Memorial Park Fund. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support.

- **BIBLE SUNDAY ACTIVITIES**

Join us for Bible Quiz Grand Final today, 26 July at 10.30 am. Come dressed as your favourite Bible character and cheer on our finalists as they compete for the title of Bible Quiz Champion! Prizes will also be awarded for Best Dressed Individual and Best Dressed Group.

- **20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RE-DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

The Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 27 July at 5.30 pm, followed by a potluck fellowship. Everyone is invited to join.

- **DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

The next Eucharistic Adoration is on Friday, 7 August after the daily Mass. Everyone is encouraged to spend some time with the Lord in prayer. Please note the change in Mass time to 5.30 pm.

- **DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

The first Saturday of the month, which is 8 August, will be devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It will be recited after the daily Mass at 5.30 pm.

- **INVITATION TO THE RITE OF ORDINATION**

Join us in celebration the Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priesthood of DEACON KAREL ANAK TINGANG on Tuesday, 1 September 2026 at 6.00 pm at Church of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception , Seria. Please register your attendance by Monday, 3 August 2026, using the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfh0A2Ru5cw6StGojIQPjCcndC0Zn6PO4V6K39kosDIAMTMTA/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=104961140650254635676>

- **SEMINAR DALAM BAHASA—PENYEMBUHAN DALAM ROH KUDUS**

Seminar dalam Bahasa akan diadakan dari Jumaat, 7 Ogos hingga Ahad, 9 Ogos, dan akan diakhiri dengan Misa Kudus pada jam 6.00 petang. Yuran pendaftaran ialah B\$30 seorang bagi peserta berumur 11 tahun ke atas. Sila imbas kod QR pada poster yang dipamerkan di hadapan Gereja untuk mendaftar sebelum Jumaat, 31 Julai.



DONATION

Cheque to be made payable to: Vicar Apostolic of Kuching (KB)
OR bank in to Baiduri Bank Account: 03 02 110 426070.

After payment, please WhatsApp us at +6738348855 and send picture of transaction. Thank you for your generosity.

REGISTRATION FOR INFANT AND CHILDREN BAPTISM

Open for children aged 7 years old and below.

SCHEDULE: Every THIRD week of the month.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Child's Birth Certificate.
- ◆ Parent's Sacrament of Matrimony Certificate.
- ◆ Godparent's Confirmation Certificate

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH
OFFICE ADMIN AT WHATSAPP 8348855

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

It is available 30 minutes before Sunday Mass or you may request for an appointment through the Parish Office Admin at WhatsApp 8348855.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Meet Parish Priest SIX MONTHS before the intended date of marriage.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Baptism and Confirmation Certificate.
- ◆ Marriage Preparation Certificate if you are from another Parish.
- ◆ Civil Marriage Certificate if applicable.
- ◆ IC's copy for both candidates and witnesses.
- ◆ Photo (Passport size).

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DATE	TIME	READINGS
27 JULY—Monday 17th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass)	Jer 13: 1-11 Mt 13: 31-35
28 JULY—Tuesday 17th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass)	Jer 14: 17-22 Mt 13: 36-43
29 JULY—Wednesday 17th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass) HOLY HOUR	1 Jn 4: 7-16 Jn 11: 19-27
30 JULY—Thursday 17th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass)	Jer 18: 1-6 Mt 13: 47-53
31 JULY—Friday 17th Week in Ordinary Time	12.15pm (Mass)	Jer 26: 1-9 Mt 13: 54-58
1 AUGUST—Saturday 17th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm <i>(Novena To Our Mother of Perpetual Help)</i> <i>Followed by Daily Mass</i>	Jer 26: 11-16, 24 Mt 14: 1-12
2 AUGUST—Sunday 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am (Mass) 6.00pm (Mass)	Is 55: 1-3 Rom 8: 35, 37-39 Mt 14: 13-21