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Psalter Week IV (Year B)

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22nd ~ 29th Mar 2009



4th Sunday of LENT

1st READING

II Chronicles 36 : 14 - 16, 19 - 23

2nd READING

Ephesians 2 : 4 - 10

GOSPEL

John 3 : 14 - 21

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

A Sunday Reflection

LENT TO ME... Adapted from Fr. Joseph Stephen, CSsR.

Lent to me is an invitation to me to go into desert, to go into myself. Symbolically this desert is inside me. It tells me about my own emptiness, my desires, my need in certain areas, it tells me about my strength and my limitations, it tells me about who I am.

Lent invites me to a discipline, to listen to myself and ask myself where I am in my journey as a Christian. Lent invites me not just to an outward journey but to an inward journey to explore myself as to where I stand in the presence of God. The Great Doctor of the Church, Saint Teresa of Avila had told us the importance of becoming aware of who we are.

The self knowledge that she talked about is the self knowledge that takes place as we open our hearts to God in prayer. While, I do not want to discourage you from giving up this or that for Lent, I would like to invite you to spend time during this Lent to let God speak to us about us. This will be our Easter gift from God to each one of us, to become aware of who we are. This will help in our journey to become Easter people. Lent is not a time to become perfect people. Perfection for us will come in God's time. We have to patiently wait and cooperate with God for that to happen. For everything is grace, a pure gift of god. ✠

ANIL NETTO LIVE AT IC !

Do be available on **Sun, 29 Mar** from 10:00am to listen to our Herald Sunday Observer, ANIL NETTO, at IC Parish Hall on the Social Teachings of our Catholic Church. All are welcome. ✠

CHRISM MASS & PRIEST'S DAY

This year the Chrism Mass will be celebrated at *Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, Balik Pulau* on **Wed, 1 Apr** at 7:00pm. ✠

PENANG ISLAND PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Risen Christ, Air Itam	Tue, 24 Mar	8:00 pm
Balik Pulau	Wed, 25 Mar	7:30 pm
Holy Spirit Cathedral	Thu, 26 Mar	6:30 pm
Our Lady of Sorrows	Mon, 30 Mar	8:00 pm
Immaculate Conception	Thu, 2 Apr	6:30 pm

Do make use of this opportunity to prepare for the coming Easter celebration. ✠

MEETINGS

BEC Leaders Meeting	Wed 25	8:15 pm
Altar Servers Meeting	Sat 28	3:00 pm

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

RCIA Session (English)	Tue 24	8:15 pm
Qi Gong Session	Wed 25	8:30 am
Palm Sunday Play Practice	Fri 27	7:00 pm
Meditation at Blessed Sacrament	Fri 27	8:00 pm
Qi Gong Session	Sat 28	8:30 am
IC Bright Sparks Learning Ctr	Sat 28	9:00 am
SuperSeniorZ Gathering	Sat 28	9:00 am
Line Dancing	Sat 28	3:00 pm
Sunday Catechism Classes	Sun 29	10:00 am
Talk by Anil Netto	Sun 29	10:00 am

Thank You and God Bless Your Generosity !!
This weekend's 2nd Collection :
PUBLICATION FUND

INFANT BAPTISM

Kindly be informed that there will be NO Infant Baptism during the season of Lent. The next Infant Baptism here in our Parish will be on **Sun, 26 Apr** at 5:30pm. ✠

HOLY WEEK MASSES/SERVICE IN MANDARIN AND TAMIL

Kindly take note that the Masses/Service in **Mandarin** during Holy Week will be held in **Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Church Hall**.

9 Apr	Holy Thu Mass	8:00 pm
10 Apr	Good Fri (Service)	8:00 pm
11 Apr	Easter Vigil Mass	8:00 pm
12 Apr	Easter Sun Mass (Church)	8:00 am

The Masses/Service in **Tamil** during Holy Week will be held in **Church of St. John Britto, Sg. Pinang**.

9 Apr	Holy Thu Mass	7:30 pm
10 Apr	Good Fri (Service)	6:30 pm
11 Apr	Easter Vigil	8:00 pm

CHOICE WEEKEND (STAY-IN)

To all young working adults aged 21 and above! You are invited to attend the 54th CHOICE Weekend from **17 - 19 Apr** at St. Anne's Church, B.M. starting at **7:00pm** on **Fri, 17 Apr**. For further clarification, kindly contact Audrey 016 440 7675 or Terrence 012 513 9268. ✠

LITURGY & DEVOTIONS

SUN 22	4th SUNDAY OF LENT.
8:30 am	Mass
11:15 am	Mandarin Mass
6:00 pm	Mass, Rite of Second Scrutiny
MON 23	4th Week of Lent.
7:00 am	Mass
TUE 24	4th Week of Lent.
7:00 am	Mass
8:00 pm	Penitential Service ~ Church of Risen Christ, Ayer Itam
WED 25	4th Week of Lent, Annunciation of the Lord.
7:00 am	Mass
7:30 pm	Penitential Service ~ Balik Pulau
THU 26	4th Week of Lent.
6:00 pm	Mass
6:30 pm	Penitential Service ~ Cathedral of the Holy Spirit
8:15 pm	Shalom Praise & Worship
FRI 27	4th Week of Lent.
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (Eng/Tamil/Mand)
6:30 pm	Mass
	Followed by Novena to Divine Mercy
SAT 28	4th Week of Lent.
7:00 am	Mass
5:30 pm	Rosary, Novena & Benediction
6:30 pm	Mass, Presentation of the Lord's Prayer
SUN 29	5th SUNDAY OF LENT.
8:30 am	Mass
11:15 am	NO MASS
6:00 pm	Mass, Rite of Third Scrutiny

NEWS IN BRIEF

- ✠ There will be NO SUNDAY Catechism Class on **Sun, 22 Mar**. Class will resume on **Sun, 29 Mar**.
- ✠ After Easter onwards, any group less than 20 who want to say any prayers after mass, please do so at the Blessed Sacrament. Kindly take note.
- ✠ There will be Mass on **every Mon** at **6:30pm** in **College General**. All are welcome.