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Sunday Masses:
Sun. 10 a.m.
Sun. 5:30 p.m.
Weekday Masses:
Mon. 9:15 a.m.
Wed. 9:15 a.m.
Fri. 9:15 a.m.
Confessions:
By arrangement

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9 March 2025

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Chin Sin Fook, Yvonne Barbeta, Ettie Margaret Brown, Fran (Frances Therese) Douglas, Laurie Duffy, Paul Fitzgerald, Marie Hibbins, Monica LEE Chan Sui Ying, Ian Robinson, Elizabeth Whibley

MEMORIAL MASS: Today's 10 am Mass is a Memorial Mass for Peter Chin Sin Fook. Peter is the father of St Cecilia's parishioner Florence Koh. He passed away many years ago. With Florence and her husband Ian, we mark the anniversary of his passing in today's Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will be provided at our 10 am Mass next Sunday, 16th March. If you know any primary school children, please invite them to join us for this Mass next Sunday.

If you could help with Children's Liturgy, please contact Rita Zambruno on Rita.zambruno@hotmail.com.

OFFERTORY GIVING PROGRAM: This week, we begin our Offertory Giving Program. This program will take place over a four-week period from today to Sunday 30th March.

The last time that we conducted an Offertory Giving Program in our parish was in October 2017. Given that programs like this are usually conducted every three years, we are overdue for a renewal of our giving to our parish. COVID with its lockdowns is one reason for this delay. Over these seven or so years, the cost of just about everything has increased. This is one reason why it is now timely that we review our financial giving to our parish.

Our program will focus above all on the connection between our identity as Catholic Christians and the call from this to give to our parish. At the same time, we will report next week on our parish finances, and also on what has been achieved over this time in providing Sunday Masses, Sacramental Programs, and other services, and also on what has been done to maintain and improve our church and presbytery.

We hope that those who are already in our Offertory Giving Program will renew their commitment, and that other parishioners – especially newer parishioners – will join our program.

Giving Program letters are available from a box on the table in the narthex or foyer of our church. We've done our best to prepare a letter addressed to each of you. They're in the box in alphabetical order by surname. Please check if there's a letter addressed to you. If not, please take one of the generic letters at the back of the box. I apologise that we didn't prepare a specific letter addressed to you: we did our best, but we have surely missed a number of people.

The envelopes contain a letter inviting each one of us to consider prayerfully and discern our offering to our parish. At the bottom of this letter is a pledge card that we can fill out and tear off. We can return this pledge card in the following ways:

- i. Put it in the collection basket during Mass,
- ii. Put it in the designated pledge box which will be on the table in the foyer from next week,
- iii. Put it in the letterbox outside Fr Kevin's presbytery at 37 Hillside Parade, or
- iv. Give it directly to Fr Kevin or our parish secretary Sue Leong at our parish office.

WEEKDAY MASSES: We have weekday Masses this week on Monday 10th March, Wednesday 12th March, and Friday 14th March. Are you able to join us during Lent for a weekday Mass?