

# NEWBEC

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent | 30 Nov 2025

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

**MONTHLY FOCUS& RATIONALE: FAMILY (ACCOMPANYING)**  
CALLED TO STRENGTHENING FAITH AND RELATIONSHIPS  
TOWARDS BUILDING GOD-CENTERED FAMILIES



## A Journey of Faith for God-Centered Families

**W**e end November by facing forward. **Advent teaches families how to wait with faith and patience, so that we can walk together into God's future.** Isaiah imagines nations streaming to the Lord's Mountain to learn His ways; the synodal household becomes a signpost when it chooses presence over purchases and intercession over endless scrolling.



**"We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another."**

*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

### SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalms 121: 1-2, 4-9

Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 37-44

St Paul says, "Wake from sleep; put on the Lord Jesus Christ", a wardrobe change that swaps resentment for gentleness and distraction for attention. Jesus warns that ordinary days can lull us into forgetfulness; Noah's neighbours were busy with meals and plans and missed the hour.

More than often, we are preoccupied with travel, shopping and planning while some who are unfortunate grapple with flood-relief needs and preparations for the New Year's challenges.

Besides reminding us about simplicity and solidarity, Advent watchfulness is also a call to ecological conversion. As in *Laudato Si'* (217 "The ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion.") It invites us to cultivate a sense of gratitude, restraint, and joy that honours both creation and the poor. Around the wreath we light one candle at a time, slow enough for children to wonder, brave enough to remember those who wait alone: migrants who cannot go home, elders who seldom receive visitors, families rebuilding after floods.

The month that began with remembrance now becomes readiness: homes that listen, discern, and serve—so that when the Lord comes, He finds us awake, together, and available.

**This week:** Begin a family Advent rhythm: one short daily prayer and one planned act of kindness each week.✦

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2025 THEME  
NOVEMBER

**CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE**  
**FAMILY (ACCOMPANYING)**  
**- CALLED TO STRENGTHENING FAITH AND RELATIONSHIPS**  
**TOWARDS BUILDING GOD-CENTERED FAMILIES**

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH
Nov 30 (Sun) <i>Is 2:1-5</i> <i>Rom 13:11-14</i> <i>Mt 24:37-44</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A) RCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE
Dec 01 (Mon)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	
Dec 02 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	
Dec 03 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	St. Francis Xavier, Priest Patron of Missions & Missionaries
Dec 04 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor
Dec 05 (Fri)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	
Dec 06 (Sat)	6.40 am 7.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Lauds MASS (E) Novena to OMPH MASS (E)	St. Nicholas, Bishop
Dec 07 (Sun) <i>Is 11:1-10</i> <i>Rom 15:4-9</i> <i>Mt 3:1-12</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am 5.30 pm	MASS (M) MASS (E) MASS (T)	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)
<b>E = English M = Mandarin T = Tamil BM = Bahasa Malaysia</b>			

## MARRIAGE BANNNS

Dec 10 (Wed)

9.00 am

Wedding Service (E)  
Joshua Nayagam a/l Fabian & Sindhu Priya a/p Sivalingam

## PARISH NEWS

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Offerings of Mass Intentions, financial giving of monthly tithing, love offerings or donations to the Parish can be made through online transfers to the following designated bank account:-

Online Payment for	Donations Mass Offering Hall Booking Wake Room Booking	Tithes	Sharing Hope Project Outreach Projects
Bank	<b>Public Bank Berhad</b>	<b>RHB Bank Berhad</b>	<b>RHB Bank Berhad</b>
Account Number	<b>309 3049812</b>	<b>20708 2000 39510</b>	<b>20708 2000 39928</b>
Account Name	Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	Cathedral CHS

Email Bank-in-Slip to [admin@holyspiritcathedral.com](mailto:admin@holyspiritcathedral.com)

**Our Collection on 22 & 23 November 2025: RM 9,629.40**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection on 6 and 7 December 2025 is for the KASIH Fundraising Initiative**

*"God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Cor. 9:7*

### 1. **CHS 2025 PARISH PASTORAL ASSEMBLY | 30 NOVEMBER 2025**

In a blink of an eye, it is almost end of the year 2025. It is time for us again to come together as a parish to reflect, share and listen to one another in preparation for the year 2026 ahead of us. We invite all parishioners to come and participate in our Parish Pastoral Assembly on Sunday, 30 November 2025, from 2pm-5pm. Our parish pastoral assembly will comprise of 3 parts:-  
(1) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (2) Spiritual Conversation (3) Fellowship

### 2. **CHS CEC (ENGLISH) PRIMARY CAMP | 06 DECEMBER 2025**

CEC Year-End Primary Camp is being organised for our primary school children on 6 December (Saturday). A meaningful relationship with Jesus cannot be established overnight and we need to allow and let our children experience the love of Jesus for themselves and their faith can only be formed and strengthened by hearing, and hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17). So dear parents, as the primary catechist for your family, take advantage of this year-end CEC Camp to help form and strengthen the faith of your children. Please scan the QR code to register. You may also register with your respective class Faith Sharers.

### 3. **CEC FIRE CAMP FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS | 6 & 7 DECEMBER 2025**

The CEC Ministry will be organising a Faith Inspired Renewal Experience (FIRE) CAMP for Form 1 to Form 4 students, from 6 to 7 December 2025 at CHS. This camp is geared towards the discovery of the TRINITY, having a personal faith relationship with God and living that faith. We encourage all students to sign up for this camp. Students may register with their respective Faith Sharer.

### 4. **KASIH FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE 2025 | 6 & 7 DECEMBER 2025**

There will be a special second collection on 6 and 7 Dec in support of the social mission of the Church such as human development, pastoral care of migrants, those affected by disasters; including support towards educational, social, environmental and humanitarian efforts and programs. Please support this initiative.

### 5. **HAVEN YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (HYAM) - DECEMBER GATHERING**

Reaching out to all young adults, come and join us for our December gathering as we study God's word, dwell in His presence, and celebrate the joy of Christmas together! Looking forward to seeing you there and bring a friend along! Let's journey together in this season of advent to grow more in love with Jesus as a community. God bless!



6. **ADVENT OUTREACH | 13 DECEMBER 2025**

As we welcome the Advent season, SSVP and the Outreach team invite parishioners to join us for Christmas caroling at the newly established Pertubuhan Kebajikan Vallal Malaysia orphanage home on 13 December 2025 at 7pm. Let's gather and share the joy with them. Please arrive before 7pm.

Address: No. 24, Lorong Kenari 14, Taman Desa Ria, Sungai Ara, 11900 Bayan Lepas, Penang.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/fpMsmV17jEuGyoQd8>

7. **MERCY HOME FUND RAISER ON 22 & 23 NOVEMBER 2025**

Amount collected was RM7,277.20. Thank you for your generosity.

8. **TITHING ENVELOPES**

The tithing envelopes for the year 2026 are ready and available at the parish office. You are invited to participate in tithing with grateful hearts. As scripture says in 2 Cor 9:7:

*"Each one should give as much as he has decided on his own initiative, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

9. **3RD CLASS RELICS OF ST. ELENA AND ST. CARLO**

For those who have not received the above, you may obtain the same from our sacristans.

10. **BADMINTON COURTS**

Our badminton courts will not be available for use on 30 November 2025.

11. **SALE OF CHRISTMAS COOKIES | 13 & 14 DECEMBER 2025**

The Secular Franciscan Order & the Capuchin Friars will be selling cookies on 13 and 14 December to raise funds for formation and outreach aid. Please lend them your support.

12. **SEEDS MINISTRY: EQUIP 2026 | 4-18 JANUARY 2026**

The SEEDS Ministry would like to invite youth (18-21 years) to Equip 2026, a 2-week post-Confirmation formation program to help young Catholics grow as disciples and leaders in mission.

📅 4-18 Jan 2026

📍 Monsignor Aloysius Spirituality Center, Penang


💰 RM800 (all-inclusive)

Closing date for application is 1st December 2025. Contact Person: Jonathan (010-380 6270)

**PENANG ISLAND DEANERY  
ADVENT CONFESSIONS 2025**

**CHURCH OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS, BALIK PULAU:**  
5 December (Friday) 10 am and 8 pm

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS, JALAN MACALISTER:**  
9 December (Tuesday) 10 am and 8 pm

 **Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Island Park**  
10 December (Wednesday) 10 am and 8 pm

**CHURCH OF THE DIVINE MERCY, SUNGAI ARA:**  
11 December (Thursday) 10 am and 8 pm

**CHURCH OF THE RISEN CHRIST, AIR ITAM:**  
15 December (Monday) 10 am and 8 pm

**CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, PULAU TIKUS:**  
16 December (Tuesday) 10 am and 8 pm

**SHARING HOPE**

**ADVENT DONATION DRIVE**

THE LIST OF THE ITEMS NEEDED IS  
AVAILABLE AT NOTICE BOARD

☎ JULIANA KHOO 012 408 1392

 **Join us to bring joy and cheer to**  
Pertubuhan Kebajikan Vallal Malaysia  
Children Home located at  
No. 24, Lorong Kenari 14,  
Taman Desa Ria, Sungai Ara Penang  
on 13 Dec (Sat) 2025, 7pm

St. Vincent De Paul  
Roderick Foo  
012-420 9428

**DECEMBER GATHERING**

*Haven*  
**YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY**  
TUESDAY | 8PM - 10 PM | AGE 17 - 25  
2ND FLOOR CLASSROOM (ST. MICHAEL)

02<sup>ND</sup> WORD (BIBLE STUDY)  
09<sup>TH</sup> PRESENCE (WORSHIP)  
16<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS PARTY!!  
23<sup>RD</sup> NO GATHERING  
30<sup>TH</sup>

REVELATION 22:17  
LET EVERYONE WHO THIRSTS COME!  
LET EVERYONE WHO IS THIRSTY COME!  
LET ANYONE WHO WISHES, TAKE THE WATER OF LIFE AS A GIFT

PLEASE CONTACT OUR CORE TEAM IF YOU HAVE ANY INQUIRIES:  
JULIO GERONIMO: 016-4339445  
MICHAEL ANDREWS: 019-4585499 | CAITLIN TECH: 016-4215027

 **Here I Am Lord, Send Me**  
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang

**YEAR END PRIMARY CAMP**  
(Pre-school - Standard 6)  
Date: 6 December 2025 (Saturday)  
Time: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

📱 Scan here to register

 **calling all youths  
ages 17-21!  
come join us for**  
**EQUIP 2026**  
4-18 Jan 2026

📱 scan for more  
info and  
application  
link

the seeds  
ministry

**FIRECAMP**  
CEC SECONDARY CAMP  
OPEN TO ALL FORM 1 TO FORM 4 STUDENTS

**SATURDAY  
DEC 06<sup>TH</sup>**  
8:30 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.

**SUNDAY  
DEC 07<sup>TH</sup>**  
9:00 A.M. - 9:30 P.M.

 **SCAN ME**  
JOIN US

*"But you shall receive  
power when the Holy  
Spirit has come upon  
you" - Acts 1:8 (a)*

📍 TOP FLOOR CLASSROOMS,  
CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY  
SPIRIT

📱 **RM 40**

For Non-Muslims only

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