

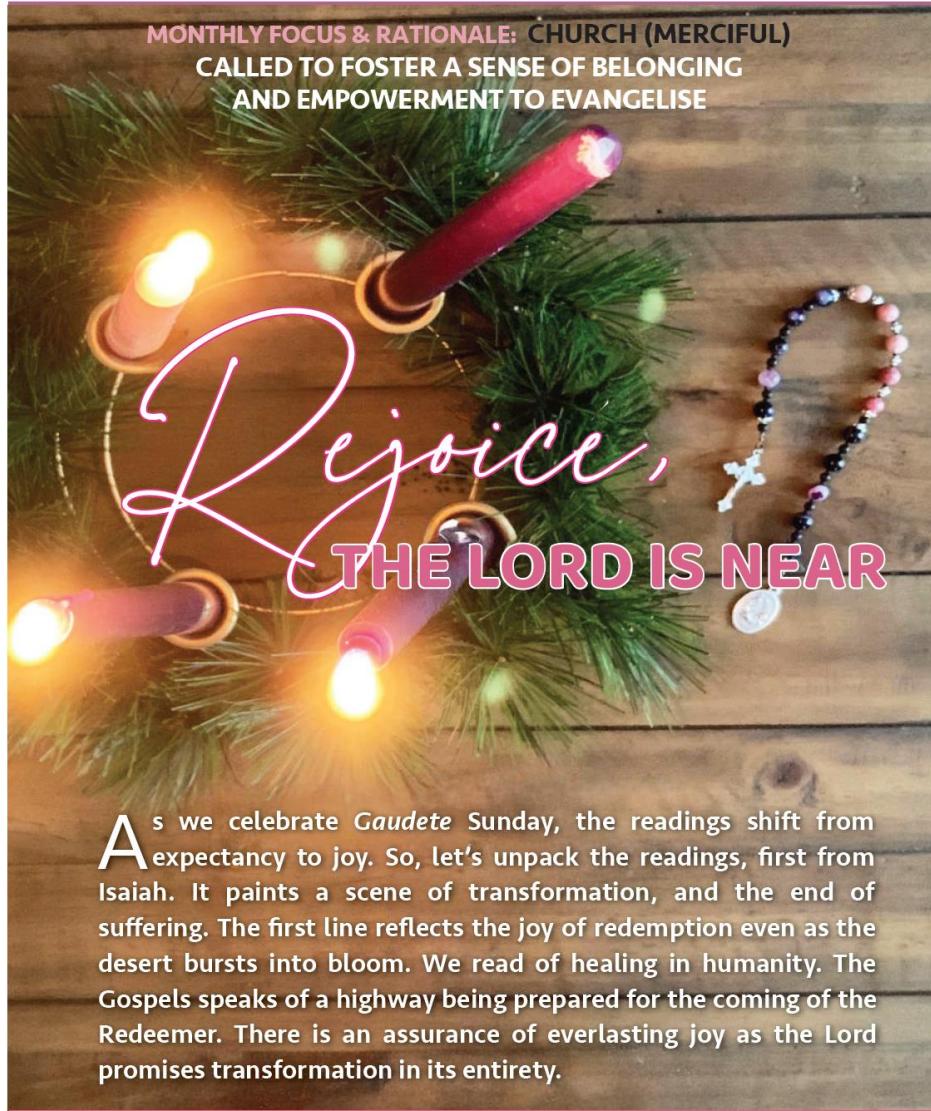
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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 3rd Sunday of Advent | 14 December 2025

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE: CHURCH (MERCIFUL)

CALLED TO FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING
AND EMPOWERMENT TO EVANGELISE



As we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday, the readings shift from expectancy to joy. So, let's unpack the readings, first from Isaiah. It paints a scene of transformation, and the end of suffering. The first line reflects the joy of redemption even as the desert bursts into bloom. We read of healing in humanity. The Gospels speak of a highway being prepared for the coming of the Redeemer. There is an assurance of everlasting joy as the Lord promises transformation in its entirety.



**"Trust the past
to the mercy
of God, the
present to His
love and the
future to His
providence"**

St. Augustine

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10
Psalm 145: 6-10
James 5: 7-10
Matthew 11: 2-11

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Yet, John the Baptist in his prison cell asks a heartbreakingly question to Jesus through his disciples, 'Are you the one who is to come?' Jesus' response is in his actions, as he says, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regains their sights, the lame walks, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hears, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.' Has John's expectation fallen short? Is he, like the rest of the Jews, expecting a political Messiah?

For many of us, too, how can we recognise God's presence in our midst when expectations fall short? Jesus affirms John's role in the work of salvation, he is indeed the greatest, yet John stands at the threshold, pointing to the promise. We, as baptised Catholics have the Kingdom in our midst. John has done his part, so what ought we to be about?

Inspired by Pope Francis' *Laudato Si*, the Bishops' Conference of Malaysia-Singapore-Brunei establishes Creation Justice Commission. It calls for ecological stewardship and justice for creation, encourages practical, community-based actions to address environmental degradation. At the grassroots levels, (families, BECs) everyone can do their bit, as every bit counts. We are encouraged to engage in campaigns such as PROTEC (Protect Our Earth, Protect Our Children), and support the pledge of Ecological or Green Parishes.

St James in his letter tells us to be patient until the coming of the Lord. While waiting, let us be our Lord's arms, legs and mouthpiece and reach out where we can. We rejoice each time we help turn a situation around: an aged being comforted, a relationship reconciled, a migrant being cared for. The list goes on.

'And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me,' Jesus says. Indeed, we do not take offense because we are one with Him, catching a glimpse of the Kingdom in the here and now. ☺

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2025 THEME
DECEMBER

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE CHURCH (MERCIFUL) - CALLED TO FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING AND EMPOWERMENT TO EVANGELISE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH
Dec 14 (Sun) Is 35:1-6,10 Jm 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (BM)	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)
Dec 15 (Mon)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	
Dec 16 (Tue)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	
Dec 17 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	
Dec 18 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	
Dec 19 (Fri)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	
Dec 20 (Sat)	6.40 am 7.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Lauds MASS (E) Novena to OMPH MASS (E)	
Dec 21 (Sun) Is 35:1-6,10 Jm 5:7-10	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

E = English M = Mandarin T = Tamil BM = Bahasa Malaysia

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 Account Number Account Name	Public Bank Berhad 309 3049812 Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	RHB Bank Berhad 20708 2000 39510 Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	RHB Bank Berhad 20708 2000 39928 Cathedral CHS

Email Bank-in-Slip to admin@holyspiritcathedral.com

Our Collection on 6 & 7 December 2025: RM 9,920.39

2nd Collection on 6 & 7 December 2025: RM15,673.29

(KASHI Fundraising Initiative)

Sharing Hope Donations for November 2025: RM 1,100.00

Café Donations for November 2025: RM 1,361.13

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

1. BAMBINELLI SUNDAY | 13 & 14 DECEMBER 2025

Please bring your Baby Jesus figurines to Mass on that weekend for a special blessing of the figurines.

2. CHANGE OF MASS TIME ON 15 & 16 DECEMBER 2025

Kindly note that on 15 & 16 December 2025, we will not have Lauds at 6.40am or the usual 7.00am Mass. Instead, we invite you to join us for Vespers at 6.10pm, followed by Mass at 6.30pm.

3. 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."

4. INFANT BAPTISM FOR DECEMBER 2025 | 28 DECEMBER 2025

For parents who wish to have their child baptized, infant baptism will be held in the main church on Sunday, 28 December 2025 at 12noon. Please register at the parish office. There will be a pre-baptismal instruction and briefing for both parents and godparents.

5. BADMINTON COURTS

Our badminton courts will not be available for use on 14 December.

6. 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.

7. 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!

8. VACANCIES AT MOUNT MIRIAM CANCER HOSPITAL

Join Our Mount Miriam Family

Looking for a place where you can grow, feel valued, and make a real impact every day? At Mount Miriam Cancer Hospital, we're more than just a workplace — we're a community built on compassion, teamwork, and meaningful care. If you're passionate about helping others and ready to be part of a supportive, purpose-driven environment, we'd love to welcome you on board.

MEDICAL OFFICER

Responsibilities

- Provide patient-centered, culturally appropriate and individual holistic medical care for oncological in-patient and out-patient.
- Works closely with Oncologists and nursing team to provide clinical guidance, assistance, education and support to patients.

Requirements

- Have a valid APC with a minimum 4 years of working experience
- Able to work shift/weekends/PH

RADIATION THERAPIST

Responsibilities

- Deliver radiotherapy treatment accurately and safely, including patient positioning, verification, and monitoring
- Perform CT simulation and support treatment planning, ensuring correct setup, immobilisation, and data accuracy.

Requirements

- Diploma & above in radiation therapy (Recognize by MHPS).
- UKM-Bachelor of Diagnostic imaging and radiotherapy with honours, Asia metropolitan university-bachelor of medical imaging and radiotherapy (hons), MSU-diploma in radiotherapy, Kolej Latihan KKM –diploma in radiotherapy
- Minimum 2 years working as radiation therapist.
- Fresh graduates are welcome to apply.

SENIOR MEDICAL PHYSICIST

Responsibilities

- Support treatment planning system (TPS) management and beam data maintenance.
- Provide clinical leadership and operational management for the medical physics unit, ensuring efficient daily operations and coordinated clinical workflows.

Requirements

- Working knowledge in radiotherapy techniques (e.g., IMRT, SBRT, 3DCRT).
- Master's Degree in Medical Physics from a recognized institution with minimum of 7 years clinical experience. Experience dealing with Malaysian regulatory bodies (e.g., BKR) and international QA standards (AAPM, IAEA).
- Applicants aged 50 to 65 are also encouraged to apply.

WORK LOCATION

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- Closing Deadline for application: 22nd Dec 2025

