

NEWBEC

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 4th Sunday of Advent | 21 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

Emmanuel is the Answer

How will we react when face with life uncertainties? Today's readings show us two contrasts, and teach us valuable lessons. The context in Isaiah is that King Ahaz of Judah faces imminent threats from his political alliances, and instead of trusting God, he joins forces with another. Ahaz's sin is his lack of faith and trust in God's assurances. By refusing God's command to ask Him for a sign, Ahaz shows an act of defiance. Grace opens door to him, but he closes it.



The gospel tells us another story of God meeting us in challenging situations, but the response is heartwarming. Joseph, after discovering Mary is with child, decides to save her from shame and plans to divorce her quietly. But when the angel reveals to him the truth, Joseph surrenders his own plan, his understanding and his reputation. He takes Mary into his home. Joseph cooperates with grace in an act of trust and courage, and does his part to fulfil the messianic prophecy.

“Apart from the mercy of God, there is no other source of hope for mankind.”

St. John Paul II

In both the accounts, Emmanuel is the answer. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, these words will continually ring out. O Come, O Come Emmanuel. The promise of God-with-us assures us of God's everlasting love and presence, especially in moments of crisis. When we approach him in prayers, he enters into our situation, whatever that may be. Like St Joseph, we must have the courage to let go of our own will, and submit to the Lord.

To let go and to trust God is a lifelong process. We are often overwhelmed by societal trends, and more often than not, we lack the will and mental strength to cope. We have the BECs as support groups but we need to be more effective. Perhaps a redefinition of the framework is required, with more emphasis on formation and empowerment to build individuals, families and communities spiritually. Then, coming together, we can support each other in the Body of Christ as we learn to lean on the Lord and trust him like Joseph does.

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Isaiah 7: 10-14

Psalm 23: 1-6

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-24

As Advent comes to a close this week, we are reminded of the 4th candle of love. May we continue to love and to be of service to others, building upon the hope, peace and joy of this Advent season. When Christmas comes around, let the Lord enter for he is the King of Glory.

Blessed Christmas, everyone. ☺

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2025 THEME
DECEMBER

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH
Dec 21 (Sun) <i>Is 35:1-6,10 Rm 1:1-7 Jm 5:7-10</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)
Dec 22 (Mon)		NO MASS	
Dec 23 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	St. John of Kety, Priest
Dec 24 (Wed)	6.00 pm 8.00 pm 10.30 pm 11.00 pm	MASS (T) MASS (M) Christmas Cantata (E) MASS (E)	VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS
Dec 25 (Thu)	9.45 am 10.00 am	Singing of Carols (E) MASS (E)	NATIVITY OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY (Day of Obligation)
Dec 26 (Fri)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	St. Stephen, the First Martyr, Feast
Dec 27 (Sat)	6.40 am 7.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Lauds MASS (E) Novena to OMPH MASS (E)	St. John, Apostle, Evangelist, Feast
Dec 28 (Sun) <i>Ecc 3:2-6,12-14 Col 3:12-21 Mt 2:13-15,19-23</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am 5.30 pm	MASS (M) MASS (E) MASS (ETM)	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, FEAST CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE (followed by fellowship meal in Dewan Holy Spirit)

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



Cathedral of the Holy Spirit



PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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

Online Payment for	Donations	Tithes	Sharing Hope Project Outreach Projects
	Mass Offering Hall Booking Wake Room Booking		

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Account Name

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20708 2000 39510
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

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Our Collection on 13 & 14 December 2025: RM 9,287.00

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

1. NO MASS ON MONDAYS

Kindly note that with effect from 18 December 2025, we will not have any Mass on Mondays. Mass on Tuesdays will remain at 7am.

2. 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."

3. 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.

4. CLOSING OF JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE MASS AT 5.30PM ON SUNDAY, 28 DECEMBER 2025

Closing of Jubilee Year of Hope Mass at 5.30pm on Sunday, 28 December 2025 followed by fellowship meal in Dewan Holy Spirit. Please bring along your personal crucifixes to the abovesaid Mass for a special blessing.

5. 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

VACANCIES AT MOUNT MIRIAM CANCER HOSPITAL (CONT)

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., BKRP) and international QA standards (AAPM, IAEA).
- Applicants aged 50 to 65 are also encouraged to apply.

WORK LOCATION

23 Jalan Bulan, Fettes Park, 11200 Tanjung Bungah, Penang, Malaysia

- Interested, please send your resume with current self-photo & stating expected salary to subloh@mountmiriam.com. Please indicate position that you applying as the subject.
- For more details on the job, please visit our website <http://www.mountmiriam.com>
- Closing Deadline for application: 22nd Dec 2025

6. 2025 ADVENT GOTONG ROYONG

Thank you for coming to help us clean our Cathedral on Saturday, 13 December 2025. It is good to see our youths, adults and senior parishioners coming to work together to sweep, mop, take down the wall fans for cleaning, wiping the pews, cleaning the Sacristy and Chapel. Thanks to our 70++ brothers and sisters, we were even able to clean the Dewan Holy Spirit.

7. PENANG STATE CHRISTMAS PARADE 2025

Thank you especially to our maintenance team, office staff and parishioners for the hours spent decorating our CHS float and everyone who volunteered to walk with the float during the Christmas parade on 6 December 2025. It is indeed a true show of faith and commitment to walk with the floats despite the heavy downpour to bring Christmas Cheer to all who we met along the path of the parade. We thank you for your presence, dedication and support for the Christmas parade.



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