

NEWBEC

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 2nd Sunday of Advent | 7 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

An Advent of Perfect Peace

Between the vision of Isaiah and the proclamation of John, we see the continuity of God's plan of salvation, of prophecy and fulfilment. Isaiah gives a vivid description of who this coming shoot is, and what his reign will be like. From the seemingly dead stump of Jesse, a bud blossoms at the root of this shoot.



“Mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life...The Church’s very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love.”

Pope Francis

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalms 71: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Romans 15: 4-9

Matthew 3: 1-12

God indeed works even at barren places, as at this time, the Davidic kingdom is no more, it has been reduced to a *stump*. Yet, the Messiah from the lineage of King David, son of Jesse is coming.

Isaiah’s vision shows how Spirit-filled the Messiah will be. As the Spirit of the Lord rests upon the Messiah, one sees the manifestations, working alongside to empower and to guide. The reign of God will be shown by perfect justice, particularly for the most vulnerable. The poor and the meek will find an advocate in Him for *justice is his belt*.

The vision of Isaiah gives us hope even as we strive for justice and champion the cause of the marginalised. More than hope, the prophet also shows us a Kingdom of peace: that in the end, all things will come together, all predatory nature of creation will reconcile. Imagine a world without gun violence and senseless killing, no wars nor conflicts, and where babies, orphans and elderly are sheltered from harm. Peace will prevail, ‘for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea.’

Powerful imageries for us to ponder even as John the Baptist takes the vision to a state of urgency, saying that the peaceable kingdom that is to come begins with repentance. While Isaiah looks to the future and John looks at his generation, the message is evergreen for us – repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand. St Paul tells us that *whatever was written previously was written for our instructions, and by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope*.

Our takeaway for this Second Sunday of Advent as a faith community is that peace is not a passive state of being, but an active pursuit that starts with each person. Let’s start at the base with our families, BECs, parish community, and to our co-workers and larger community.

Let us wish each other an Advent of Perfect Peace.✠

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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 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)
Dec 08 (Mon)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity
Dec 09 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Dec 10 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	Our Lady of Loreto
Dec 11 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	St. Damasus I, Pope
Dec 12 (Fri)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec 13 (Sat)	6.40 am 7.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Lauds MASS (E) Novena to OMPH MASS (E)	St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
Dec 14 (Sun) <i>Is 35:1-6, 10</i> <i>Jm 5:7-10</i> <i>Mt 11:2-11</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (BM)	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

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

MARRIAGE BANNNS

Dec 10 (Wed)	9.00 am	Wedding Service (E) Joshua Nayagam a/l Fabian & Sindhu Priya a/p Sivalingam
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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	Public Bank Berhad	RHB Bank Berhad	RHB Bank Berhad
Account Number	309 3049812	20708 2000 39510	20708 2000 39928
Account Name	Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	Cathedral CHS

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

Our Collection on 29 & 30 November 2025: RM 10,041.60

2nd Collection on 6 and 7 December 2025 is for the KASIH Fundraising Initiative

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

1. 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.

2. KASIH FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE 2025 | 6 & 7 DECEMBER 2025

Rooted in the biblical call to *“Do everything in love”* (1 Corinthians 16:14), the KASIH Fundraising Initiative is spearheaded by the **Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Malaysia**. This campaign embodies the Church’s social mission, championing Integral Human Development through the collaborative efforts of **Caritas Malaysia**, the **Episcopal Commission for Migrants and Itinerants**, and the **Episcopal Commission for Creation Justice**.

KASIH focuses on empowering the marginalized, promoting environmental stewardship, and supporting migrants and refugees. It seeks to make a concrete impact through

- Humanitarian Aid & Disaster Relief
- Training & Formation Programmes
- IHD Project Grants
- Advocacy
- Operations

that uphold the dignity of every person and foster justice for all.

Special 2nd Collection at All Masses: **December 6th & 7th, 2025**

Join this nationwide effort to transform lives and communities. Your gift to KASIH is not just a donation—it’s a commitment to love in action, hope in hardship, and justice in the face of inequality. Together, let’s create a mission of dignity, justice, and compassion for a better Malaysia. **Act now with KASIH!**

3. 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>

4. **BAMBINELLI SUNDAY | 13 & 14 DECEMBER 2025**

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

5. **2025 CHS ADVENT GOTONG ROYONG | 13 DECEMBER 2025**

Do come join us in Gotong Royong on Saturday, 13 December 2025 at 8.45am as we prepare our Church to welcome Jesus this Christmas. Light breakfast and simple lunch will be provided for us to fellowship.

6. **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!

7. **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."

8. **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.

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 7 and 14 December.


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.

**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



Reconcile, Renew, Rejoice!!!



GOTONG ROYONG
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang
Come together as we prepare to welcome Jesus

13TH DECEMBER 2025
SATURDAY 8.45AM TO 12.30PM

"Behold the Lamb of God"
John 1:36

DECEMBER GATHERING

**Haven
YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY**

TUESDAY | 8PM - 10 PM | AGE 17 - 25
2ND FLOOR CLASSROOM (ST. MICHAEL)

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

REVELATION 22:17
LET EVERYONE WHO IS THIRSTY, 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: 018-4339445
MICHAEL ANDREWS: 019-4585499 | CAITLIN TECH: 016-4215027

FIRECAMP

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

**SATURDAY
DEC 06TH**
8:30 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.

**SUNDAY
DEC 07TH**
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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