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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | The Baptism Of The Lord | 11 January 2026

WALKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A SYNODAL AND PROPHETIC CHURCH

A People for Missionary Discipleship

MONTHLY FOCUS: FAMILY: Building Trust

The Beloved Son, A Humble Servant

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, the readings point to a prophecy of Isaiah, and its fulfilment at the River Jordan. Isaiah envisions a Servant-Messiahship blueprint. God presents his servant with characteristics that contrast worldly expectations.



SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7
Psalm 28: 1-4, 9-10
Acts 10: 34-38
Matthew 3: 13-17



*"In families,
we learn to experience
the basic practices
needed for
a Synodal Church."*

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'A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smouldering wick he will not quench,' shows a servant of compassion and steadfastness. **The servant's mission is to establish 'a covenant for the people, a light for the nations.'** And his work is one of liberation 'to free the captives, and to give sight to the blind,' amongst all social justice.

The vision comes to life at the River Jordan. Paradoxically, we see Jesus the Sinless One, being given a baptism of repentance by John the Baptist. But Jesus takes it on 'to fulfil all righteousness.' By plunging into the water, Jesus sanctifies it from within even as he stands in solidarity with us, humanity in our fallen state.

The baptism of Jesus thus marks the beginning of his public ministry, where He is revealed by the Father as *His Beloved Son, the humble servant* foretold in Isaiah's vision. The baptism also reveals the movement of the Holy Spirit as he descends upon Jesus.

What is our takeaway this week? That our baptism connects us to two essential aspects of our identity: An inward reality which is, building us into the Body of Christ, and an outward mission, commissioning us to be the Light of the World and the Salt of the Earth. That is to say, when we are baptised in the name of the Trinity, we become beloved children of the Father, the foundational touchstone of all that we are about as Christians. We belong to one another even as we share in Christ's mission, supporting each other with the gifts we are endowed with. With the Spirit within us, we are to be gentle, quiet and compassionate as we go about our God-given vocation, *not crying out, not shouting, not making our voice heard in the street.*

May we emulate Christ, savour His Word in scriptures, and walk in his footsteps as the Beloved of the Father, and Servant to all. ☺

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2026 THEME
JANUARY

WALKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A SYNODAL AND PROPHETIC CHURCH
(A PEOPLE FOR MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP)
FAMILY (CONVERSION OF RELATIONSHIPS)
- BUILDING TRUST

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH
Jan 11 (Sun) Is 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (BM)	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, FEAST
Jan 12 (Mon)		NO MASS	
Jan 13 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor
Jan 14 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	
Jan 15 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	St. Paul the Hermit
Jan 16 (Fri)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	
Jan 17 (Sat)	6.40 am 7.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Lauds MASS (E) Novena to OMPH MASS (E)	St. Antony, Abbot
Jan 18 (Sun) Is 49:3,5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34	8.00 am 10.30 am 3.00 pm 5.30 pm	MASS (M) MASS (E) Ponggol Celebration MASS(T) followed by fellowship	2 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (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 tithe, 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 3 & 4 January 2026: RM 10,591.39

2nd Collection on 3 & 4 January 2026 RM 9,368.92

Sharing Hope Donations for December 2025: RM 1,550.00

Café Donations for December 2025: RM 762.91

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

1. 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."

2. CEC ENGLISH CLASSES START ON 17 JANUARY 2026

Blessed New Year to all CEC students & parents. Our first CEC class for year 2026 will be on January 17th, 2026. Classes will begin with an assembly in the Dewan Holy Spirit at 4.00pm.

Looking forward to seeing all CHS students from Pre-school to Form 5.

3. INFANT BAPTISM FOR JANUARY 2026 | 25 JANUARY 2026

For parents who wish to have their child baptized, infant baptism will be held in the main church on Sunday, 25 January 2026 at 12noon. Please register at the parish office.

There will be a pre-baptismal instruction and briefing for both parents and godparents.

4. GLOWING EMBERS: SURRENDING TO GOD | 27 JANUARY 2026

Simon Wong shares and discusses detachment, humility and love/charity which are the three foundational virtues in St Theresa of Avila's spiritual classic – the Way of Perfection.

The classic serves as a guide in the practice of prayer and the attainment of spiritual perfection through it.

All are welcome

Date/Time: 27 January, 10.00am

Venue: St Mark Room

5. BEC MASSES

Please take note that there will be BEC Masses at 8pm at the respective Zones:

➤ 29 Jan	- Zone B	➤ 8 May	- Zone I
➤ 4 Feb	- Zone C	➤ 19 May	- Zone A
➤ 19 Feb	- Zone D	➤ 10 Jun	- Zone B
➤ 5 Mar	- Zone E	➤ 25 Jun	- Zone C
➤ 18 Mar	- Zone F	➤ 2 Jul	- Zone D
➤ 10 Apr	- Zone G	➤ 15 Jul	- Zone F
➤ 23 Apr	- Zone H		

6. PILGRIMAGE TO CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH (PARIT BUNTAR) | 31 JANUARY 2026

We are excited to share that we are planning a pilgrimage to Church of Our Lady of Good Health (Parit Buntar) on Saturday, 31st January 2026.

Program:

8.00am - A simple Breakfast
8.30am - Bus leaves for Parit Buntar, Perak
9.30am - Arrive at Church of Our Lady of Good Health, Perak
[Upon arrival, Church briefing by PPC or Fr Martin]
10.00am - Mass celebrated by Fr Raymond
[Recite 1 decade of Rosary and then proceed with lunch]
12.00pm - Lunch served by the community.
1.00pm - Leave for CHS Penang.
2.00pm - Back to CHS Penang.
(Timing subject to traffic on the highway).

We are currently chartering 2 x 40 seater bus. Those who wish to go kindly register early with payment of RM40 to Anne Tan or Aunty Wai Chun at the office. As seats are only limited to 80 pax, do register early.

7. BADMINTON COURTS

Parishioners can come and play badminton every Sunday - either 3pm to 5pm or 5pm to 7pm. No charges and no registration required.



8. JOIN OUR MOUNT MIRIAM FAMILY

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.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (EVENT MANAGEMENT) – 社区发展官 (活动策划)

JOB SUMMARY

We are seeking a creative and driven individual to join Mount Miriam Cancer Hospital - Community and Development Team. This role plays a key part in supporting the Hospital's fundraising and community engagement initiatives, working closely with internal teams and external stakeholders to strengthen community partnerships and donor support. Fundraising and community engagement initiatives.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist to plan, prepare and manage fundraising projects or events.
- Assist to ensure projects and events meet deadline, within budget and align with organization set objectives.
- Assist to undertake market research and establish the best way to reach target groups.
- Represent the Team or Hospital at charity-related events (*sometimes on weekends*).
- Foster and maintain new network with donors, partners and volunteers.
- Assist in writing, editing and proofreading promotional content for use across different channels.
- Coordinate with internal departments and external partners to ensure seamless event execution.
- Assist in clerical, administrative and reporting tasks relating to fund-raising activities and projects.

Requirements

- Diploma/Degree preferably in Graphic Design / Marketing / Communications.
- 1 - 2 years experience in event planning and execution.
- Strong project management and organizing skills with attention to details.
- Willing to work weekends and occasional extended hours during events.
- Able to work under tight deadline and manage multiple events simultaneously.
- Good inter-personal skills & communication (verbal & written) skills in English &/or Mandarin.
- Have own transport.
- Those proficient in Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop or similar tools will have an advantage.
- Fresh graduates are welcome 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: 16th Jan 2026