

# NEWBEC

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time | 18 January 2026

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

WALKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A SYNODAL AND PROPHETIC CHURCH

*A People for Missionary Discipleship*

MONTHLY FOCUS: FAMILY: Building Trust

## Expansion of the Servant-Mission of Christ

As we move into Ordinary Time in the liturgy, we see the continuation of Isaiah's prophecy on the Servant-Mission of Christ. The reading from Isaiah is deemed as the Servant-Song, beginning with what seems like an all-Israel's affair, but explodes into beyond, even as the Lord says, *'It is too little, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Israel. I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'*



### SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Isaiah 49 3, 5-6  
Psalm 39: 2, 4, 7-10  
1 Corinthians 1: 1-3  
John 1: 29-34



In declaring Israel as His servant, God's plan is for the nation to be the conduit of salvation to the whole world. Israel is called to live in a covenantal relationship with the Lord so that His glory can be manifested to the world. Yet, time after time, the nation Israel fail to live up to God's call. They assimilate into pagan culture, practise idolatry, and do not fulfil their covenantal obligations.

John the Baptist comes into the scene in the gospel narrative. He points to Jesus as *the Lamb of God*. Lambs are sacrificial animals and, Jesus, the true and faithful Israel embodies and fulfils Israel's calling. From the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John already points to Jesus' sacrificial mission, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

**What is our role, then in Jesus's Servant-Mission since by our baptism, we are incorporated into the Body of Christ?**

Knowing first of all, that the family is not merely a social institution but a domestic church. Thus, those called to family life have a primary vocation. When we learn to die to self and live for the other, we will become the Light in our families. Before any external mission, the utmost call is toward holiness in the family, especially to conversion in relationships.



**"Families remain as places where we learn to exchange the gifts of love, trust, forgiveness, and understanding — where we discover both our need to be listened to and our ability to listen."**

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Then, when we learn to live exemplary lives, the Lord may call us out of our comfort zone, nudging us that *'it is too little a thing,'* to keep the Light to ourselves. Instead, the Spirit will lead us to go beyond our families, to our workplace, schools, BECs and communities. John has a pivotal role – pointing and directing people to the Lamb. We too must point away from ourselves and point everyone towards Christ by our words and deeds. By doing so, we become credible witnesses. ✚

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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 18 (Sun) <i>Is 49:3,5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am 3.00 pm 5.30 pm	MASS (M) MASS (E) Ponggol Celebration MASS (T) followed by fellowship	2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)
Jan 19 (Mon)		NO MASS	
Jan 20 (Tue)	8.00 pm	MASS (ETM)	23 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr St. Sebastian, Martyr
Jan 21 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr
Jan 22 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr
Jan 23 (Fri)	6.30 pm	MASS (E) followed by Holy Hour	
Jan 24 (Sat)	6.40 am 7.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Lauds MASS (E) Novena to OMPH MASS (E)	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor
Jan 25 (Sun) <i>Is 8:23-9:3 1 Cor 1:10-13,17 Mt 4:12-23</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) (SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD)

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

## MARRIAGE BANNS

Feb 07 (Sat)	11.00 am	Wedding Mass (E) Martin Mudry & Dehlicia Nair a/p Ravi Narayanan
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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](mailto:admin@holyspiritcathedral.com)

**Our Collection on 10 & 11 January 2026: RM 9,822.23**

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

### 1. 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.

### 2. 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

### 3. 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	

### 4. BADMINTON COURTS

Our badminton courts will not be available for use on 18 January.



## C.O.R.E.

C.O.R.E. stands for "Continuing Our Retrouvaille Experience." It consists of monthly meetings for couples who have completed the entire Retrouvaille program, that is, both the Weekend and post-sessions. Through meaningful talks and exchanges, couples are provided opportunities to grow even more in their relationships not only as husband and wife but also as parents, friends to the other couples and useful members of their respective communities.

### WHO CAN TAKE PART IN THE RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM

Although the Retrouvaille program is rooted in the Roman Catholic tradition, couples of all faiths who are having problems in their relationship are welcome to participate, including husbands and wives who are already separated but wish to reconcile with one another. Only those spouses who are legally married to one another may be admitted.

### COST OF RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM

The cost of the Retrouvaille Program covers the expenses for both the Weekend and Post-Weekend sessions, including accommodation, food and hand-outs. No couple is denied the chance to participate in the Program because of financial difficulties.

### RETROUVAILLE HISTORY

The first Retrouvaille Weekend was presented in 1977 to French-speaking couples in Quebec, Canada. The program was translated later into English by the Retrouvaille Community in Toronto, who developed the Post-Weekend phase. In 1982, the Toronto community began spreading the program throughout Canada and United States.

Today, aside from these two countries, the Retrouvaille program is conducted in Europe, Africa, the Caribbean, the Western Pacific and Asia.

## HOPE IS ONLY A PHONE CALL AWAY

For more information or to register for the Retrouvaille program, please contact:

(WhatsApp first)

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or

Angeline : 012 – 207 2150

E-mail : [retrouvaille@familylife.archkl.org](mailto:retrouvaille@familylife.archkl.org)

When calling for more information, you need not identify yourself if you wish to remain anonymous. Confidentiality is guaranteed for all callers and those registering for the program.

### A Weekend Residential Program for Married Couples

### YOU CAN save your MARRIAGE

If you and your spouse want to save your marriage and are willing to put forth your best effort, then we invite you - even urge you - to inquire about Retrouvaille.



# Marriage Challenges?



Retrouvaille helps couples put the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships.