

NEWBEC

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | The Epiphany of the Lord | 4 January 2026

WALKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A SYNODAL AND PROPHETIC CHURCH

A People for Missionary Discipleship

MONTHLY FOCUS: FAMILY: Building Trust

The Light That Has Come

The prophecy of *the light that has come* echoes a divine initiative. Isaiah's vision of God's light is a beacon for the nations of the world. In the gospel narration, we see the fulfilment of this vision. The child in the Manger in Bethlehem is revealed as the source of the light that has come for all peoples. This is Epiphany, the Solemnity we celebrate today.



SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Isaiah 60: 1-6
Psalm 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2: 1-12



"Family is the domestic Church in which we learn to live out the richness of relationships between persons, in their diversity."
FD #35

INTERNAL CIRCULATION ONLY
BUL 01/2026

As we seek the pastoral pathways of building trust through prayers, dialogue and faith expressed in actions, what can we learn from the readings? Let us reflect on the gospel account of the Magi. Their journey exemplifies the very essence of trust. Taking a courageous leap of faith into the unknown, the Magi use science and astrology to seek something greater than themselves. By following the Star which eventually leads them to the Manger, the Magi exhibit trust in God's guidance. The stark difference in having the glorious sign, and the reality of a lowly Manger do not deter them from bowing down to honour the Infant Christ, and offering him the very gifts Isaiah foretold: gold, frankincense and myrrh. After the encounter at the Manger, the Magi trust a dream, warning them not to return to Herod, but to follow another route.

As we start the year focusing on family, may the Epiphany story offer us some guidance. Strong witnessing of the faith starts in the family, and often comes with challenges as young couples come together to build their lives together. Realities start to sink in after the honeymoon period. Chores, children, finances, educational needs, peer pressure, the list goes on. Yet, the **home is the first school of trust. It is where we learn humility, forgiveness, build trust and lean on each other.** Strong prayer life helps members of the household to stay Christ-centred as they learn to discern the signs God uses to guide them.

For the larger family, the Church, the Magi story shows that God reveals Himself to all peoples. That the family of God is not based on ethnicity, but on a shared response to His Light. It is heartening to know of the dialogues and collaborations the Church has with the different races and communities. Through frequent dialogues, the family of God breaks down barriers of race, religion, and creed.

May the Light that has come continue to guide us in all circumstances. ☩

Published by: Archdiocesan Pastoral Institute (API) | Email: api@archkl.org

CHS BULLETIN

1, Tingkat Besi Satu,
Island Park, 11600 Penang

+604-6584909 | +604-6566681
+604-6564309 (FAX)

Rector: FR RAYMOND RAJ
Deacon: DCN ANDREW LOH

Priests-in-Residence: FR FRANCIS ANTHONY, FR FABIAN DICOM
& FR JAMES TAN

Get Connected With Us

We would love to connect with you!

Please follow us on our social media platforms and email for the latest updates on our events.

 admin@holyspiritcathedral.com

 holyspiritcathedral.com

 CHSpenang

 chspenang

 youtube.com/CHSPgTv

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 04 (Sun) Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3,5-6 Mt 2:1-12	8.00 am 10.30 am 5.30 pm	MASS (M) MASS (E) MASS (T)	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY
Jan 05 (Mon)		NO MASS	
Jan 06 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	
Jan 07 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm 8.00 pm	Vespers MASS (E) BEC MASS	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest Zone A
Jan 08 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	
Jan 09 (Fri)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	
Jan 10 (Sat)	6.40 am 7.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Lauds MASS (E) Novena to OMPH MASS (E)	
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

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
Bank	Mass Offering	Hall Booking	
Account Number	Wake Room Booking		
Account Name	Public Bank Berhad 309 3049812	RHB Bank Berhad 20708 2000 39510	RHB Bank Berhad 20708 2000 39928

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

Our Collection on 24 December 2025 (Christmas Eve): RM 13,763.41

Our Collection on 25 December 2025 (Christmas Day): RM 7,437.00

Our Collection on 27 & 28 December 2025: RM 11,911.36

2nd Collection on 3 & 4 January 2026 is for the poor and needy

"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 tithe envelopes for the year 2026 are ready and available at the parish office. You are invited to participate in tithe 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. BEC MASSES

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

➤ 7 Jan	- Zone A	➤ 23 Apr	- Zone H
➤ 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

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. BADMINTON COURTS

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