

NEWBEC

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | 23 August 2026

WALKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A SYNODAL AND PROPHETIC CHURCH

A People for Missionary Discipleship

MONTHLY FOCUS: SOCIETY: Unity In Diversity

MPC 2026: Pastoral Thrust of Church

One clear concern emerging from previous assemblies is the need for the Church to become a place of genuine belonging, marked by mercy, hospitality, listening, empathy, and inclusion. This is especially important for those who feel distant, overlooked, or on the margins of Church life.

Another consistent call is for greater collaboration. The Church cannot depend solely on the priest. Clergy, religious, laity, youth, families, ministries, and local communities all share responsibility for the Church's mission. The life of the Church is strengthened when participation is active and responsibility is shared.



SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Isaiah 22: 19-23
Psalm 137: 1-3, 6, 8
Romans 11: 33-36
Matthew 16: 13-20



Faith formation must help people encounter Christ through prayer, Scripture, the sacraments, catechesis, and daily living. Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs) continue to be vital places of belonging, support, evangelisation, and shared faith.

Taken together, these insights point towards a common pastoral direction for the Church in Malaysia. More than strengthening structures or programmes, participants are calling for a Church that is increasingly missionary.

In *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis reminds us that every Christian and every community is called to move beyond their comfort zone and reach those on the peripheries with the light of the Gospel (EG 20). He also speaks of a "missionary option" that transforms the Church's customs, structures, schedules, language, and ways of doing things so that they serve evangelisation rather than self-preservation (EG 27).

This vision gives concrete meaning to a merciful Church. Mercy is not limited to caring for those already present. It also means reaching out to those who are absent, hurting, unheard, or waiting for someone to take the first step. As Pope Francis writes, the Church that goes forth is a community of missionary disciples who take the initiative, accompany others, bear fruit, and rejoice (EG 24).

Formation, therefore, must extend beyond classrooms and parish ministries. It should shape missionary disciples who witness to Christ in their families, BECs, workplaces, schools, neighbourhoods, and society. Faith formation begins with an encounter with Christ and naturally leads us to serve others.

Pope Francis also reminds us that the parish remains relevant when it stays close to the lives of its people and becomes a centre of constant missionary outreach (EG 28).

MPC 2026 invites the Church in Malaysia to ask a fundamental question: Are we organised for maintenance, or are we becoming a Church shaped by mission? We are called to become a Church that welcomes, listens, forms missionary disciples, reaches out with compassion, and lives the mercy of Christ in the heart of society.✠

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"The best we could
give of ourselves as
hierarchy, religious
or laity is formation.
We want lay
leaders to be
formators too."

Cardinal Soter Fernandez

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**2026 THEME
AUGUST**

**WALKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A SYNODAL AND PROPHETIC CHURCH
(A PEOPLE FOR MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP)**
SOCIETY (WALKING TOGETHER)
- UNITY IN DIVERSITY

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSSES IN THE PARISH
Aug 23 (Sun) Is 22:19-23 Rm 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (Mand) MASS (Eng)	21 st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A
Aug 24 (Mon)		NO MASS	St. Bartholomew, Apostle, Feast
Aug 25 (Tue)	10.00 am 11.00 am	Way of Light followed by SALIB CLOSING MASS (Eng/BM/Tamil/Mand)	The Culmination of Perjalanan Salib in the Diocese of Penang St. Louis St. Joseph of Calasanz, Priest
Aug 26 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm 8.00 pm	Vespers MASS (Eng) MASS (Tamil)	Penang Island Deanery Tamil Mass with Prayers for Healing
Aug 27 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (Eng)	St. Monica
Aug 28 (Fri)	6.30 pm	MASS (Eng) followed by Holy Hour	St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor
Aug 29 (Sat)	6.40 am 7.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Lauds Mass (Eng) Novena to OMPH MASS (Eng)	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Aug 30 (Sun) Jer 20:7-9 Rm 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (Mand) MASS (Eng)	22 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Eng = English Mand = Mandarin BM = Bahasa Malaysia OMPH = Our Mother of Perpetual Help

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 15 & 16 August 2026: RM 11,416.70
2nd Collection on 5 & 6 September 2026 is for the poor and needy

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

1. CHS FAMILY DAY | 31 AUGUST 2026

Inviting all CHS parishioners to our Annual Family Day to be held on 31 August, 2026 (Merdeka Day). Exciting games, activities, fun-stuff, fellowship, food awaits you.

Come dressed in your traditional costumes and stand a chance to win a lovely prize. Please refer to poster for details. See you all there!!!

2. INFANT BAPTISM FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 | 27 SEPTEMBER 2026

For parents who wish to have their child baptized, infant baptism will be held in the main church on Sunday, 27 September 2026 at 12noon. Please register at the parish office. There will be a pre-baptismal instruction and briefing for both parents and godparents.

3. BADMINTON COURTS

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

The badminton courts will not be available for use on Sun, 23 Aug and Sun, 30 Aug.



Haven
YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

Tuesday | 8PM - 10 PM | Age 17 - 25
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 2nd Floor Classroom (St. Michael)

11TH AUGUST 2026
BIBLE STUDY

25TH AUGUST 2026
WORSHIP NIGHT

Please contact our core team if you have any inquiries:
Julio: 016-4339445 | Michelle: 018-6629441

HAVEN, BALK PULAU home to about 100 stray dogs

Sat, 19 Sept 2026
9 am to 12 noon
Maximum 30 persons

Interested please contact
Dcn Andrew
Deadline **13 Sept 2026**

APPEAL FOR DONATION OF RICE, DOG BISCUITS AND DOG ACCESSORIES FOR THE DOGS.
Please place the items in the basket marked (HAVEN) near the notice board.

DEADLINE: 13 SEPT 2026

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang Thank you for your kindness and support!

Who wants to be a bible series.
'THY KINGDOM COME THY WILL BE DONE'
A 5W1H Journey into Seven Life-shaping words

Speaker : Lucille Dass
8 Sept 10.00am
St Mark Room

GLOWING EMBERS MINISTRY

PENANG DIOCESAN PRISON MINISTRY
Reaching Out In Love

"I was in prison and you visited me."
Matthew 25:36

If you feel called to bring Christ's hope and mercy to those in prison, please join us.

We serve **10 prisons** in the Penang Diocese. **201** faith sharers including 25 priests and deacons across Penang Diocese.

For more information, contact: **Chan Lilian 016-5571954**

SALIB
The Culmination of PERJALANAN SALIB
Journeying Together Towards MPC 2026

CELEBRATE Listen Walk
MPC2026

TUES, 25 AUG 2026
10⁰⁰ AM

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PENANG

PENANG ISLAND DEANERY
CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

தமிழ்த் திருப்பலியுடன்
குணமளிப்பு ஜெபம்
TAMIL MASS
WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

MAIN CELEBRANT
FR. RAYMOND RAJ

இயேசுவை நம்மை குணமாக்குபவர்.
JESUS OUR HEALER AND OUR HOPE

ஆகஸ்டு
AUG 26

அவர்தம் காயங்களுால் நாம் குணமடைகின்றோம்.
BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED
எசாயா / ISAIAH 53:5

8:00 PM
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