

NEWBEC

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 30 August 2026

WALKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A SYNODAL AND PROPHETIC CHURCH

A People for Missionary Discipleship

MONTHLY FOCUS: SOCIETY: Unity In Diversity

MPC 2026: The Malaysian Way of Caring for Our Common Home

Everything around us reminds us that our common home is in trouble. In Malaysia, we experience this through heavier floods, rising temperatures, polluted rivers, deforestation, and the growing strain faced by communities that depend on the land and sea. The Department of Statistics Malaysia reported that flood incidents rose from 809 cases in 2023 to 1,345 cases in 2024, with Sarawak recording the highest number. These are not merely environmental concerns; they affect homes, livelihoods, health, food security, and human dignity.



SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Jeremiah 20: 7-9
Psalm 62: 2-6, 8-9
Romans 12: 1-2
Matthew 16: 21-27



This is why ecology is one of the pastoral concerns of MPC2026. Care for creation is not an optional concern but an essential expression of our faith, our love of neighbour, and our responsibility to future generations.

For Malaysia, this responsibility must have a distinctly Malaysian face. Ours is a nation blessed with forests, rivers, seas, fertile land, islands, villages, cities, plantations, and indigenous communities. Caring for our common home means listening not only to the cries of the earth but also to the people most affected by ecological degradation.

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us that the environmental crisis is also a human crisis. We cannot separate the suffering of creation from the suffering of people. He calls us to hear both "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" (LS 49). In Malaysia, this becomes evident when floods destroy homes, rivers are polluted, forests disappear, coastal communities face erosion, and the poor bear the greatest burden of environmental damage.

Pope Francis also teaches that "everything is connected" (LS 91). Our lifestyles, use of resources, treatment of the poor, and relationship with God are inseparable.

A throwaway culture harms both the earth and the human spirit. **Can we have a Malaysian way of caring for our common home, such as gratitude? Indigenous communities, rural families, farmers, fisherfolk, and many ordinary households remind us that the earth is not simply a resource but a gift entrusted to our care.**

MPC 2026 invites the Church in Malaysia to live the vision of *Laudato Si'* in our parishes, schools, BECs, families, and dioceses through practical actions such as reducing waste, caring for parish environments, protecting water sources, supporting affected communities, and forming ecological awareness.

To care for our common home is to live mercy towards both creation and one another. It is an essential part of the Church's mission and a distinctive Malaysian witness to the Gospel. ✝



PRAYER:

Lord, open our hearts to the cry of creation, that we may care for the earth with reverence, responsibility and gratitude.

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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	MASSES IN THE PARISH
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)	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A
Aug 31 (Mon)	8.30 am	MERDEKA DAY MASS (Eng) followed by FAMILY DAY	
Sep 01 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds Mass (Eng)	
Sep 02 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (Eng)	
Sep 03 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (Eng)	St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor
Sep 04 (Fri)	11.00 am	Adoration, Rosary & Benediction followed by Mass followed by fellowship meal at the Café	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE MPC
Sep 05 (Sat)	6.40 am 7.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Lauds Mass (Eng) Novena to OMPH MASS (Eng)	St. Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa). Religious
Sep 06 (Sun) Ez33:7-9 Rm 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20	8.00 am 10.30 am 5.30 pm	MASS (Mand) MASS (Eng) MASS (Tamil)	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A
Eng = English Mand = Mandarin BM = Bahasa Malaysia OMPH = Our Mother of Perpetual Help			

MARRIAGE BANNIS

Sep 12 (Sat)

10.00 am

Wedding Service (Mand)
Sylvester Cheong Yu Heng & Ms Joyce Tan Yan Phei
Celebrant: Fr Edmund Woon

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 22 & 23 August 2026: RM 10,069.79

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, 30 Aug.



Who wants to be a bibliaire 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




HAVEN, BALK PULAU

home to about 100 stray dogs

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

Interested please contact
Den Andrew
Deadline 13 Sept 2026

Let's bring love and make a difference!

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**

Thank you for your kindness and support!



CATHOLIC FORMATION FOR EVANGELIZERS GO FORTH!

Becoming Missionary Disciples

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Island Park, Penang

17 OCTOBER 2026 (SATURDAY)
8.30 AM - 4.30 PM

18 OCTOBER 2026 (SUNDAY)
12.30 PM - 6.45 PM

TOPICS

- Kerygma - Good News for the World
- Faith - Personal Relationship with Jesus
- Be a Witness of Christ - Sharing Your Story
- Evangelization through Inculturation
- Holy Spirit - The Presence of God
- Prayer - Experience the Power of the Holy Spirit

SPEAKERS

Simon Wong, Bernadette Teh, Vernon Fernandez, Christopher Kushi, Adeline Teh

"The Church which 'goes forth' is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice." Evangelii Gaudium 24

REGISTRATION FEE RM20 per participant
CLOSING DATE 30 SEPTEMBER 2026
REGISTER HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/CPE26OCHS>
ENQUIRIES (missionary) (051) Joanna J Saw 016 455 4597

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

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201 faith sharers including 25 priests and deacons across Penang Diocese.

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