

NEWBEC

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9 August 2026

WALKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A SYNODAL AND PROPHETIC CHURCH

A People for Missionary Discipleship

MONTHLY FOCUS: SOCIETY: Unity In Diversity

MPC 2026: Towards a stronger Malaysian Catholic Identity

Sometimes we forget the incredible diversity of the Catholic Church in Malaysia. We speak of unity, but if we are not careful, unity can slowly become uniformity. We may begin to think that to be Church, everyone must pray, speak, organise, and express faith in the same way. But that is not our Malaysian reality.



SCRIPTURE of the DAY

1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13

Psalm 84: 9-14

Romans 9: 1-5

Matthew 14: 22-33



"Despite different ethnicities and languages, our communities are well integrated in one Body, one Spirit and one Church. Synodality is an ordinary way, an everyday reality, for us."

Cardinal Sebastian Francis

To be Malaysian is already to belong to a rich and layered story. A person may be an English-speaking Peranakan Chinese Catholic, shaped by family, language, culture, migration, and history. Another may be Iban, Kadazan Dusun, Indian, Eurasian, Malay-speaking, Mandarin-speaking, Tamil-speaking, or formed by the life of Sabah, Sarawak, or Semenanjung. Each brings unique gifts to the Church.

MPC 2026 brings this diversity together. It is not simply a meeting, but a living sign of unity in diversity, where the many peoples and traditions of the Malaysian Church gather to listen, discern, and journey together.

We know something of what it means to belong to the universal Catholic Church. We experience it when Catholics from many nations gather for a Pope's Mass, World Youth Day, or other great celebrations of faith. There, the Church feels truly worldwide. But what does it mean to be local?

The Second Vatican Council helps us here. In *Lumen Gentium*, the Church is understood as both universal and local. The universal Church is not far from us; it is present in every local Church. A particular Church, usually a diocese under the leadership of its bishop, is fully part of the one Catholic Church while carrying its own language, culture, history, and way of living the faith.

Pope Francis expresses this clearly in *Evangelii Gaudium*. Each particular Church is the Church "incarnate in a certain place," with all that Christ gives for salvation, yet also "with local features" (EG 30).

When we speak of the Malaysian Church, we are not speaking of a Church separated from Rome or from the universal Church. We are speaking of the Catholic faith lived here, among our peoples, with our languages, cultures, wounds, gifts, and hopes.

By gathering Sabah, Sarawak, and Semenanjung into one space of listening and discernment, MPC 2026 witnesses to how the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church is lived in Malaysia today. We do not become more Catholic by becoming less Malaysian. Rather, the Gospel takes flesh within the Malaysian context. MPC 2026 is therefore a step towards a stronger Malaysian Catholic identity—rooted in Christ, faithful to the universal Church, and alive to the many cultures, languages, and communities that make Malaysia home.✠

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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 09 (Sun) 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13 Rm 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (Mand) MASS (Eng/Mand) (Sacrament of Confirmation)	19 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)
Aug 10 (Mon)		NO MASS	St. Laurence, Deacon, Martyr, Feast
Aug 11 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (Eng)	St. Clare, Virgin
Aug 12 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (Eng)	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Aug 13 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (Eng)	Ss. Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Aug 14 (Fri)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (Eng)	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr
Aug 15 (Sat) 1 Ch 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2 1 Cor 15:54-57 Lk 11:27-28	6.40 am 7.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Lauds MASS (Eng) Novena to OMPH MASS (Eng)	Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity
Aug 16 (Sun) Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10 1 Cor 15:20-26 Lk 1:39-56	7.30 am 10.00 am	Rosary followed by MASS (Mand) Rosary followed by MASS (Eng)	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, SOLEMNITY
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 01 & 02 August 2026: RM 9,982.48

2nd Collection on 01 & 02 August 2026: RM 9,129.58

(for the poor and needy)

Sharing Hope Donations for July 2026: RM 900.00

Café Donations for July 2026: RM 667.45

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

1. SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION | 9 AUGUST 2026

On 9th August 2026, 30 of our CEC students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10.30 am Mass. Let us, as a parish family, lift them up in prayer as they make their final preparations to receive this Sacrament. May the Holy Spirit give them strength to spread and defend the faith by their words and actions throughout their lives.

2. HAVEN YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY: STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2026

If you have attended PAG Camp and are 13–15 years old, we would love to invite you to journey with us through this leadership programme. From August to November, we will gather through sessions and online meetups as we grow together in leadership, faith, and community. This is more than just a programme — it is a journey of learning, serving, and becoming the leaders God is calling you to be.

For more information, feel free to contact:

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We can't wait to journey with you!

3. HAVEN YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY AUGUST GATHERING

Hello Young Adults! We're excited to invite you to our Haven Young Adults August Gathering. Starting on 11 August from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, we have something different lined up for you **twice a month (on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday)**.

This month we will be having Bible Study and Worship Night. This gathering is for 17–25-year-olds only, so if you're in that age range, come and be part of our community. Join us in the 2nd Floor Classroom (St. Michael).

4. INFANT BAPTISM FOR AUGUST 2026 | 23 AUGUST 2026

For parents who wish to have their child baptized, infant baptism will be held in the main church on Sunday, 23 August 2026 at 12noon. Please register at the parish office.

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

STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2026



WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

STARTS
AUG 2026

CRITERIA:

- 13 - 15 YEARS OLD (AND HAVE ATTENDED PAG)
- ATTEND 12 OUT OF 14 TRAININGS

CONTACT PERSONS:
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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

Come and encounter the Lord at the Grotto.
Join us for Holy Mass and unite in prayer with our Blessed Mother.
All are warmly welcome.

GROTTO MASS

Sat, 22 August
At the Grotto
8.00 am

Celebrant: Fr Raymond Raj



Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang

HAVEN, BALIK PULAU home to about 100 stray dogs

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

Interested please contact
Don Andrew
Deadline 13 Sept 2026

Let's bring love and make a difference!

APPEAL FOR DONATION OF RICE FOR THE DOGS
Please place the rice 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!*

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தாய ஆலி போரலயம்
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தமிழ்த் திருப்பலியுடன்
குணமளிப்பு ஜெபம்
TAMIL MASS
WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

MAIN CELEBRANT
FR. RAYMOND RAJ

இயேசுவே நம்மை குணமாக்குபவர்.
அவரே நம் எதிர்நோக்கு
JESUS OUR HEALER AND OUR HOPE

ஆகஸ்டு
AUG 26

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

8:00 PM
இரவு