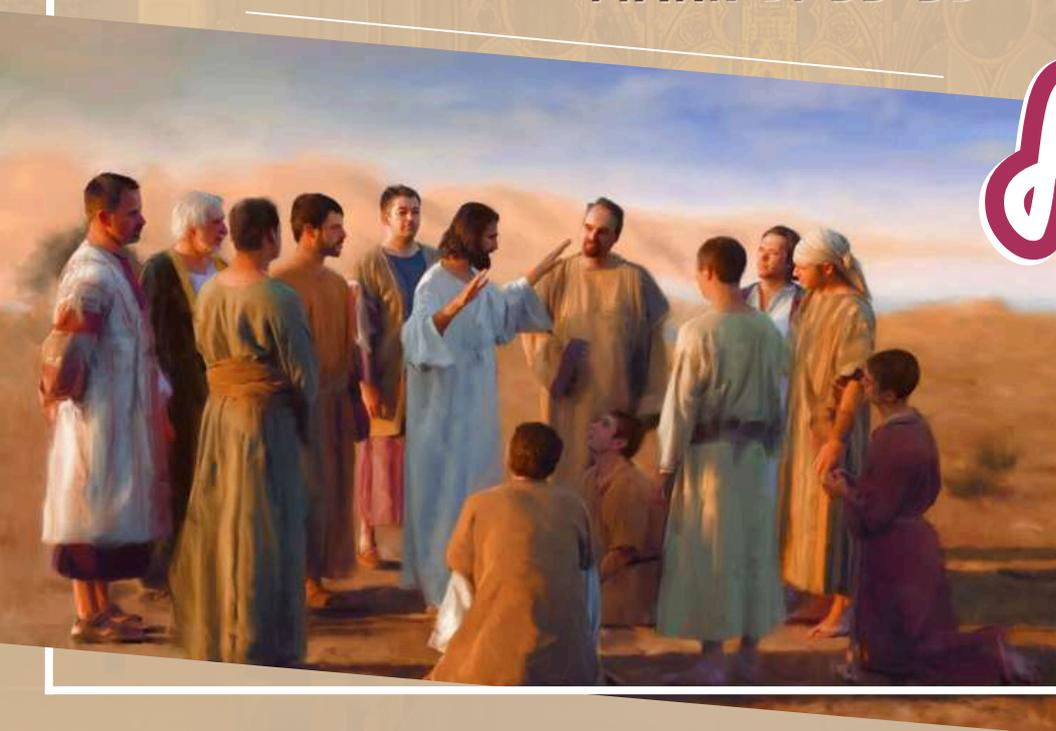




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# August

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LEADERSHIP**

2024



# CELEBRATIONS

## FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

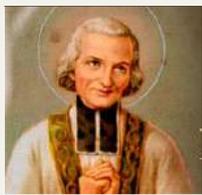


**1st August 2024**

Memorial of St.  
Alphonsus Liguori  
(Founder of the  
Redemptorist)

**9th August 2024**

Memorial of St.  
Teresa Benedicta  
of the Cross  
(Edith Stein)



**4th August 2024**

Feast of St. John  
Mary Vianney  
(Patron of Priests)

**12th August 2024**

Memorial of St. Jane  
Frances de Chantal  
(Chapel in Bruas  
Sitiawan)



**5th August 2024**

Dedication of the  
Basilica of St. Mary  
Major in Rome

**15th August 2024**

Solemnity of the  
Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
(Church of  
Assumption Penang)



**6th August 2024**

Feast of the  
Transfiguration  
of the Lord

**22nd August 2024**

Queenship of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary



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## FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

**24th August 2024**

**Feast of St.  
Bartholomew,  
the Apostle**



**29th August 2024**

**Memorial of the Passion  
of St. John the Baptist  
(Church of St. John the  
Baptist, Sungai Siput)**



**31st August 2024**

**Hari Kebangsaan  
Ke-67 | 67th  
National Day**



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# UPDATES & HAPPENINGS OF THE DIOCESE

## 1. HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO ALL DURING THE FEAST OF ST. ANNE & ST. JOACHIM, BUKIT MERTAJAM

My heartfelt thanks to all the pilgrims, volunteers, donors, celebrants & con-celebrants and every single person who had contributed in making the Feast of St. Anne this year an enriching, grace-filled and memorable celebration for all. May you experience the power of prayer and intercession in your lives as your faith continues to be strengthened. St. Anne & St. Joachim, pray for us.

## 2. VISITATION OF RELIC OF PADRE PIO FROM THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. PADRE PIO, PHILIPPINES

We thank the team of pilgrims from the National Shrine of St. Padre Pio in Batangas, Philippines who were with us in the various parishes of the Diocese of Penang from 11th - 17th July 2024 along with the Parish Priest and Rector, Fr. Oscar L. Andal. I take this opportunity to thank you and all the hosting parishes and our Parish Priests for your warm welcome and generosity during their visits. My heartfelt thanks to the Archbishop of Lipa, His Grace, Archbishop Gilbert Armea Garcera for his openness and support for this initiative.

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## 3. CONGREGATION OF THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER, CSSR FIRST RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

Sharing with you two novices from the Redemptorist Community who recently made their first profession at the Church of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Ipoh. Let us continue to pray for Brother Nicholas Narin Martin from the parish of Our Lady of Fatima of the Holy Rosary, Kota Bahru, Kelantan and Brother Hilary Handrie Lim from the parish of St. Bernard, Dalat, Sarawak. May our blessed Mother continue to intercede for them in their discernment and formation.

[CLICK HERE](#) 

## 4. PENINSULAR MALAYSIA REGIONAL PASTORAL ASSEMBLY 2024

I request for your earnest prayers as we prepare and partake in the upcoming Peninsular Malaysia Regional Pastoral Assembly 2024 (RPA 2024) which will be held at the MAJODI Centre, Johor from 25th – 28th August 2024. May this significant event draw us towards another milestone in the history of the Peninsular Malaysia Catholic Church.

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## 5. ASST. PRIEST | CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH, BATU GAJAH

Fr. Konstend Gnanapragasam has been appointed as the Assistant Priest of the Church of St. Joseph, Batu Gajah with effect from 11th July 2024. We wish him the very best in this new parish.

## 6. ABLAZE 2.0 | TAMIL YOUTH RALLY

The Islanders' Tamil Youth Network (ITYN), a youth ministry under the purview of Penang Diocesan Youth Network (PDYN) will be organising a Tamil Youth Rally on Saturday, 14th September 2024 at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang. I invite the young people to come and be enriched by the empowering of the Holy Spirit through this rally. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#) 

Register here : <https://forms.gle/4dNkeeYxB6iWsag57>

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# BISHOP'S DIARY

1st-5th Aug

**Celebration of Feast of St. John Mary Vianney | Church of St. John Mary Vianney, Tampin, Negeri Sembilan**

8th Aug | 2:00 pm

**Official Launching of National Cancer Society Malaysia (NCSM) – Caritas “Homes of Hope” with the Duli Yang Maha Mulia Raja Permaisuri Perak Darul Ridzuan, Tuanku Zara Salim | Simee Home, Perak**

10th Aug | 7:00 pm

**Mount Miriam Annual Dinner | Mercure Hotel, Penang**

11th Aug | 8:30 am

**Confirmation Mass | Church of Immaculate Conception, Penang**

12th Aug | 11:00 am

**Meeting with Maintenance Team of St. George's Premise, Balik Pulau Bishop's Office**

13th Aug | 10:00 am

**Curia Meeting | Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam**

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# BISHOP'S DIARY

13th Aug | 8:00 pm

**Closing Address - The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy, organized by Penang Diocesan New Evangelization Commission (PDNEC) | ZOOM**

17th Aug | 4:00 pm

**Opening Address - Diocesan Tamil Apostolate | Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam**

16th Aug | 7:00 pm

**Thanksgiving Mass for Feast of St. Anne with Service Team & Helpers | Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM**

18th Aug | 9:00 am

**Confirmation Mass – Church of Divine Mercy, Sg. Ara, Penang**

22nd Aug | 1:00 pm

**Feast Day Mass | Mt. Miriam Feast Day & Blessing of the Renovated Body Holding Room**

23rd Aug | 8:00 pm

**Opening Address - Holy Spirit Weekend | Cathedral of the Holy Spirit**

25th-27th Aug

**Peninsular Malaysia Regional Pastoral Convention | MAJODI Centre, Johor**

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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR

August

– FOR POLITICAL  
LEADERS + 

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

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