

47TH NOTIFICATION



OF THE DIOCESE OF PENANG



**"CHILDREN, OBEY YOUR PARENTS
IN THE LORD, FOR THIS IS RIGHT.
'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER'...**

**FATHERS, DO NOT PROVOKE YOUR
CHILDREN TO ANGER, BUT BRING
THEM UP IN THE DISCIPLINE AND
INSTRUCTION OF THE LORD."**

EPHESIANS 6:1-4

MARCH 2025

**PENINSULAR MALAYSIA
PASTORAL THEME -**

**CALLED TO NURTURE FAMILY VALUES
AND RELATIONSHIPS**





CELEBRATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH



Ash Wednesday
5th March 2025



Commemoration
of Saints
Perpetua and
Felicity, Martyrs
7th March 2025



Commemoration
of Saint John of
God, Religious
8th March 2025



1st Sunday
of Lent
9th March 2025



2nd Sunday
of Lent
16th March 2025



Commemoration
of Saint Patrick,
Bishop,
Missionary
17th March 2025



Commemoration
of Saint Cyril of
Jerusalem,
Bishop, Doctor
18th March 2025



Saint Joseph,
husband of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary - Solemnity
19th March 2025



3rd Sunday of Lent
23rd March 2025



The
Annunciation
of the Lord -
Solemnity
25th March 2025



4th Sunday of Lent
(Laetare Sunday)
30th March 2025



UPDATES & HAPPENINGS OF THE DIOCESE.

1. LENTEN 2025 MESSAGE

I am pleased to share with you the Lenten message from the Holy Father. Wishing you a continued journey of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving as you draw closer to God. [CLICK HERE](#)

2. PENANG DIOCESAN LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2025 | REDISCOVER, PROCLAIM, BUILD HOPE

As we move closer to the beginning of Lenten Season, sharing once again the Lenten Kit which includes my message. Also available in the kit are the Lenten theme song, weekly videos on personal testimonies for reflection, other resources and relevant materials for Lenten Campaign 2025, suited for Parishes, Ministries, BECs, Families and Individuals. [CLICK HERE](#)

3. SCHEDULE OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

Sharing with you the schedule for confessions at the parishes in the Diocese of Penang. I pray for all of us to draw into a closer and intimate relationship with God through the gift and treasure of this sacred Sacrament. [CLICK HERE](#)

4. ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND

The annual collection for Holy Land is on Maundy Thursday. Parishes can make their contributions by cheque or online transfer.

Payable to: DIOCESE OF PENANG

RHB Account No: 2-07082-0005132-4

Kindly notify payment to: trcfin@gmail.com



5. SOLIDARITY FUND FOR PENANG DIOCESE

The parish monthly collection for the solidarity fund of all parishes in the Diocese of Penang can also be made following the same banking details and method as above.

6. RCIA ELECTS FOR BAPTISM AT EASTER

The Rite of Election for the Diocese of Penang will take place on 8 March at 5.00pm at the Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Permatang Tinggi for Northern and Penang Island Deanery & 9 March at 5.30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Ipoh for Perak Deanery. Please join me as I invite you to pray with me for them, everyday until their Baptism.

7. CONVERSION EXPERIENCE RETREAT (CER) FOR CLERGY | JUBILEE OF HOPE 2025

Following the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, the Clergy of the Diocese of Penang will be participating in a Conversion Experience Retreat (CER) conducted by His Eminence, Cardinal William Goh and team from the Catholic Spirituality Centre (CSC), Singapore. This retreat will begin on 23rd March evening to 28th March afternoon at the Stella Maris Retreat Centre, Penang. I request for your earnest prayers for all our priests and deacons of the diocese as they, together with me, immerse in this experience of encounter and renewal with the Lord.

8. PARISH PRIEST FOR THE PARISH OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, SITIAWAN

Rev. Fr. Stanley Antoni has been appointed Parish Priest of the Church of St. Francis de Sales, Sitiawan with effect from 1st March 2025. Let us pray for him as he embarks on his new mission in the parish at Sitiawan. My prayers and blessings for the parish community at Sitiawan. My heartfelt thanks to Fr. Francis Andrew for having served tirelessly in his priestly ministry and is now released from his responsibilities as Parish Priest due to health reasons. Let us remember him in prayer as he recuperates at the Church of St. Louis, Taiping under the care of Msgr. Stephen Liew, the Parish Priest.



9. ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH, BAGAN SERAI

Rev. Fr. Martin Arlando has been appointed Administrator of the Church of St. Joseph, Bagan Serai with effect from 1st March 2025. He will continue to serve as Parish Priest of Church of Our Lady of Good Health, Parit Buntar while assuming this new role. My prayers and blessings for him and the parish community of Bagan Serai.

10. ASSISTING DEACON AT CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY, TELUK INTAN

Deacon Richard Wilson has been transferred to the Parish of St. Anthony, Teluk Intan as Assisting Deacon to Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. David Lourdes. We wish him the very best in his ministry for a new mission.

11. HEAD OF DIOCESAN TAMIL APOSTOLATE

Rev. Fr. Arulnathan Joseph will be released from his responsibilities as the Head of Tamil Apostolate with effect from 1st March 2025. We thank Rev. Fr. Arulnathan for his dedicated and committed services in this ministry. The new head who will be replacing Rev. Fr. Arulnathan for this apostolate is Rev. Fr. James Pitchay. We thank him for his generosity and availability to take on this new role as we pray for him and the Tamil Apostolate Ministry of our diocese.



12. MALAYSIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY (MCYD) | 1ST - 5TH APRIL 2025

125 of our young people will represent the Diocese of Penang at the Malaysian Catholic Youth Day (MCYD) in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, from 31st March – 6th April 2025. I invite you to remember them and the MCYD organizing team that are working hard, in your prayers. I take this opportunity to thank you for supporting and empowering them as they bring their diverse experiences to this national gathering of faith and fellowship. May the Holy Spirit guide and inspire their journey in continuing the mission of Christ.

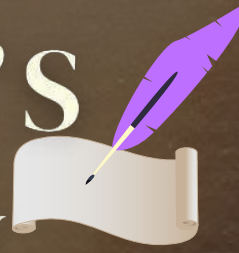


MCYD 2025

MALAYSIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY
31 MAR-6 APRIL 2025
KOTA KINABALU, SABAH



BISHOP'S DIARY



1st March | 10:00am

Mass at the ruins of the Chapel of Holy Rosary,
Jerejak with the Penang Diocesan Catholic Heritage
Preservation Committee | Pulau Jerejak

3rd March | 2:30pm

Malaysian Catholic Education Council (MCEC) Exco
Meeting | Kuala Lumpur

4th March | 10:00am

Peninsular Malaysia Pastoral Team (PMPT) Core Team
Meeting | Kuala Lumpur

4th March | 3:00pm

Peninsular Malaysia Finance Meeting | Kuala Lumpur

8th March | 5:00pm

Rite of Election (Northern & Penang Island Deanery) |
Church of Holy Name of Mary, Permatang Tinggi

9th March | 8:30am

Mass & Blessing of Way of the Cross Statues | Church of
St. Joseph, Batu Gajah

9th March | 5:30pm

Rite of Election (Perak Deanery) | Church of St. Michael,
Ipoh

10th March | 11:00am

Handing Over of Parish | Church of St. Francis de Sales,
Sitiawan

11th March | 11:00am

Handing Over of Parish | Church of St. Joseph,
Bagan Serai



20th March | 9:00am

Bishops' Staff Meeting | College General Major Seminary, Penang

23rd March | 10:00am

Mass at Church of the Assumption

23rd March | 11:00am

Meeting with General Councillor of Canossian Daughters of Charity (FDCC)

23rd - 28th March

Conversion Experience Retreat (CER) for Clergy of Penang Diocese by Cardinal William Goh and team from Catholic Spirituality Centre (CSC) | Stella Maris, Penang

30th March | 6:00pm

Commissioning Mass for 125 Delegates from the Diocese of Penang Attending Malaysian Catholic Youth Day (MCYD) | Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR


MARCH 

FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS.

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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