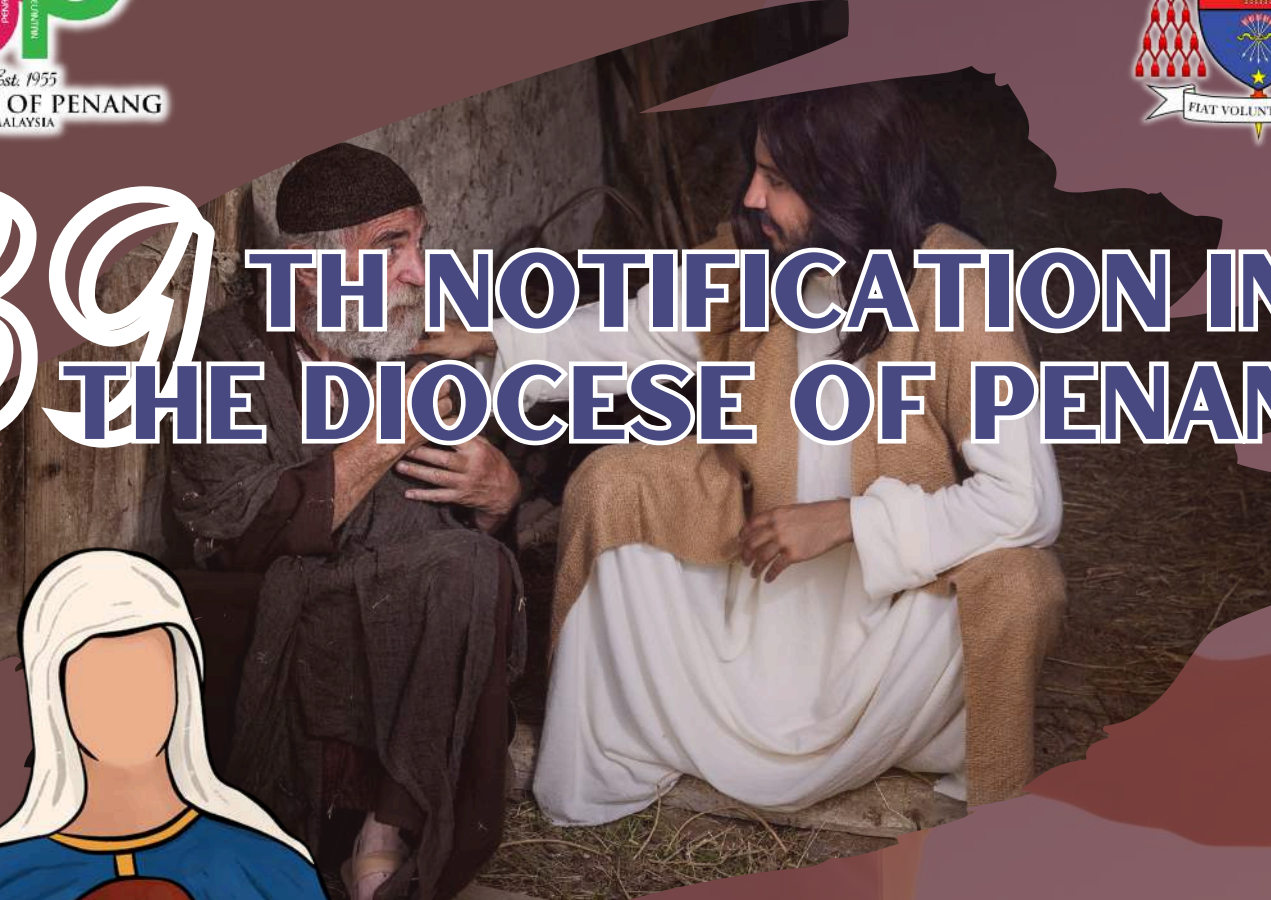



39TH NOTIFICATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG



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IS. 46: 4

July 2024

Month of July
Peninsular Malaysia Pastoral Focus –

**PASTORAL CARE FOR THE
ELDERLY AND THE SICK**



CELEBRATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY



22nd July 2024

Feast of Mary Magdalene,
Disciple of the Lord

26th July 2024

Feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim,
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Minor Basilica of St. Anne,
Bukit Mertajam)



28th July 2024

World Day for Grandparents
and the Elderly [CLICK HERE](#)



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UPDATES & HAPPENINGS OF THE DIOCESE

1. REV. FR. CHRISTOPHER LIM IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

Kindly be informed that Rev. Fr. Christopher Lim Han Lee of the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes, Australia is currently in the Diocese of Penang under the accompaniment of Rev. Fr. Edmund Woon. Rev. Fr. Christopher Lim is from the home parish of Church of the Immaculate Conception, Pulau Tikus and will be in the diocese until 10th October 2024.

2. CAUSE OF BEATIFICATION AND CANONIZATION FOR SYBIL KATHIGASU

I wish to announce that in consultation with His Grace Most Reverend Julian Leow, Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur and with his blessings, I am appointing Rev. Fr. Eugene Benedict from the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur to assist in the initial process of working for the cause of beatification and canonization of Sybil Kathigasu, a missionary disciple of the Diocese of Penang who is buried at the cemetery in the Church of St. Michael, Ipoh, Perak.

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3. 2024 FEAST OF ST. ANNE & ST. JOACHIM, MINOR BASILICA OF ST. ANNE, BUKIT MERTAJAM

The Novena and Feast of St. Anne this year will begin from 19th July 2024 and culminate on 28th July 2024. Let us pray for all pilgrims, volunteers, celebrants and confessors as we experience a meaningful and grace-filled celebration through the intercession of St. Anne and St. Joachim.

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

We are privileged to have with us the relic of Padre Pio from the National Shrine of St. Padre Pio in Batangas, Philippines from the 11th - 17th July 2024. This relic will be visiting the parishes in the Diocese of Penang in the month of July. Sharing with you the schedule of the visits in each parish for your kind veneration.

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5. MSGR. ALOYSIUS SPIRITUALITY CENTRE | PENANG ROAD

The formerly known Penang Diocesan Pastoral Institute (Stella Maris Penang Road) will now be named MSGR. ALOYSIUS SPIRITUALITY CENTRE (MASC) in honour of the late Msgr. Ignatius John Aloysius who served as Vicar General to the first four Bishops of the Diocese of Penang. This Spirituality Centre is open to all for bookings of accommodation and hall under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Edmund Woon. For reservations and bookings, kindly contact the administrator of this centre.

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6. PDYN LEADERSHIP RETREAT 2024

The Penang Diocesan Youth Network (PDYN) is organizing a Leadership Retreat this year. The next upcoming dates are 5th - 8th August 2024 @ Church of Christ the King, Sungai Petani, Kedah & 2nd - 5th December 2024 @ Church of St. Anthony, Teluk Intan, Perak. These leadership retreats are open to all parish youths and campus students from ages 18 - 29 years old. For registration & more information,

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7. 8TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEEDS MINISTRY

The Seeds Ministry will be celebrating its 8th Year Anniversary Mass on 13th July 2024 at the Church of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Ipoh, Perak. There will also be the promulgation of the Seeds Ministry's Statutes and the commissioning of two full-time Catholic Young Lay Missionaries, Jonathan Charanraj and Samuel Theivendran. May the Lord continue to bless The Seeds Ministry in their faithful outreach to young people.

8. ASIA PACIFIC CATHOLIC AFFINITY GROUP MEETING | STELLA MARIS, PENANG

There will be an Asia Pacific Catholic Affinity Group meeting from 17 - 19 July 2024 in Penang. The Asia Pacific Catholic Affinity is a collaborative body between the Bible Societies of the Region and the Federation of the Asian Bishops' Conference (FABC). The purpose of this meeting is to explore the global adaptation of the youth Bible initiative that has been developed and implemented in the region and is about to be released globally, and specifically the best way to engage with the Catholic Church globally.

9. PILGRIMAGE TO PENANG BY PARISH OF DIVINE MERCY, SINGAPORE

I thank Rev. Fr. Venus Colaco from the Church of Divine Mercy, Singapore together with his 30 parishioners who visited Penang in early June. As missionaries of hope and in the bond of unity, they have visited a few of the parishes in Penang Island Deanery and spent quality time with the people at the Haemodialysis Centre in Bukit Mertajam and our children at St. Joseph's Home, Penang Road. We thank them for their generous time and effort.

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10. SHAWN STANLY ANTHONY DASS | WINNER OF THE RISE EDUCATOR AWARD 2024

Together with all in the Diocese of Penang, I congratulate Shawn Stanly Anthony Dass from City Parish, Penang on his recent achievement as winner of the Rise Educator Award 2024. May his dedication in the field of education continue to be a source of inspiration and hope to all.

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11. 2ND BATCH OF DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMME IN THEOLOGY (DEPTH) | 2 YEAR COURSE

I congratulate the 49 participants who completed the Distance Education Programme in Theology (DEPT_H) which started in February 2020 and ended in May 2024. Participants from the various dioceses including participants from the Diocese of Penang were among those present at the graduation ceremony.

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BISHOP'S DIARY



1st Jul | 5:00 pm

Celebration of the 75th Platinum Jubilee of Bishop Cornelius Piong, Diocese of Keningau | Holy Family Church, Keningau, Sabah

1st-5th Jul

Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei (CBCMSB), Keningau, Sabah

6th Jul | 6:00 pm

Confirmation Mass | Church of Sacred Heart, Kulim

7th Jul | 6:00 pm

Closing Mass - Covenant Community Malaysia | Church of St. Francis Xavier, Penang Road

8th Jul | 8:00 pm

Penang Diocesan Pastoral Team (PDPT) Meeting | Pusat Keuskupan Katolik, Penang

9th Jul | 10:00 am

Council of Priests (COP) Meeting

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BISHOP'S DIARY



9th-10th Jul

Clergy Monthly Recollection (CMR)

11th-17th Jul

Visitation of Relic of Padre Pio – National Shrine of St. Padre Pio to various churches of Penang Diocese

18th Jul | 6:30 pm

Flag Raising & Mass for Volunteers | Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam

19th Jul | 12:00 pm

Inter-denominational Christian Prayer Service

19th-20th Jul

Sybil Kathigasu Musical Opera | Segi University Hall, Kota Damansara, Kuala Lumpur

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BISHOP'S DIARY



19th-28th Jul

Novena and Feast of St. Joachim & Anne | Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam

31st Jul | 10:00 am

Meeting with the Kasih House of Mission (KHOM) Catholic lay missionaries from Poland, Slovakia, Latvia, France and Malaysia.

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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR
– FOR THE PASTORAL
CARE OF THE SICK † *Franciscus*

July



We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

