



# 44TH NOTIFICATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21



# 2024

**Month of December**  
Peninsular Malaysia  
Pastoral Focus –  
Pilgrims of Hope





# CELEBRATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER



**Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**  
3rd Dec 2024



**Saint Nicholas, Bishop**  
6th Dec 2024



**Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor**  
7th Dec 2024



**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity**  
9th Dec 2024



**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
12th Dec 2024



**Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr**  
13th Dec 2024



**Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor**  
14th Dec 2024



**Christmas Day - Solemnity**  
25th Dec 2024



**Saint Stephen, the first Martyr**  
26th Dec 2024



**Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist**  
27th Dec 2024



**The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**  
28th Dec 2024



**The Holy Family**  
29th Dec 2024





# UPDATES & HAPPENINGS OF THE DIOCESE.

## 1. MAJOR EVENTS FOR THE DIOCESE

Sharing with you some of the upcoming major events in the Diocese of Penang for the years 2024 to 2026.

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## 2. PMPT THEME & FOCUS

The Pastoral Theme and Focus for Peninsular Malaysia for the year 2025 are available here in Bahasa Malaysia, English, Mandarin, and Tamil for your easy reference.

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## 3. SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – ADVENT 2024

Sharing with you the schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation available throughout the Diocese of Penang during the Season of Advent. United with you as we partake and rejoice in this liberating grace-filled experience of God's Love and Mercy.

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## 4. KASIH FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR THE SOCIAL MISSION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MALAYSIA

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia has called for a nationwide special collection on the 7th and 8th December 2024 (2nd Sunday in Advent), during the 2nd Collection at all Masses. Proceeds will be channeled to the KASIH fundraising initiative for the Social Mission of the Catholic Church in Malaysia. Relevant materials on this initiative along with the campaign kit consisting of videos and bulletin inserts in four languages which can be downloaded and shared with all starting from this weekend and the following weekend masses via this link:

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## 5. PILGRIM CHURCHES FOR THE JUBILEE 2025 FOR THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

Here are the churches that has been designated in the Diocese of Penang as official pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year 2025.

- 1) Church of the Assumption, Penang
- 2) Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Permatang Tinggi
- 3) Chapel of Annai Velangani, Jelapang, Ipoh

Jubilee pilgrimages also provide the faithful with an opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the Holy Father's intentions.

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## 6. APPOINTMENT OF RECTOR | COLLEGE GENERAL

I am pleased to announce that Rev. Fr. Ryan Innas Muthu has been appointed Rector of College General Regional Major Seminary, Penang. He will assume this new role as Rector of College General, Penang with effect from 1st January 2025. Together with him, the team of formators include Fr. Stephen Lim, Fr. Larry Tan, Fr. Surain Raj, Fr. Cyril Mannayagam and Fr. Joachim Robert. My heartfelt thanks to Rev. Fr. Simon Labrooy as Rector and Fr. Eugene Fernandez, CSsR as Spiritual Father of the House, for having served generously for the past few years. My prayers and blessings for the seminary community at College General, Penang.

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## 7. STONYHURST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, PENANG

Stonyhurst International School Penang warmly extends their invitation for the Advent Mass at Stonyhurst International School Penang. This invitation is open to the parish priests, who are invited to concelebrate, and to all in the Diocese of Penang.

The launching of the scholarship programme for parishioners in the diocese will also take place after the Mass.

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# BISHOP'S DIARY



**1st Dec | 9:00 am**

Confirmation Mass | Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Butterworth

**3rd Dec | 4:20 pm**

Advent Mass & Launch of Scholarship | Stonyhurst International School, Penang

**6th Dec | 11:00 am**

Handing Over of the Parish | Church of St. Michael, Ipoh

**7th Dec | 10:00 am**

Hospital Fatimah's 50th Anniversary Commemorative Plaque Signing Ceremony

**7th Dec | 7:00 pm**

Hospital Fatimah's 50th Anniversary Dinner

**8th Dec | 10:30 am**

Confirmation Mass | Church of St. Anthony, Nibong Tebal

**12th Dec | 6:30 pm**

St. Joseph's Home Annual Mass | Church of St. Francis Xavier, Penang

**13th Dec | 6:30 pm**

Lauds + Christmas and Farewell Dinner | College General Major Seminary, Penang





# BISHOP'S DIARY



**17th Dec | 10:00 am**

**Mass and Meeting with Seminarians of Penang  
Diocese | Bishop's Residence**

**17th Dec | 6:00 pm**

**Handing Over of the Parish | Cathedral of the Holy  
Spirit, Penang**

**19th Dec | 11:00 am**

**Meeting with Province Leader of Good Shepherd  
Sisters (RGS) Malaysia-Singapore | Bishop's Office**

**24th Dec | 7:00 pm**

**Christmas Eve Mass | Church of Our Lady of Fatima of  
the Holy Rosary, Kelantan**

**25th Dec | 9:00 am**

**Christmas Day Mass | Church of Our Lady of Fatima of  
the Holy Rosary, Kelantan**

**25th Dec | 4:00 pm**

**Christmas Day Mass | Chapel of Gereja Bunda Maria  
Timur Barat, Grik, Perak**

**29th Dec | 5:00 pm**

**Opening of the Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope | Cathedral  
of the Holy Spirit, Penang**





# POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR

# December




## FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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