

48TH Notification



OF THE DIOCESE OF PENANG.

**"IS NOT THIS THE FAST THAT I CHOOSE:
TO LOOSE THE BONDS OF WICKEDNESS,
TO UNDO THE STRAPS OF THE
YOKE, TO LET THE OPPRESSED
GO FREE?**

**THEN SHALL YOUR LIGHT BREAK FORTH
LIKE THE DAWN, AND YOUR
HEALING SHALL SPRING
UP SPEEDILY."** ISAIAH 58:6-9



April **2025**

**PENINSULAR MALAYSIA PASTORAL
THEME -
CALLED TOWARDS HARMONY**



CELEBRATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF *April*



**Commemoration of Saint Francis of Paola, hermit
2nd April 2025**



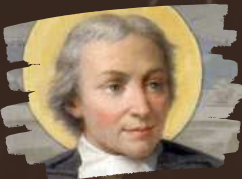
**Commemoration of Saint Isidore, Bishop, Doctor
4th April 2025**



**Commemoration of Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest
5th April 2025**



**5th Sunday of Lent
6th April 2025**



**Commemoration of Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest
7th April 2025**



**Commemoration of Saint Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr
11th April 2025**



**Palm Sunday
13th April 2025**



**Maundy Thursday
17th April 2025**



**Good Friday
18th April 2025**



**Holy Saturday
19th April 2025**



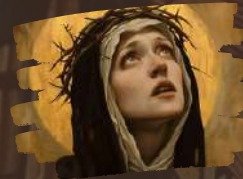
**Easter Sunday
20th April 2025**



**Divine Mercy Sunday
27th April 2025**



**Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr or Saint Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort, Priest
28th April 2025**




**Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor
29th April 2025**



UPDATES & HAPPENINGS OF THE DIOCESE.


1. PASTORAL DIRECTIVE ON THE ACCOMPANIMENT PROCESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PHASE OF THE SYNOD

I am pleased to share with you the Pastoral Directive issued on 19th March 2025, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Bahasa Malaysia, Mandarin, Tamil and English.

[CLICK HERE](#) 

2. 2025 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 18th July 2025 and culminate on 27th July 2025. 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.

[CLICK HERE](#) 

3. MALAYSIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY (MCYD) 2025

From March 31 to April 6, 2025, over 1000 young people from nine arch/dioceses will gather in the Archdiocese of Kota Kinabalu for MCYD 2025, joined by the 9 Bishops. This event, co-hosted by the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and nearby parishes, will begin with three days of activities across five parish centers, where delegates will stay with foster families. Highlights include “Conversation in the Spirit” sessions focused on the themes of Church, Family, Society, and Ecology. The second phase will bring all participants together at the Youth Festival, featuring mini sports, spiritual walks, and a vocation info counter.

Check out MCYD photos [here](#) and listen to the official theme song [here](#). Stay connected and be part of this inspiring experience!



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4. PERJALANAN SALIB FOR ALL 9 DIOCESES OF MALAYSIA

The Perjalanan Salib will be launched with the 9 Bishops of Malaysia gathered at the Malaysian Catholic Youth Day (MCYD) on 3rd April 2025 at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Kota Kinabalu. Representing the nine dioceses of Malaysia – Sabah (3), Sarawak (3), and Semenanjung (3) – each cross will journey through its respective diocese from April 2025 to September 2026.

Please be ready to welcome the Salib in your various communities within the diocese.

[CLICK HERE](#) 

These nine crosses, one from each diocese, will then be assembled into ONE cross at the Malaysia Pastoral Convention 2026 (MPC2026).

In the Diocese of Penang, we will be launching it on 1st May at 10:00 AM at the Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam. All are welcome!

5. MESSAGE FOR THE MONTH OF RAMADAN AND 'ID AL-FITR 2025

I am pleased to share with you the message from the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue titled, "Christians and Muslims: What we hope to become together" for the month for the month of Ramadan and 'Id al-Fitr.

6. LENTEN JOURNEY & HOLY WEEK 2025

As we intensify our Lenten observance of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, I wish to assure you of my prayers and solidarity in journeying with you very specially in this Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. Let us interiorize the Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous and Glorious mysteries to truly rejoice with Mary at the celebration of Easter.

BISHOP'S DIARY



1st April | 10:30am

Meeting with Karmel Putri Sisters

2nd - 4th April

Malaysian Catholic Youth Day | Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

7th April | 10:30am

Meeting with Taize Brother Jean-Daniel | Bishop's Office

8th April | 10:00am

Council of Priests (COP) | Stella Maris

8th - 9th April

Clergy Monthly Recollection | Stella Maris, Penang

8th April | 8:00pm

Chrism Mass | Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang

10th - 20th April

Holy Week and Easter | Kota Bahru, Kelantan

23rd April | 2:00pm

Easter Mass | Jawi Prison

24th April | 2:00pm

**Meeting with Federation of Christian Mission Schools
Malaysia | Google Meet**

26th April | 10:30am

**25th Anniversary of St. Anne's Recycling Centre | Minor
Basilica of St. Anne, BM**

30th April - 2nd May

**2025 Annual Gathering of Peninsular Malaysia
Permanent Deacons and their wives**

1st April 2025

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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR

April




FOR THE USE OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES.

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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