

52nd NOTIFICATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG



"TAKEN UP
INTO
HEAVEN,
MARY
SHOWS US
THE WAY TO
GOD
THE WAY TO
HEAVEN
THE WAY TO
LIFE."

-Pope St. John Paul II

August 2025

**PENINSULAR MALAYSIA
PASTORAL THEME –
CALLED TO VISIBLE COLLABORATION**



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. SYUKUR, SYUKUR DAN TETAP BERSYUKUR

I praise and thank God for His faithfulness to me as I continue to celebrate, listen and walk this priestly journey recalling 48 years of my Sacerdotal Ministry on 28th July and 13 years of my Episcopal Ministry on 20th August this year. With palms folded in prayer, I thank each one of you in the diocese and beyond for your continued prayers, blessings, generosity, support, love, care and concern from the time of my ordination and through all these year. God bless your kind hearts and sincere efforts for the greater glory of God.

3. TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS

I am pleased to announce the following transfers and appointments: -

- Msgr. Henry Rajoo has been appointed as Parish Priest of Church of St. Anthony, Nibong Tebal with effect from 1st August 2025, while continuing to assist the Parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Kulim and the Minor Basilica of St. Anne Bukit Mertajam.

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- Father Arulnathan Joseph has been appointed Assistant Priest of City Parish with effect from 1st August 2025.
- Father Desmond Jansen has been appointed Parish Priest of the Church of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Kulim with effect from 1st August 2025.
- Deacon Richard Wilson has been transferred to Church of Divine Mercy, Sg. Ara as Assisting Deacon with effect from 15th August 2025.
- Father Michael Dass will be appointed Parish Priest of Church of St. Anthony, Teluk Intan with effect from 1st October 2025.
- Father Francis Andrew will be appointed Parish Priest of Church of St. Joseph, Batu Gajah with effect from 1st October 2025.
- Father Konstend will be appointed Assistant Priest of the Church of St. Michael, Ipoh with effect from 1st October 2025.
- Father David Lourdes will be appointed Assistant Priest of the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Butterworth with effect from 1st October 2025.

Let us continue to pray for the clergy of our diocese that they may be sustained with the energy and strength to live out the ministry they have been called to with enthusiasm, zeal and fervent commitment.

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4. COORDINATORS FOR CREATION JUSTICE COMMISSION (CJC) - DIOCESE OF PENANG

I am pleased to inform that Isaac Alfred Simbun assumes the role as CJC Coordinator for Penang Island and Northern Deanery; while Sarah Chuah Peng Cheng takes on the role as CJC Coordinator for Perak Deanery with effect from 1st August 2025. They will also represent the Diocese of Penang at the Episcopal Commission for Creation Justice. We congratulate them on their new appointment and thank Ms. Magdalene Chiang Khai Lin for her dedication and commitment in this ministry since April 2021.

5. CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2025

Catechetical Sunday 2025 will be celebrated on 3rd August 2025, with the theme "We Can Make the World a Better Place." This theme invites all Catholics to promote social and environmental justice as part of our Christian responsibility to "love one another" (Jn. 13:34). Kindly find attached the relevant Catechetical Sunday materials prepared by the National Catechetical Office.

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6. PENINSULAR MALAYSIA REGIONAL PASTORAL ASSEMBLY 2025

The Peninsular Malaysia Regional Pastoral Assembly 2025 will take place from Tuesday, 26 August to Wednesday, 27 August 2025 at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, Kuala Lumpur. This assembly is a time of prayer, reflection, and pastoral discernment focusing on the Final Document of the Synod and its implications for the Church in Peninsular Malaysia. Sessions will be facilitated by Dr. Christina Kheng, a lay Catholic theologian and expert in ecclesial discernment who contributed significantly to the Synod process.

BISHOP'S DIARY



2nd Aug | 11.00AM

Golden Jubilee Eucharistic Celebration of Sister Bernice
D'Silva FMDM, Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Silibin, Ipoh

7th Aug | 11.00AM

Meeting with Bishop of Taiwan and team from
Father Joseph's Method of Reflexology and Evangelization

7th Aug | 7.00PM

25th Sacerdotal Anniversary of Fr. Joseph Heng Chon Sin,
Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Krubong, Melaka

14th Aug | 4.00PM

Meeting with Shekinah Glory Renewal Group, Diocesan
Centre

17th Aug | 9.00AM

Confirmation Mass - Church of Divine Mercy, Sg. Ara

19th & 20th Aug

Clergy Monthly Recollection (CMR) Deanery Level

22nd Aug | 7.30PM

Shekinah Glory Anniversary Mass - Monsignor Aloysius
Spirituality Centre (MASC), Penang Road

24th Aug | 8.30AM

Confirmation Mass - Church of Immaculate Conception,
Pulau Tikus

26 & 27 Aug

Peninsular Malaysia Regional Pastoral Assembly 2025,
Archdiocesan Pastoral Institute, KL

30th Aug | 11.00AM

Focolare Mariapolis Mass, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit
Mertajam

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR



August



FOR MUTUAL COEXISTENCE

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

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