

58th NOTIFICATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

February

2026

God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law.

Galatians 4:4-5

PENINSULAR MALAYSIA PASTORAL THEME –
Church - Practising inclusivity through concrete
gestures and honouring the dignity of all. FD#117



UPDATES & HAPPENINGS OF THE DIOCESE

1. FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD & WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

I invite you to pray more intensely on this day for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. Let us thank God for the gift of them and their vocation as we remember to thank them on their special day.

2. FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES & WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Marking the 34th World Day of the Sick on February 11, 2026, Pope Leo XIV, in his message titled “The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another’s pain,” calls on believers to oppose the “culture of discard” by offering concrete, loving, and compassionate care to the sick, the elderly, and the lonely.

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3. COLLEGE GENERAL MAJOR SEMINARY REOPENS

College General Major Seminary will resume its new Academic Year 2022 on 21 February 2026. Let us pray for all candidates and formators as they return and for those newly embarking on this journey of discernment.

4. PENANG DIOCESAN LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2026 | “HOPE IN ACTION”

The 2026 theme for the Lenten Campaign is Hope in Action. All Lenten Campaign Kit and digital resources will be accessible on the Caritas Penang Website soon. I wish you a blessed preparation and journey of Lent 2026.

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5. ASH WEDNESDAY, BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT

The Catholic Bishop's Conference of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei have issued a Pastoral Statement for dispensation from fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday this year, which falls on the 2nd day of the Lunar New Year. [CLICK HERE](#)

6. LUNAR NEW YEAR MESSAGE 2026 | YEAR OF THE HORSE

As I take this opportunity to wish each one of you a Blessed and Glorious New Year, I wish to share with you a reflection prepared by Fr. Stephen Chin in English and Mandarin, explaining on the Year of the Horse. [CLICK HERE](#)

7. COMMUNITY OF THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (FSIC)

Sr. M. Tauria Taurin, FSIC has been transferred to Penang Diocese to be part of the FSIC community here together with Sr. M. Lucynia Jeprin, FSIC. As a team, they will participate in the mission of the local church in the Diocese of Penang and assist in pastoral work, mainly among the Bahasa Malaysia speaking people of Sabah and Sarawak presently working and residing in the five states of the Diocese of Penang.



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8. HEAD OF PENANG DIOCESAN BAHASA APOSTOLATE

Sr. M. Lucynia Jeprin, FSIC has been appointed as the Head of Bahasa Apostolate replacing Sr. M. Florence Nemesius FSIC with effect from January 2026. We thank Sr. M. Florence Nemesius for graciously accepting to head this apostolate for the Diocese of Penang and wish her God's blessings in her new mission. As a team, Sr. M. Lucynia Jeprin and Sr. M. Tauria Taurin and will continue their mission in this apostolate. We thank them for their dedication and commitment to this apostolate.

9. HEAD OF FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Bart Cheah and Angelina Tan has been appointed Head of the Penang Diocesan Family Life Ministry replacing Deacon Lazarus Jonathan, with effect from 11th January 2026, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We thank Deacon Lazarus for his dedicated and committed services in this ministry, and welcome Bart and Angie with gratitude for his generous availability in accepting this new role and mission.

10. APPOINTMENT AS PARISH PRIEST | CHURCH OF RISEN CHRIST, AIR ITAM, PENANG

I am pleased to inform that Rev. Fr. Crispus Mosinoh has been appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of Risen Christ, Air Itam with effect from 1st January 2026. We wish him the very best and continue to keep him in prayers as he embarks on this new mission, strengthened by the Holy Spirit. I take this opportunity to also thank Fr. Esmond Chua for his service and dedication as Parish Priest during his term at the parish.

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11. HEAD OF PENANG DIOCESE CREATION JUSTICE COMMISSION

Isaac Alfred Simbun has been appointed Head of Penang Diocese Creation Justice Commission with effect from 1st February 2026 and will work in close collaborate with all the parishes of the diocese. We thank him for his openness and dedication in embracing this mission.

12. ORDINATION OF ANTHONY MICHAEL AND ISAAC ALFRED SIMBUN TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The two candidates for Permanent Diaconate, Anthony Michael, currently in formation at Church of St. Anthony, Teluk Intan, Perak and Isaac Alfred Simbun, currently in formation at Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Tanjung Malim, Perak will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on 25th February 2026 at 7.00pm, at the Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam. Kindly keep them in your prayers.



BISHOP'S DIARY

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
1 st Feb	-	Feast of Infant Jesus, Chapel of the Infant Jesus, Sungai Pelek, Selangor
5 th Feb	8.00pm	Flag Raising and Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Klang
6 th Feb	3.00pm	Installation Service of the Rt. Rev. Stephen Soe Chee Cheng as the 6th Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of West Malaysia, Cathedral of St. Mary the Virgin, Kuala Lumpur
14 th Feb	10.30am	Meeting and Mass with Auxiliaries of the Apostolate, Bishop's Residence, Penang
20 th Feb	3.00pm	Mass at Mount Miriam Cancer Hospital & Launching of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations



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DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
21 st Feb	3.00pm	Rite of Election for Penang Island & Northern Deanery, Church of Immaculate Conception, Penang
22 nd Feb	5.00pm	Rite of Election for Perak Deanery, Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Silibin
24 th Feb	10.00am	Council of Priests (COP) Meeting, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
24 th & 25 th Feb	-	Clergy Monthly Recollection (CMR), Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
25 th Feb	7.00pm	Ordination of Anthony Michael and Isaac Alfred Simbun to the Permanent Diaconate, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
26 th Feb	10.00am	Curia Meeting, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR



February



FOR CHILDREN WITH INCURABLE DISEASES

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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