



# 59<sup>th</sup> NOTIFICATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG MARCH 2026

**Rejoice, highly favored one, the  
Lord is with you**

**Luke 1:28**

PENINSULAR MALAYSIA PASTORAL THEME –

Ecology - Renewing our relationships with creation through ecological conversion by adopting a simple lifestyle as part of our stewardship. FD#54

# UPDATES & HAPPENINGS OF THE DIOCESE



## 1. LENTEN 2026 MESSAGE

I am pleased to share with you the Lenten message from the Holy Father [CLICK HERE](#) and also the Lenten Message from me in the various languages. [CLICK HERE](#)

Wishing you a continued journey of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving as you draw closer to God.

## 2. SCHEDULE OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

Please be informed on the schedule for confessions at the parishes in the Diocese of Penang. I pray for all of us to draw into a closer and intimate relationship with God through the gift and treasure of this Sacred Sacrament. [CLICK HERE](#)

## 3. ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND

The annual collection for Holy Land is on Maundy Thursday. Parishes can make their contributions by cheque or online transfer. Payable to: DIOCESE OF PENANG | RHB Account No: 2-07082-0005132-4 | Kindly notify payment to: [trcfin@gmail.com](mailto:trcfin@gmail.com)

## 4. SOLIDARITY FUND FOR PENANG DIOCESE

The diocesan solidarity fund with the monthly percentage allocated by the diocese, from the monthly collection of all weekend masses of the parishes in the Diocese of Penang, can also be made following the same banking details and method. Payable to: DIOCESE OF PENANG | RHB Account No: 2-07082-0005132-4 | Kindly notify payment to: [trcfin@gmail.com](mailto:trcfin@gmail.com)

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## **5. RCIA ELECTS FOR BAPTISM AT EASTER**

The Rite of Election for the Diocese of Penang took place on 21st & 22nd Feb at the Church of Immaculate Conception, Penang & Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Silibin, Ipoh. I am delighted to inform you that 230 Adult RCIA candidates will be baptised together with several other adults at Easter in our diocese. Please join me as I invite you to pray for them, everyday until their Baptism.

## **6. CHRISM MASS 2026 FOR THE DIOCESE OF PENANG**

At the Chrism Mass, the bishop consecrates the Sacred Chrism and blesses the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick. The Clergy of the Diocese will gather with the bishop to renew their commitment to priestly service and their vows, symbolizing unity. This Mass represents the unity of the priests with their bishop and the sacramental life of the Church. I invite you to pray with me for the Clergy of the Diocese of Penang as we participate at the Sacred Mass on 24th March 2026 at 8.00pm, Church of Divine Mercy, Sg. Ara, Penang.

## **7. TRAINING SESSION FOR EVANGELISING CATECHISTS | SAFEGUARDING OF MINORS**

The Penang Diocesan Catechetical Commission (PDCC) will be conducting a Safeguarding of Minors - Training Session for Evangelising Catechists of the Penang Diocese who minister to minors (below 18 years). This formation will be held on Saturday, 21st March 2026, from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. via the Zoom platform, and will be offered in English, Bahasa Malaysia, Mandarin, and Tamil. Link for registration:

<https://forms.gle/pAPVazFpaewqqB1G9>

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## **8. COURSE FOR THE STUDIUM AT THE DICASTERY FOR THE CAUSES OF SAINTS, ROME**

In view of the application to Rome for the Canonization of Sybil Medan Daly Kathigasu, Rev. Fr. Andrew Khoo who is now pursuing his doctoral studies in Philosophy in Rome at the Angelicum University after having just completed his Licentiate, is currently taking the Course for the Studium at the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, which is obligatory for those who are to engage in the work of Postulators for the Causes of Beatification and Canonization.

# BISHOP'S DIARY



DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	10.00am	Curia Meeting, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	10.00am	Visit to Assumption International School, Bukit Mertajam
5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.00pm	44th Anniversary Mass of Shekinah Glory Renewal Group, Penang Road
8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.30pm	Chap Goh Meh Dinner, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang
11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.00am	College General Major Seminary Bishops-Formation Staff Meeting, College General
12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.30am	Peninsular Finance Meeting, Bishop's Office, Penang

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DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Caritas Cheque Presentation, Catholic Diocesan Centre, Penang
18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3.00pm	Meeting with Rev. Fr. Laurence Freeman, OSB of World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM), Bishop's Residence
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	9.00am	Confirmation Mass at Church of St. Joseph, Batu Gajah
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Council of Priests (COP)
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.00pm	Chrism Mass, Church of Divine Mercy, Sg. Ara, Penang
24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	-	Clergy Monthly Recollection (CMR)
26 <sup>th</sup> Mar - 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	-	Masses for Holy Week and Easter, Church of Our Lady of Fatima of the Holy Rosary, Kota Bahru, Kelantan

# POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR



# MARCH



## FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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