

60th NOTIFICATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

APRIL 2026



But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

**PENINSULAR MALAYSIA
PASTORAL THEME -**

Acknowledging and empowering young people by including them in discernment and decision making.

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UPDATES & HAPPENINGS OF THE DIOCESE



1. HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2026

As we intensify our Lenten observance of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving during this Holy Week, I wish to assure you of my prayers and solidarity in journeying with you very specially in this special moment of grace. Let us interiorize the Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous and Glorious mysteries to truly rejoice with Mary at the celebration of Easter. Sharing the Mass schedule for the parishes in the Diocese of Penang.

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2. PERJALANAN SALIB FOR ALL 9 DIOCESES OF MALAYSIA TOWARDS MPC2026

The Perjalanan Salib which was launched by the 9 Bishops of Malaysia in April 2025 last year, continues its journey to the parishes and various communities within the dioceses throughout Malaysia. These nine crosses representing the dioceses of Malaysia - Sabah (3), Sarawak (3), and Semenanjung (3), will be brought together and assembled into ONE at the Malaysian Pastoral Convention 2026 (MPC2026) this coming September in Sibul, Sarawak. This will be the first gathering with representatives from all the nine dioceses of Malaysia, serving as a powerful testimony of communion, participation and mission for the Malaysian Catholic Church. I invite you to pray for the spiritual fruitfulness of this journey and for our continuous preparation towards the convention, that we may remain united as one Body of Christ.

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3. MALAYSIAN PASTORAL CONVENTION 2026: FIRST BRIEFING AND REFLECTION

The first Briefing & Reflection for the Malaysia Pastoral Convention 2026 will be held on 19th April at 8.00pm via Zoom for the delegates from the various parishes and ministries representing our diocese. As they begin their spiritual preparation and discernment for the historic gathering in Sibul, they carry the voice and spirit of our local Church. Let us keep these representatives in our daily prayers as they begin this crucial discernment. May the Holy Spirit inspire their discussions and unite them in purpose for the good of the Church in Malaysia.

4. CLERGY OUTING 2026

The Clergy of our diocese will be away for a clergy outing from 13 - 16 April 2026. Please keep us in your prayers, as we come together for a moment of recollection and recreation, to renew our fraternal communion and strengthen our bond of unity, so as to be rejuvenated for our continued pastoral ministry.

5. FEAST OF ST. ANNE & ST. JOACHIM 2026

The Novena and Feast of St. Anne & St. Joachim this year will begin from 17th July 2026 and culminate on 26th July 2026. 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.

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6. PROFESSION OF PERPETUAL VOWS IN THE HOLY FAMILY INSTITUTE

I am pleased to inform that Christopher and Connie Cheah have completed their formation in the Holy Family Institute and will be taking their Perpetual Vows on the 11th April 2026, at 6.00pm, at the Church of St. Joseph, Batu Gajah. The Superior General of the Society of St. Paul and of the Pauline Institutes of Consecrated Secular Life, has delegated Fr. Francis Andrew, Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Church Batu Gajah, to receive their Perpetual Profession. Let us continue to pray for the ministry and mission of family life.

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7. NOTICE ON THE MATTERS CONCERNING JULIA YOUN OF NAJU, KOREA

Following an official letter from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Korea and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei, the faithful are advised to avoid participating in any Masses, liturgies, or events associated with the movement of Ms. Julia Youn (Julia Kim) of Naju. For full clarity on the Church's pastoral stance, kindly refer to the two attached official letters.

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BISHOP'S DIARY



DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
26 th Mar - 5 th Apr	-	Holy Week and Easter Celebrations, Kota Bahru, Kelantan
11 th Apr	6.00pm	Profession of Perpetual Vows of Christopher & Connie Cheah, Church of St. Joseph, Batu Gajah
13 th Apr - 16 th Apr	-	Clergy Outing
19 th Apr	8.00pm	First Briefing & Reflection for the Malaysia Pastoral Convention 2026
20 th Apr	6.00pm- 8.00pm	Online International Meeting of Bishops - Friends of the Focolare Movement, Zoom
27 th Apr	10.00am	Peninsular Finance Meeting, Zoom
27 th Apr	2.30pm	Malaysian Catholic Education Council Meeting, Zoom



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR



APRIL



FOR PRIESTS IN CRISIS

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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