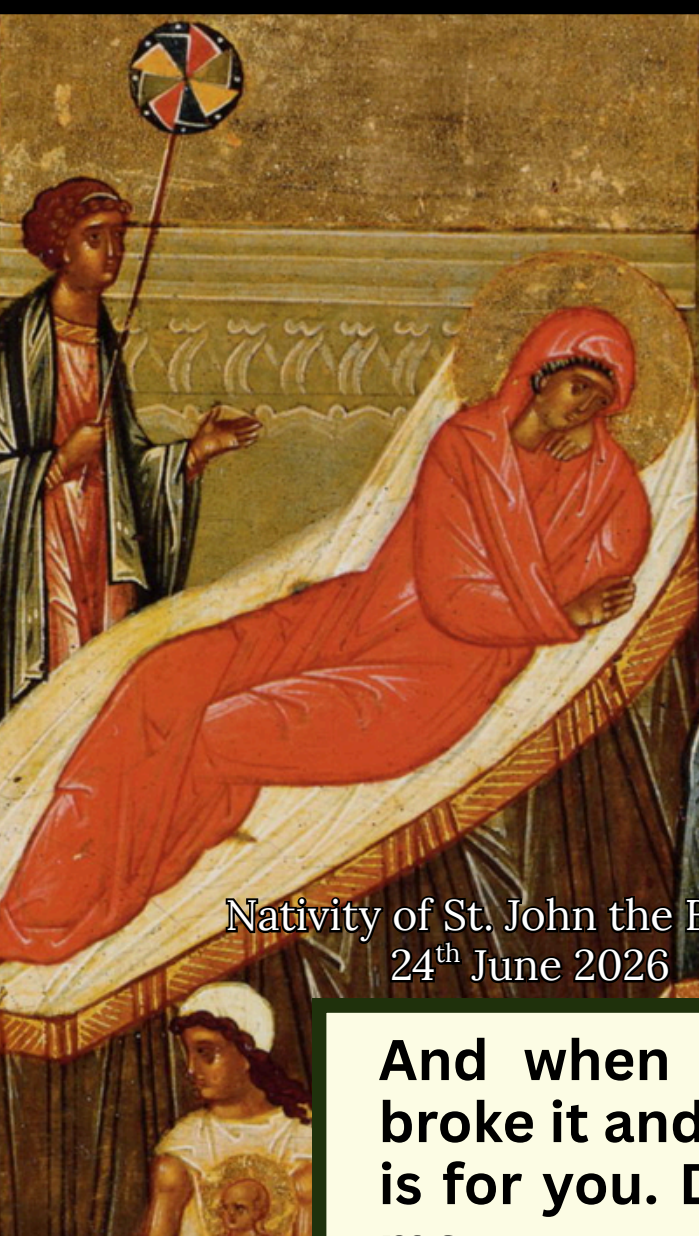


62nd NOTIFICATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG *June* 2026



Nativity of St. John the Baptist
24th June 2026

And when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

1 Corinthians 11:24

PENINSULAR MALAYSIA PASTORAL THEME –
Church – Practising communal discernment, building a culture of listening and collaboration. (FD#143)

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1. AD LIMINA APOSTOLORUM VISIT 2026

I thank each one of you for your prayers, solidarity and unity with me and all the members of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei during our recent visit to the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, the tombs of the Apostles Peter & Paul and the offices of the Holy See. With blessings to you, I share the events of each day and a short interview which was conducted in Rome: [CLICK HERE](#)

2. FEAST OF ST. ANNE, IS AN INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF PENANG

On 22nd January 2026, the Penang State Government officially gazetted the Feast of St. Anne, celebrated at the Minor Basilica of St. Anne in Bukit Mertajam, as an Intangible Cultural Heritage under the Penang State Heritage Enactment 2011. The formal presentation was held on 9th May 2026, where Deacon Lazarus Jonathan and Sister Mercie Lai, FMDM representing Cardinal Sebastian Francis, received the Certificate and Plaque from the Chief Minister of Penang, YAB Chow Kon Yeow. Both the Certificate and Plaque are now displayed at the Minor Basilica of St. Anne. [CLICK HERE](#)

3. PRESENTATION ON THE LIFE OF SYBIL KATHIGASU & 78TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL MASS

A special presentation on the life, legacy, and mission of Malayan heroine Sybil Kathigasu neé Daly by Brigadier General Dato' Fitzgerald Augustin (Retired), followed by her 78th Anniversary Memorial Mass, will take place on Saturday, 6th June 2026, from 8.00 am to 11.00 am at the Church of St. Michael, Ipoh. All are invited to join in remembering her life as the Church creates awareness and gathers information for her Cause of Canonization. Let us come together to discern her legacy and continue to pray for her canonization. [CLICK HERE](#)

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4. FIRST ENCYCLICAL OF POPE LEO XIV, MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

Published on 25th May 2026, the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has promulgated his first encyclical, Magnifica humanitas, on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence. This document was signed on the anniversary of Rerum novarum issued by Pope Leo XIII on 15 May 1891. I encourage all the faithful to read and reflect upon this timely teaching as we navigate these new societal shifts. [CLICK HERE](#)

5. HEARTFELT THANKS TO APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO MALAYSIA, ARCHBISHOP WOJCIECH ZALUSKI

We bid a fond farewell and express our heartfelt gratitude to His Excellency Archbishop Wojciech Zaluski, the Apostolic Nuncio to Malaysia. After faithfully serving our region since 2020, the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has recently appointed him as the new Apostolic Nuncio to Malta and Libya. We deeply appreciate Archbishop Zaluski's guidance, solidarity, and dedicated service to the Malaysian Catholic Church during his tenure. As he departs for his new diplomatic mission, let us keep him in our prayers for a safe travel and abundant grace for his new appointment.

6. OZANAM TAIPING : RETIRING WITH GRACE

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites all who are enjoying the gift of retirement to embrace this blessed season of life with joy and purpose. Through engaging activities, you are warmly welcome to build meaningful connections, renew your spirit, and enjoy the gift of community. [CLICK HERE](#)

7. THE SACRED JOURNEY OF LIFE | A REFLECTION ON THE JOURNEY OF LIFE

I wish to share with you a short reflection on the sanctity of our journey of life. This reflection was also shared during the homily at the Requiem Mass of Rev. Fr. Anthony Pillai. [CLICK HERE](#)

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8. FJM SOUTHEAST ASIA WELLNESS CENTRE IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

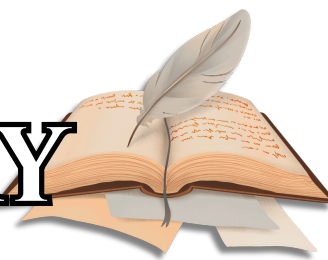
A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Titular Roman Catholic Bishop of Penang and the Catholic Diocese of Hualien, Taiwan for the promotion of the Father Josef's Method (FJM) of Holistic Reflexology on 13th May 2026. In addition to serving others through charitable outreach, both parties shall actively use FJM as an instrument of evangelization for Southeast Asia. [CLICK HERE](#)

9. COMPLETION AND ONGOING STUDIES OF REV. FR. ANDREW KHOO

While his doctoral studies are ongoing, we congratulate Rev. Fr. Andrew Khoo in having completed his Licentiate studies in Philosophy at the Angelicum University in Rome. [CLICK HERE](#)

In view of the application to Rome for the Canonization of Sybil Medan Daly Kathigasu, he continues to stay on to take up 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
1 st June	4.00pm	Mass - Charis Penang Diocese, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
3 rd June	10.00am	Meeting with Bro. Patrick Hilary Sandnasamy, Seminarian Theology Year 5, Bishop's Office
3 rd June	11.00am	Sr. Fatimah - Samaritan Missionaries of Hope, Bishop's Office
4 th June	7.30pm	Opening Address - Angels Cry Holy organized by CHARIS, Church of Immaculate Conception, Penang
6 th June	11.00am	78th Memorial Mass of Sybil Kathigasu, Church of St. Michael, Ipoh
7 th June	9.00am	Confirmation Mass - Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Ipoh

BISHOP'S DIARY




DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
8th June - 10th June	-	Peninsular Malaysia Deacons' Gathering, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
11th June	4.00pm	Meeting with Seminarians Ashley Chau & Patrick Hilary, Bishop's Office
12th June	9.00pm	Keynote Address - Seeds Annual Conference, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
13th June	11.30am	Final Profession of Sr. Nantini Laurin Kowan, FSP, Taiping Catholic Church
13th June - 20th June	-	Episcopal Regional Commission for Social Communication – Annual General Meeting 2026, St. Francis Xavier Retreat Centre, Singapore.
24th June - 2nd July	-	Extraordinary Consistory of Cardinals, Rome

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR



June





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