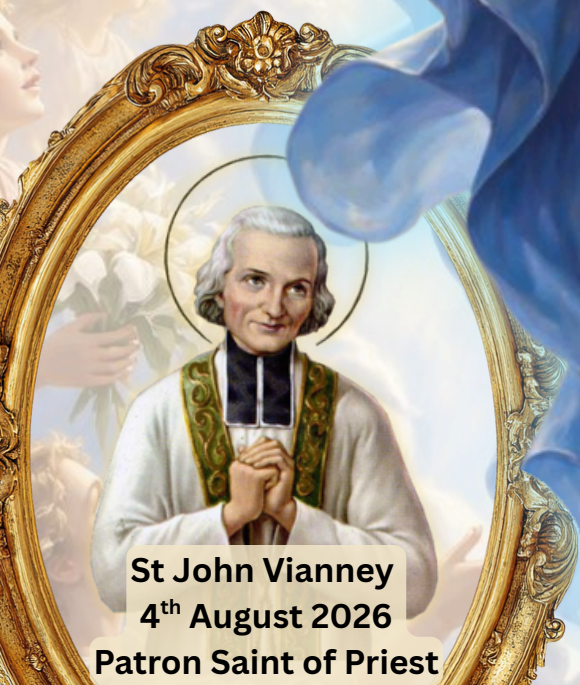


64th NOTIFICATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
15th August 2026



St John Vianney
4th August 2026
Patron Saint of Priest

August
2026

PENINSULAR MALAYSIA PASTORAL THEME –

Society – Building bridges by fostering dialogue, sharing projects for the common good, and creating spaces where culture is respected and voice is heard. (FD#121)

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, helpers & ministers of the various services, donors, celebrants & con-celebrants, confessors 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 49 years of my Sacerdotal Ministry on 28th July and 14 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. CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2026

Catechetical Sunday 2026 will be celebrated on 2nd August 2026, with the theme "Be Christ to One Another". This theme invites all Catholics to mirror Jesus by our love and sacrificial service to others, in relation to the Gospel of Matthew: "And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me" (Mat 25:40). Kindly find attached the relevant Catechetical Sunday materials for this year prepared by the Malaysian Catechetical Commission.

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4. THE CULMINATION OF PERJALANAN SALIB IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

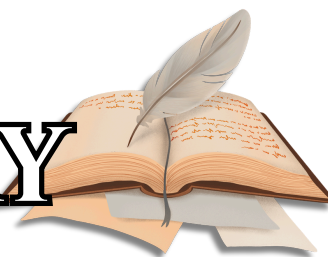
The Perjalanan Salib in the Diocese of Penang which accompanied each parish, chapels and institutions since last year will conclude with the Celebration of the Eucharist on 25th August 2025 at 10.00am at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang. United in one Spirit, I invite everyone in the Diocese of Penang, to gather for this significant celebration as we journey towards the Malaysia Pastoral Convention 2026.

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5. REMEMBERING OUR PRIESTS ON THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY

As we approach the Feast of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priest, on the 4th of August, I warmly invite all the faithful to offer special prayers for our diocesan priests. Let us ask God to bless our priests with wisdom, strength, and a deep, enduring love for their pastoral ministry. We thank God for their selfless service and dedication to our parishes, and we pray that they continue to be guided and inspired by the holy example of St. John Vianney.

BISHOP'S DIARY



DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
2 nd August	7.00 PM	Radio Veritas Asia (RVA) Mandarin Musical Concert, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang
5 th August	10.00 AM	Meeting with Rev. Fr. Sergius Paulus, CSE, the General Superior of the Congregation of Carmelitae Sancti Eliae, Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, Balik Pulau, Penang
6 th August	11.00 AM	Meeting with Rev. Fr. Jacob Wong of the Camilian Religious Congregation of Taiwan, Bishop's Office, Penang
8 th August	6.00 PM	Confirmation Mass - Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Permatang Tinggi
9 th August	10.30 AM	Confirmation Mass - Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang

BISHOP'S DIARY




DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
10 th August - 14 th August	-	Pastoral Visit, Kelantan
15 th August	11.00 AM	Seeds Commissioning Mass and 10th Anniversary Celebration, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang
15 th August	6.00 PM	240th Anniversary Mass of the Assumption Church followed by Eurasian Fiesta
16 th August	9.00 AM	Confirmation Mass - Church of Divine Mercy, Sg. Ara
18 th August	10.00 AM	Council of Priests (COP), Stella Maris
18 th August - 19 th August	-	Clergy Monthly Recollection (CMR), Stella Maris

BISHOP'S DIARY




DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
23 rd August	8.30 AM	Confirmation Mass - Church of the Immaculate Conception, Pulau Tikus
23 rd August	5.00 PM	Thanksgiving, Evaluation and Celebration for the Feast of St. Anne, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
25 th August	10.00 AM	Culmination of Perjalanan Salib in the Diocese of Penang, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang
28 th August - 31 st August	-	CHARIS Peninsular Malaysia Service of Communion Healing and Deliverance Conference 2026, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR



August



FOR EVANGELISATION IN THE CITY

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community

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