

65th NOTIFICATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

September
2026

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel,
and Raphael, Archangels
29th September 2026

Saint Gabriel
(The Messenger)

Saint Michael
(The Protector)

Saint Raphael
(The Healer and Guide)

PENINSULAR MALAYSIA PASTORAL THEME –

Family – Going beyond personal boundaries through pastoral visits and extending hands especially to those-in-need. (FD#58)



UPDATES & HAPPENINGS OF THE DIOCESE

1. MONTH OF SEPTEMBER – SEASON OF CREATION

As we join the Universal Church in observing and celebrating the Season of Creation in the month of September, let us give thanks for the wondrous gift of God's creation and renew our commitment to care for our common home. Inspired by Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, may we embrace our responsibility as stewards of creation, and through our daily choices, strive to protect, nurture and preserve the earth, entrusted to us by our loving Creator.

2. CLERGY ANNUAL RETREAT 2026

I invite you to join me and all the clergy in prayer as we prepare for our annual retreats in this month. Wishing all clergy a fruitful and grace-filled retreat throughout the month of September 2026.

3. DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE MALAYSIA PASTORAL CONVENTION (MPC) 2026

As we prepare for the Malaysia Pastoral Convention (MPC) 2026, which will be held from 9th – 13th September 2026 in Sibul, Sarawak, let us unite as one body of Christ to observe a Day of Prayer for the MPC on Fri, 4th Sept 2026. Parishes throughout the Diocese are invited to mark this day with Adoration, the recitation of the Holy Rosary and culminating with the Eucharistic Celebration. Together, let us pray for God's abundant grace, wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the organisers, delegates and the future pastoral mission as one Church of Malaysia.

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4. MALAYSIA PASTORAL CONVENTION (MPC) 2026

The Malaysia Pastoral Convention (MPC) 2026 is the first national pastoral gathering of the Catholic Church in Malaysia. It will bring together bishops, priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful from all nine dioceses across Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. 78 delegates will represent us from the Diocese of Penang headed by the Bishop of Penang. It is a time for the Church to gather in prayer, listening to one another and discerning the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the future pastoral mission of the Church in Malaysia. MPC 2026 will take place from 9th to 13th September 2026 in Sibuloh, Sarawak. Details on the masses during that weekend can be found [here](#).

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5. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SAMARITAN MISSIONARIES OF HOPE MINISTRY

The blessing of Rumah Kebajikan Samaritan Hope to be an instrument of mercy, compassion and hope, will be officially launched on 8th Sept 2026. All are invited to partake in this celebration.

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6. DIOCESAN COORDINATING TEAM OF THE FLAME OF LOVE MOVEMENT IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

Following up from their inaugural AGM held recently, I am pleased to share the Diocesan Coordinating Team for this ministry. Wishing God's blessings and guidance in their mission for their term of office.

- Diocesan Coordinator – Patricia Chin
- Secretary – Felicity Felicia Goh
- Treasurer – Yogeetha Rajar
- Committee Member – Esther Ooi
- Committee Member – Lenie Nagarajan
- Spiritual Advisor – Sr Mercie Lai, FMDM

7. 112TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026, SUNDAY

As we observe the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, may the message of Pope Leo XIV's, "Even just one of these children" (cf. Mt 18:5), remind us of our Christian responsibility to welcome, protect and accompany migrants and refugees, especially children and those who are most vulnerable. May our Diocese continue to be a welcoming Church, where every person is received with dignity, compassion and fraternity.

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8. REV. FR. ANTHONY LIEW

Rev. Fr. Anthony Liew has been appointed Priest in Residence to assist the Administrator, Sr. Angela Wong at the Parish of Our Lady of Fatima of the Holy Rosary, Kota Bahru, from 1st September – 31st December 2026. We welcome him back to the Diocese of Penang after concluding his studies in Rome and wish him God's blessings in his new mission in Kota Bahru, Kelantan.



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9. REV. FR. DESMOND JANSEN

Rev. Fr. Desmond Jansen has been appointed as Assistant Head of Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue (EIRD) with effect from 1st September 2026, assisting Mr. Arokiadass Anthonysamy, the Head of EIRD. We thank and pray for Fr. Desmond Jansen as he takes on this new role and responsibility in assisting this ministry in the Diocese of Penang.

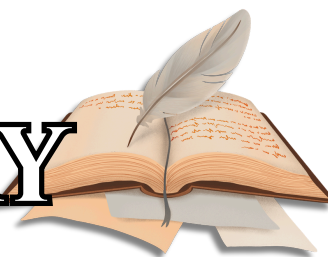
10. OZANAM RETIREMENT VILLAGE (ORV), TAIPING, PERAK

Sharing the contact details of Ozanam Retirement Village (ORV) along with its Vincentian Philosophy and Pastoral Care. [CLICK HERE](#)

11. DEACON RICHARD WILSON | CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY, SG. ARA, PENANG

Deacon Richard Wilson will conclude his service at the parish of Divine Mercy, Sg. Ara, Penang on 31st August 2026. He will now take up employment at Simee Home for the Aged, Ipoh while remaining available in his Diaconal Ministry in the Deanery of Perak.

BISHOP'S DIARY



DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
1 st Sept	11.00 AM	Meeting with Mr. Rajenthiran Narayanan, National President, SSVP Malaysia, Penang
2 nd Sept	11.00 AM	Visit of H.E. Ambassador Peter Spišiak, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to Malaysia, Penang
5 th Sept	6.00 PM	Commissioning Mass for New Thessalonian Apostolate (NTA), Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
6 th Sept	9.00 AM	Confirmation Mass - Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, Penang
8 th Sept	5.00 PM	Opening of Rumah Kebajikan Samaritan Hope, Butterworth
9 th Sept - 13 th Sept	-	Malaysia Pastoral Convention 2026, Sibul, Sarawak

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DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
15 th Sept - 18 th Sept	-	FJM Reflexology International Conference, Taiwan
19 th Sept	6.00 PM	Confirmation Mass - Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
20 th Sept	8.00 AM	Closing Mass - East Asia Regional Conference - Catholic Engaged Encounter, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
24 th Sept	11.00 AM	Blessing of Our Lady's Grotto, Simee Home, Ipoh
25 th Sept	2.30 PM	Malaysian Catholic Education Council AGM, KL
27 th Sept	10.00 AM	75th Anniversary of Christ the King, Kulai, Johor

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR



September



FOR THE CARE OF WATER

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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