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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | Presentation Of The Lord | 2 February 2025

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE ECOLOGY - CALLED TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THE URGENT MISSION OF SAVING MOTHER EARTH

Stewards of A Special Mission

The first reading describes God as speaking through a messenger, announcing that He will appear, without any warning, to the people in the Temple. When He does, He will be like “a refiner’s fire and the fuller’s alkali”, signifying that God will remove the impurities of the people and cleanse them so that they may become “like gold and silver”. Today’s psalmist also proclaims the coming of the Lord into His Temple, and when He does, the people are to shout with joy.



“We received
this world as an
inheritance from
past generations,
but also as a loan
from future
generations, to
whom we will
have to return it”

Pope Francis

However, when the infant Jesus comes to the Temple, there are no “shouts of joy” from the people. His presence draws no attention. His parents quietly bring him there to fulfil the requirements of the Law of Moses. Two people, however, approach them, one after another. The first is Simeon. Drawn to them by the Holy Spirit, he proclaims the universal salvation that God will bring in Jesus and of the necessity of suffering in the mission of the Messiah. Then, Anna, an aged prophetess, also led by the Spirit, thanks God and prophesies that Jesus will be the “redemption of Jerusalem”.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, let us recall that the focus of the Church in Peninsular Malaysia this month is on Ecology. But is there any link between today’s feast and ecology? Yes, it is the idea of stewardship. Both Simeon and Anna were each given a unique task as stewards of a special message from God. And in the midst of the thousands of people in the Temple on that day, the two of them, promoted by the Spirit, approached and faithfully shared the message God had entrusted to them with the Holy Family.

Just as Simeon and Anna fulfilled their responsibility, each of us have been entrusted with the task of being good stewards. **A steward is someone who has the duty of overseeing or looking after, with care and dedication, what belongs to another.** As God’s children, we have a mission to care and safeguard God’s creation. As Pope Francis reminds us, “We are not God. The earth was here before us, and is given to us” (*Laudato si*, 67). Let us fulfill our mission of caring for God’s creation.✙

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Malachi. 3: 1-4

Psalm 23: 7-10

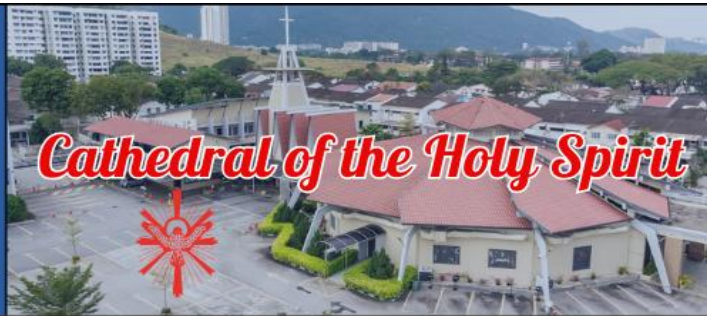
Hebrew 2: 14-18

Luke 2: 22-40 (or 22-32)

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2025 THEME
FEBRUARY

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OF SAVING MOTHER EARTH

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH
Feb 02 (Sun) <i>Mal 3:1-4</i> <i>Heb 2:14-18</i> <i>Lk 2:22-40</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am 5.30 pm	MASS (M) MASS (E) MASS (T)	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, FEAST (Blessings of Candles) No Livestream Livestream No Livestream
Feb 03 (Mon)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	St. Ansgar (Oscar), Bishop St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr No Livestream
Feb 04 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	No Livestream
Feb 05 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr No Livestream
Feb 06 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	Ss. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs No Livestream
Feb 07 (Fri)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	No Livestream
Feb 08 (Sat)	10.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	MASS (E) for the Sick & Elderly Novena to OMPH followed by MASS (E)	St. Jerome Emilian St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin No Livestream Livestream
Feb 09 (Sun) <i>Is 6:1-2,3-8</i> <i>1 Cor 15:1-11</i> <i>Lk 5:1-11</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) No Livestream Livestream

E = English M = Mandarin T = Tamil BM = Bahasa Malaysia

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Offerings of Mass Intentions, financial giving of monthly tithing, love offerings or donations to the Parish can be made through online transfers to the following designated bank account:-

Online Payment for	Donations Mass Offering Hall Booking Wake Room Booking	Tithes	Sharing Hope Project Outreach Projects
Bank	Public Bank Berhad	RHB Bank Berhad	RHB Bank Berhad
Account Number	309 3049812	20708 2000 39510	20708 2000 39928
Account Name	Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	Cathedral CHS

Email Bank-in-Slip to admin@holyspiritcathedral.com

Our Collection on 25 & 26 January 2025: RM 9,922.69
2nd Collection on 01 & 02 February 2025 is for the poor and needy

“God loves a cheerful giver.” – 2 Cor. 9:7

1. **FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD | 01 & 02 FEBRUARY 2025**

Candles will be blessed during Masses on Saturday (1 February) and Sunday (2 February). Please bring your candles, wrap and labelled with your name.

2. **THANKSGIVING POT BLESS GET TOGETHER | 08 FEBRUARY 2025**

Looking back and reflecting on our synodal journey as a parish there are many things we are thankful for. For one, we are very privileged to have daily and weekend masses to receive Christ and to be in communion with God. All this is only made possible through the vocation of our priests.

We would like to invite you to join us in a Thanksgiving Pot Bless Get Together to thank God for blessing us with Fr Joachim who will be leaving for College General mid-Feb, and Fr Raymond who will continue to shepherd us together with Fr FA, Fr Fabian, Fr James Tan and Dcn Andrew.

Let us share our 5 loaves and 2 fish as our appreciation and offering to this Thanksgiving Pot Bless and fellowship with one another after the breaking of the word and bread in our Sunset Mass on Saturday:-

Date : 8 February 2025 (Saturday)

Time : 7.30pm

Venue : Dewan Holy Spirit

Kindly keep this day/time open to join us and look out for more details in the upcoming weeks.

3. **INFANT BAPTISM IN CHS | 23 FEBRUARY 2025**

For parents who wish to have their child baptised, infant baptism will be held in the main church on Sunday, 23 February 2025 at 12 noon. Please register at the parish office. There will be a pre-baptismal instruction and briefing for both parents and godparents.

4. **OLD BLESSED PALMS**

Old blessed palms will be used for ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please bring your old blessed palms and place them in the basket by 2 March 2025, the latest.

5. **BADMINTON COURTS**

Parishioners can come and play badminton every Sunday – either 3pm to 5pm or 5pm to 7pm. No charges and no registration required.

6. HAVEN YOUTH MINISTRY FEBRUARY GATHERING

Hello to all young adults! We're excited to invite you to the Haven Young Adults Ministry February Gathering! Every Tuesday from 8pm to 10pm, we have something different lined up for you each week—such as connecting over board games, diving into Bible study, worshipping together in God's presence and breaking His word through sessions. This gathering is for 17-25 year olds only, so if you're in that age range, come and be a part of our community. Join us on the 2nd Floor Classroom (St.Michael), and remember: everyone who hears, is thirsty, or wishes to receive the water of life is welcome (Revelation 22:17).

For more details, feel free to contact Julio (016-4339445), Michael (019-4585499), or Caitlin (016-4215027). Looking forward to see you there!

7. SPECIAL SESSION BY REV. DR. FR. GILBERT CHOONDAL | 23 FEBRUARY 2025

You are warmly invited to attend a special program by Rev. Dr. Fr. Gilbert Choondal on Sunday, 23rd February 2025, at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang.

Sessions include:

1. Deanery/Parish Level Catechesis for Evangelizing Catechists (2:00 – 3:00 p.m.)
2. Deanery Level First Holy Communion Evangelizing Catechists (Those teaching Std. 1-4) (3:30 – 6:30 p.m.)
3. Family Catechesis for Parents (8:00 – 9:00 p.m.)

Fr. Gilbert is an esteemed author of Readings in Catechetics and Manual for the First Holy Communion. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge!

For more details, please contact Anne Ho at 016-4106992.

We look forward to your participation!

CALLBACK GATHERING
Praise & Worship, Sharing/Talk, Fellowship
7 & 21 Feb 2025
8.30pm @ St. Michael's Room

JESUS, MY HOPE
11 February
9.45am
St Mark Classroom
Speaker:
Regina Xavier
All are welcome

HAVEN YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY
TUESDAY | 8PM - 10 PM | AGE 17 - 25
2ND FLOOR CLASSROOM (ST. MICHAEL)

- 04TH **CONNECT** (BOARDGAMES)
- 11TH **PUBLIC HOLIDAY** (NO MEET)
- 18TH **PRESENCE** (WORSHIP)
- 25TH **LISTEN** (SESSION)

REVELATION 22:17
LET EVERYONE WHO HEARS, COME!
LET EVERYONE WHO IS THIRSTY, COME!
LET ANYONE WHO WISHES, TAKE THE WATER OF LIFE AS A GIFT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, YOU CAN CONTACT:
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HEALTH CHECK
健康检查
16 February 2025 (Sun)
9am to 12.30 pm
St. Paul Loc Multi-Purpose Hall

WANNA BE VOLUNTEER?
GOT QUESTIONS?
希望成为自志愿者?
需要更多细节吗?

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Author of:
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• Manual for the First Holy Communion

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!
SUNDAY
23 FEBRUARY 2025

READINGS IN CATECHETICS
CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE
CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PENANG

SCAN
Anne Ho: 016-4106992

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14 January 2025

Pastoral Statement for dispensation from fasting during Chinese New Year 2025

Dear People of God,

This year, the Lunar / Chinese New Year falls on 29 January 2025, and most Chinese celebrate the event for fifteen days, ending 12 February 2025.

The Catholic Bishops Conference of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei, in consultation with the Episcopal Regional Liturgy Commission of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei offer the following guidance:

- (1) That the Fridays of January 31, 2025 and February 7, 2025, dispensation is given from abstinence.
- (2) That the faithful substitute these days with other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety during this Year of Jubilee.

Wishing you the Lord's abundant blessings and joyous celebration of the Chinese New Year.

+ William Goh
H. Em Cardinal William Goh
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Episcopal Regional Liturgy Commission
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