

NEWBEC

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

26 January 2025

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday of the Word of God)

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE CHURCH - CALLED TO BE MERCIFUL

Unity in the Body of Christ

During the Week of Prayer for Christian unity, Christians come together. We are reminded of the prayer of Jesus for his disciples that 'they may be one.' Traditionally, this event is held between 18-25 January. The Dicastery for promoting Christian unity in Rome produces materials with its ecumenical partners for usage throughout the year to express the degree of communion which the churches have already reached, and to pray together for that full unity which is Christ's will.



“The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians.”

Pope Francis
(Apostolic letter
“APERUIT ILLIS”)

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10

Psalm 18: 8-10, 15

1 Corinthians 12: 12-30
or 12-14, 27

Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

So apt are the readings this week to reflect Christian unity. In the first reading, Esra shows us the importance of God's Word which is to be read, even to women and to children who could understand. After the exile, the people of God need to re-commit to the Torah as the Law is their identity.

How important it is for us Christians to keep our identity as we face enormous challenges in the secular world. That is why it is important to come together to strengthens one's faith and builds the community. St Paul writes in Corinthians 1 of the Body of Christ, consisting of many parts, each part unique. He points to unity and diversity, and the need for co-existence. It should never be to each our own but we must mutually respect and take care of each part of the Body.

In the context of our nation of diverse religions and cultures, Christians have an important part to play. The gospel tells of Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom and his mission to liberate and heal. His work continues through us, the Body of Christ.

God's Law always refreshes and guides the soul, giving us the wisdom to be simple, as the Psalmist prays. So today with simplicity of heart to receive Jesus, **let us remember we are baptized into One Body – the Church.** Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we must recognise our God-given gifts, and use them effectively for the love of God and of our neighbour. We are called to be a Merciful Church, to embrace everyone regardless of race, creed and religion.

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives. Let us act on God's Word and live out our faith. ✚

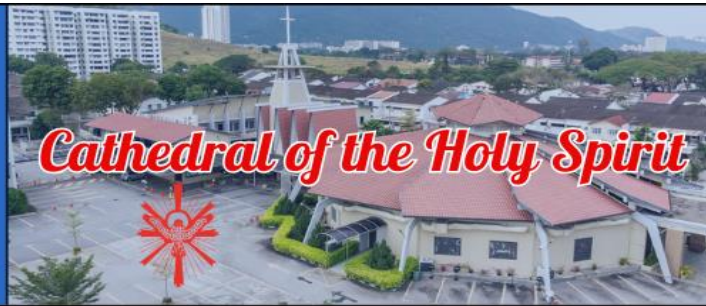
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2025 THEME
JANUARY

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE
CHURCH – CALLED TO BE MERCIFUL

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH
Jan 26 (Sun) <i>Neh 8:2-6,8-10</i> <i>1 Cor 12:12-30</i> <i>Lk 1:1-4,4:14-21</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) Sunday Of The Word of God No Livestream Livestream
Jan 27 (Mon)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	St. Angela Merici, Virgin No Livestream
Jan 28 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am 10.00 pm	Lauds MASS (E) MASS (M)	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor No Livestream CHINESE NEW YEAR EVE No Livestream
Jan 29 (Wed)	10.00 am	MASS (E)	CHINESE NEW YEAR DAY No Livestream
Jan 30 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	No Livestream
Jan 31 (Fri)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	St. John Bosco, Priest No Livestream
Feb 01 (Sat)	6.40 am 7.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Lauds MASS (E) Novena to OMPH followed by MASS (E)	No Livestream Livestream
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	MASS (M) MASS (E)	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, FEAST (Blessings of Candles) 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	Tithes	Sharing Hope Project
	Mass Offering Hall Booking Wake Room Booking		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 18 & 19 January 2025: RM 9,637.61

“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**

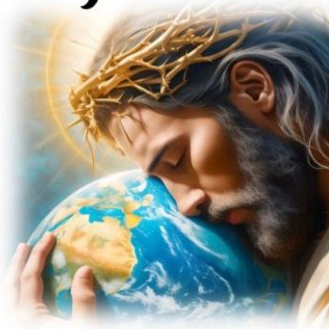
Old blessed palms will be used for ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please bring your old blessed palms and place them in the basket by 2 March 2025, the latest.

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.

JESUS, MY HOPE

11 February
9.45am
St Mark Classroom
Speaker:
Regina Xavier
All are welcome



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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'William Goh'.

H. Em Cardinal William Goh
President
Episcopal Regional Liturgy Commission
Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia-Singapore-Brunei

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