

# NEWBEC

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 23 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

## I Would Not Lift My Hand

In the encyclical *Laudato si*, Pope Francis states that in the Judeo-Christian tradition, the word “creation” has a wider meaning than “nature”. “Creation” has to do with God’s loving plan in which every creature has its own value and significance (n. 76). Every creature is the object of God’s tenderness. Not only human beings but even the smallest of creatures are loved by Him (n. 77). “The Lord is compassion and love” proclaims the psalmist, and He truly is.



“The relationship between individuals or communities and the environment ultimately stems from their relationship with God. When man turns his back on the Creator’s plan, he provokes a disorder which has inevitable repercussions on the rest of the created order.”

Pope Benedict XVI

### SCRIPTURE of the DAY

1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Psalms 102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

Luke 6: 27-38

The Pope also points out that the Judeo-Christian tradition speaks about the unique place and role of human beings in God’s creation. Not only are human beings created in the image and likeness of God, they have also been created with the responsibility to cultivate their abilities in order to protect creation and “develop its potential” (n. 78).

In fact, according to the Pope, the ultimate destiny of all creation is God. Therefore, instead of destroying one another or dominating nature, human beings, having been endowed with intelligence and love, have the responsibility to lead each other and all other creatures back to their Creator. As such, says Pope Francis, the Church has the duty to remind everyone of their responsibility to care for creation, as well as, to protect humanity itself from self-destruction.

It is important for us, as such, to heed the words of Jesus: “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly...” and “Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; grant pardon and you will be pardoned...”

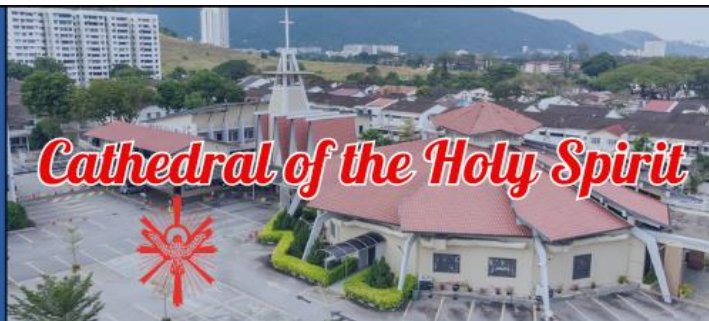
In the first reading, David is shown as being compassionate when he spares Saul’s life because David says, “I would not lift my hand against the Lord’s anointed”. Seen in this light, **since all of God’s creatures have been created and are loved by Him, should we too not “raise our hand” to destroy another human being or nature itself?** As Pope Francis reminds us, “Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to the problems of society.” (n. 91). ✚

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2025 THEME  
FEBRUARY

**CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE**  
**ECOLOGY – CALLED TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THE URGENT MISSION**  
**OF SAVING MOTHER EARTH**

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH
Feb 23 (Sun) 1 Sam 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	<b>7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)</b> No Livestream Livestream
Feb 24 (Mon)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	No Livestream
Feb 25 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	No Livestream
Feb 26 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	No Livestream
Feb 27 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	<b>St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> No Livestream
Feb 28 (Fri)	6.30 pm	MASS (E) followed by Holy Hour	No Livestream
Mar 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
Mar 02 (Sun) Ecl 27:5-8 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45	8.00 am 10.30 am 5.30 pm	MASS (M) MASS (E) MASS (T)	<b>8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)</b> <b>(RCIA Rite of Sending)</b> No Livestream Livestream No 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](mailto:admin@holyspiritcathedral.com)

**Our Collection on 15 & 16 February 2025: RM 7,747.20**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection on 01 & 02 March 2025 are for the poor and needy**

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

### 1. 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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!

### 2. 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!

### 3. ST VINCENT DE PAUL, CONFERENCE OF HOLY SPIRIT - OUTREACH

The members of St Vincent de Paul, Conference of Holy Spirit, cordially invite parishioners and friends of CHS to help and join us in distributing tea to the poor at 4pm on every 2nd Wednesday of the month at Lighthouse, in the premises of St. Francis Xavier Church premises, Penang Rd. This is one of our parish outreach activities. Please contact Roderick 012-4209428 or Martin 017-4794549 for further information.

### 4. MASS & HOLY HOUR | 28 FEBRUARY 2025

(Every 4th Friday of the month outside Lent)

Date: 28 February 2025 (Friday)

Time: 6.30pm Mass

7.00pm Holy Hour

- With Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 8.00pm

Inviting all to come to worship our Lord Jesus Christ at Mass and Adoration during the Holy Hour. See you there.

5. **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 23 February 2025, the latest.

6. **BADMINTON COURTS NOT AVAILABLE | 23 FEBRUARY 2025**

The badminton courts will not be available for use on Sun, 23 Feb 2025.

7. **BADMINTON COURTS**

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

**Mass & Holy Hour**

**FRIDAY**  
**6.30pm Mass**  
**7.00pm Holy Hour**

▶ **28 Feb 2025**

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit Penang

Penang Island Deanery

**Lenten Confession 2025**

DIOCESE OF PENANG

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Island Park  
 17 March (Monday) 10 am and 8 pm

Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, Jalan Macalister  
 18 March (Tuesday) 10 am and 8 pm

Risen Christ Catholic Church, Air Itam  
 19 March (Wednesday) 10 am and 8 pm

Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, Balik Pulau  
 20 March (Thursday) 10 am (M) and 8 pm (M & E)

Church of Divine Mercy, Sungai Ara  
 02 April (Wednesday) 10 am and 8 pm

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Pulau Tikus  
 03 April (Thursday) 10 am and 8 pm

M = Mandarin, E = English

**FEBRUARY GATHERING**

*Haven*  
**YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY**

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

**04<sup>TH</sup> CONNECT (BOARDGAMES)**

**11<sup>TH</sup> PUBLIC HOLIDAY (NO MEET)**

**18<sup>TH</sup> PRESENCE (WORSHIP)**

**25<sup>TH</sup> 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:  
 JULIO GERONIMO: 016-4339445 | MICHAEL ANDREWS: 019-4585499 | CAITLIN TEOH: 016-4215027

**Introduction to Liturgy and Mass**

Date: **1st March 2025 (Sat)**  
 Time: **10am - 12.30pm**  
 Venue: **St Chastan & Imbert Room, CHS**

Session 1: 10.00 - 11.00 am  
 Break: 11.00 - 11.15 am  
 Session 2: 11.15 - 12 noon  
 Q & A: 12 noon - 12.30 pm

**All are welcomed**

For logistics arrangement, please scan QR code to register.

Speaker:  
**Fr Martin Arlando**

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