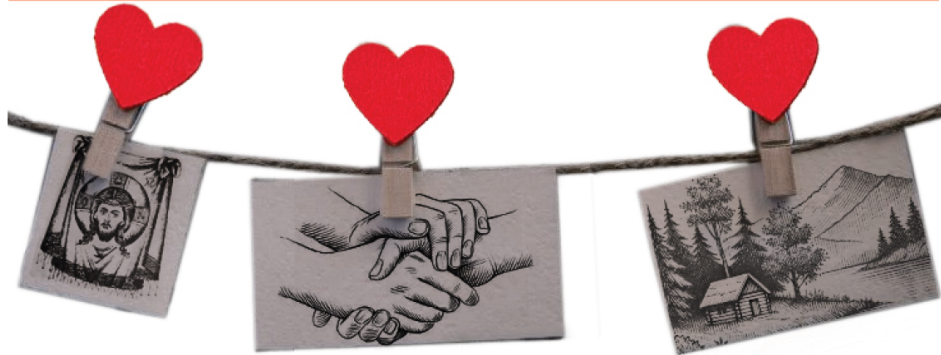


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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 2 March 2025

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE



MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE

FAMILY – CALLED TO NURTURE FAMILY VALUES AND RELATIONSHIPS

To Love God, Neighbour and the Earth

Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, helps us understand that human life is founded on three fundamental relationships – with God, with our neighbour and the earth itself

(n. 66). Interestingly, a sense of this vital relationship between God, human beings and the earth can be sensed in the imagery used in today's psalm, that is, the one who is close to God will "flourish like a palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar"; he or she will "flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green...".



"The family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love, and this is a living reflection of and a real sharing in God's love for humanity"

Pope St. John Paul II

Sin, however, says Pope Francis, has broken this relationship. Now, there is a disharmony between these three vital relationships. As a result, human beings refuse to acknowledge their limitations and have assumed the place of God. They think of themselves as having "dominion" over the earth. And this "false" idea that human beings can "use" and exploit other human beings and the earth for their own purposes has been handed down over thousands of years from one generation to another. Like "the blind guiding the blind", each generation leads the next down the road to further chaos and destruction of humanity and the earth.

The gospel passage today highlights the broken relationship between God, human beings and nature with the imagery of the tree and its fruit: "There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit...". **Basically, when a person does not have a close relationship with God, he fails to have a true relationship with his or her neighbour and with the earth.**

This is why Pope Francis speaks of the need for an integral ecology, that is, one that respects and considers one's relationship with God, neighbour and the earth. As the Pope points out, "A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings"

(n. 91). It means when we speak about safeguarding and caring for the environment, we must also speak about loving and caring for our neighbour, most especially the marginalised, the poor and oppressed and vice-versa.✝

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7

Psalms 91: 2-3, 13-16

1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

Luke 6: 39-45

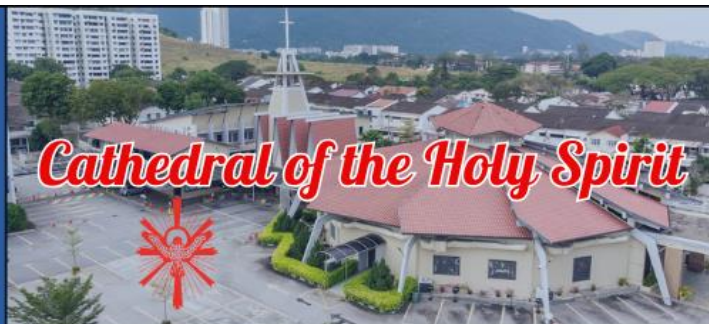
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2025 THEME
MARCH

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE
FAMILY – CALLED TO NURTURE FAMILY VALUES AND RELATIONSHIPS

PARISH NEWS

1. CHS BLOOD DONATION DRIVE AND MOBILE DENTAL CHECK | 08 MARCH 2025

Calling all eligible blood donors!

There will be a blood donation drive at Dewan Holy Spirit on 8 March 2025.

By donating blood, you can help save lives and support those in need. Whether you're a first-time donor or a regular, your contribution is invaluable. Let's come together as a community and make a positive impact ❤️

2. CHS SPIRITUALITY LENTEN RETREAT

During this Lent, let us gather as a community to seek the Lord and allow His love to burn within our hearts. Please join us at the upcoming CHS Spirituality Lenten Retreat.

Theme: Our hearts burning within us (Luke 24:32)

Date & Time: Saturday, 22 March (9am to 5pm);
Sunday, 23 March (1.30pm to 5.30pm)

Venue: Dewan Holy Spirit

No registration fee. Please help the planning team to minimise F&B wastage/shortage by submitting your intent to participate by 16 March 2025 using this QR code or at a sign-up booth after weekend Masses during Lent.



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.

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH
Mar 02 (Sun) <i>Ecl 27:5-8</i> <i>1 Cor 15:54-58</i> <i>Lk 6:39-45</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am 5.30 pm	MASS (M) MASS (E) MASS (T)	8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) (RCIA Rite of Sending) No Livestream Livestream No Livestream
Mar 03 (Mon)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	No Livestream
Mar 04 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	St. Casimir No Livestream
Mar 05 (Wed)	7.00 am 12 noon 8.00 pm	MASS (E) MASS (E) MASS (ETM)	ASH WEDNESDAY [Fast & Abstinence] (With Blessing & Imposition of Ashes) No Livestream No Livestream Livestream
Mar 06 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	No Livestream
Mar 07 (Fri)	12 noon 8.00 pm	WOTC (E) followed by MASS (E) WOTC (ETM) followed by MASS (E)	Ss. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs No Livestream For 8.00 pm Mass (Livestream) [WOTC – Church (E), Chapel (T), Hall (M)]
Mar 08 (Sat)	6.40 am 7.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Lauds MASS (E) Novena to OMPH followed by MASS (E)	St. John of God, Religious No Livestream Livestream
Mar 09 (Sun) <i>Detu 26:4-10</i> <i>Rom 10:8-13</i> <i>Lk 4:1-13</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) No Livestream Livestream

E = English M = Mandarin T = Tamil BM = Bahasa Malaysia WOTC = Way of The Cross

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 22 & 23 February 2025: RM 9,496.31
2nd Collection on 01 & 02 March 2025 are for the poor and needy

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

4. HAVEN YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY | MARCH 2025

Hello to all Young Adults!

We're excited to invite you to our Haven Young Adults Ministry March Gathering! Every Tuesday from 8pm to 10pm, we have something different lined up for you each week—such as connecting over fun activities, 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!

We will be having Bowling Night on the 4th of March. For more details on Bowling Night, check out our Instagram page at 'haven.ym'. Looking forward to having you with us 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) or Caitlin (016-4215027).

5. HAVEN YOUTH MINISTRY BATTLE NIGHT | 08 MARCH 2025

Who's ready? I'M READY! 🍷🔥

Get excited for an amazing youth gathering filled with fun games, praise and worship, and an inspiring session! Come expectant and let's grow together in faith and fellowship. See you there! 🙌

Title: Who's ready? I'm ready

Date: 8th March 2025

Venue: St Michael - St Raphael (2nd floor classrooms)

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us!

Caitlin: +6016 421 5027 Adele: +6016 385 2826

Hope to see you there!

6. CHS INSPIRATION GROUP TEA-TIME GATHERING | 16 MARCH 2025

CHS Inspiration Group would like to invite parents/guardians with special needs children, teens or young adults to a Tea-Time Gathering on 16 March 2025, Sunday from 3 pm to 5 pm, at St Mark classroom. There will be activities for the children, teens and young adults, while parents/guardians have their tea-break while listening to the sharing by Ms. Sherine Ann Selvarajah, a Child Psychologist at Gleneagles Hospital, Penang and Centre Director of Prospect Rainbow. Snacks will be prepared and you are most welcomed to bring along some finger food. Let us come and support one another.

Registration: <https://forms.gle/wvWAwBsCLCEVvHZZ7> (to facilitate the logistics preparations).

For more details, kindly contact: Jo-Anne 012-480 0861 or Annie Chong 016-826 4909

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.

MARCH GATHERING

Haven
YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

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

04 TH	CONNECT (BOWLING)
11 TH	WORD (BIBLE STUDY)
18 TH	PRESENCE (WORSHIP)
25 TH	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.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR CORE TEAM TO REGISTER FOR BOWLING OR IF YOU HAVE ANY INQUIRIES:
JULIO GERONIMO: 016-4339445 | MICHAEL ANDREWS: 019-4585499
CAITLIN TEOH: 016-4215027 | MABEL YEOW: 012-3479800

CALLING ALL DONORS

8 MARCH 2025 (SATURDAY)
9.00AM - 3.00PM
DEWAN HOLY SPIRIT

2-IN-1 EVENT
BLOOD DONATION DRIVE & MOBILE DENTAL CHECK

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HAVEN YOUTH MINISTRY: BATTLE NIGHT

Who's ready?
I'm ready!

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(Joshua 1:9)

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CHS Inspiration Group invites families with special needs children, teens or young adults to join our tea-time gathering

16 March 2025 (Sun)
3pm - 5pm, St. Mark Classroom

Sharing by a Child Psychologist
Ms. Sherine Ann Selvarajah

Managing children with challenging behaviour

REGISTER NOW

Jo Anne 012-480 0861 or Annie Chong 016-826 4909

Penang Island Deanery
Lenten Confession 2025

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