

# NEWBEC

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent | 16 March 2025

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE  
FAMILY – CALLED TO NURTURE  
FAMILY VALUES AND RELATIONSHIPS

“God Looked at  
Everything  
He Had Made,  
& Found it  
Very Good”

– Genesis 1:31



The path to being Pilgrims of Hope through Synodality is clearly possible with the return to examine the basic principles that lie at the foundations of Christianity and the gradual shifts that have taken place over the recent past. It is imperative that we begin with our basic belief that God as Creator of the Universe and the World had an intention and purpose and the result was something God saw “was good” (Genesis 1). Creation story moves next to the man and woman and God saw it was “very good”.



“We remain  
firmly  
convinced that  
the family is a  
gift of God, the  
place where he  
reveals the  
power of his  
saving grace.”

*Pope Francis*

It was obvious that the God of the Universe outside is also the same God of the inside, the soul of human persons but with a difference: the implanted laws and dynamics were fixed to work in harmony in the Universe. However, Human Persons were intended by God to also experience this same harmony but with a dangerous clause; “I give you freedom to make decisions in your life” and we know what happened to Adam and Eve and also to Cain and Abel.

With the insights of life blurred, the process of discernment to differentiate between good from evil and the capability to make decisions is lost. Decisions made are based only on SELF interest but not necessarily in accordance with the Will of God the Creator. **Thus, it is firm in our Scriptures that we cannot separate God from the Universe and the World, God from the Human Person and the Human Family.**

Our Christian Faith intrinsically interrelated with the Will of God is not predetermined fate but the willingness of the followers of Jesus to journey as a People of God Our Father, keeping on the path of Jesus and with the Spirit of Jesus in our hearts and our lives. This is the quintessence and embodiment of Synodality, without which activities will turn to activism, our words into rhetoric and lives as lights under the table.

## SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

Psalms 26: 1, 7-9, 13-14

Philippians 3: 17- 4: 1 or  
3: 20 – 4: 1

Luke 9: 28-36

The foundation of Synodality is thus a journey with Jesus as baptised and Chosen to be an intrinsic part of the People of God. Becoming a part of this Church is what makes us part of the Body of Christ, even an infant in the mother’s arms has to be loved with tenderness and experience the love of Jesus for the Church.

How is the Church the Home and Family of God? ❖

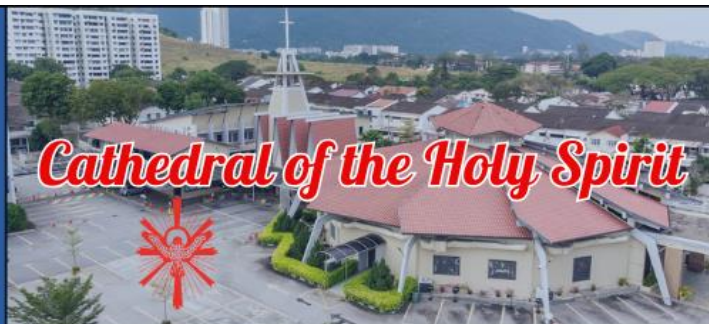
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2025 THEME  
MARCH

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

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH
Mar 16 (Sun) <i>Gen 15:5-12,17-18 Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 9:28-36</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)</b> No Livestream Livestream
Mar 17 (Mon)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	<b>St. Patrick, Bishop, Missionary</b> No Livestream
Mar 18 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	<b>St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor</b> No Livestream
Mar 19 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	<b>St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M., Solemnity</b> No Livestream
Mar 20 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	No Livestream
Mar 21 (Fri)	12 noon 8.00 pm	WOTC (E) followed by MASS (E) WOTC (ETM) followed by MASS (E)	No Livestream For 8.00 pm Mass (Livestream) [WOTC – Church (E), Chapel (T), Hall (M)]
Mar 22 (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 23 (Sun) <i>Ex 3:1-8,13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12 Lk 13:1-9</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)</b> <b>(RCIA Rite of 1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny)</b> No Livestream Livestream

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

## 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	<b>Public Bank Berhad</b>	<b>RHB Bank Berhad</b>	<b>RHB Bank Berhad</b>
Account Number	<b>309 3049812</b>	<b>20708 2000 39510</b>	<b>20708 2000 39928</b>
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 08 & 09 March 2025: RM 10,629.92**

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

#### 1. CHS BLOOD DONATION DRIVE ON 08 MARCH 2025

45 pints of blood were donated. Thank you to all blood donors.

#### 2. CHS SPIRITUALITY LENTEN RETREAT | 22 & 23 MARCH 2025

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. INFANT BAPTISM FOR MARCH 2025 | 23 MARCH 2025

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

#### 4. INCULTURATION OF THE FAITH | 30 MARCH 2025

An interactive forum brought to you by the Penang Diocesan New Evangelization Commission:-

Date: 30 March 2025 (Sun)

Time: 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Venue: Dewan Holy Spirit, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang

Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/Inculturation2025>

#### 5. ROOM BOOKINGS

Please contact Dcn Andrew to cancel your prior room bookings if you are not able to make it so that others can make use of the room.



**6. 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!

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).

**7. MOUNT MIRIAM CANCER HOSPITAL - HO CHIAK CHARITY FOOD & FUN FAIR 2025**

Mount Miriam Cancer Hospital extends heartfelt gratitude to all parishioners for your unwavering support during our past fundraising events.

**We are thrilled to announce the official launch of the 'Ho Chiak Charity Food & Fun Fair 2025'!**

We're excited to bring you a diverse lineup of at least 70 stalls, featuring an incredible array of local favorites, international dishes, comforting home-cooked meals, delightful snacks, and indulgent desserts at Ho Chiak 2025. And for an extra touch of excitement, we'll be sharing fun and fascinating facts throughout the fair! All proceeds will go to the **Mount Miriam Cancer Welfare Fund**, providing financial assistance for cancer patients' treatments and offering fully-funded hospice care for those in need during their final journey.

Food fair coupons are now available for purchase! In addition to buying coupons, there are other ways you can show your support. Kindly contact the team if you have more enquiries at:- Cheryl - 016-9521093 / Priscillia – 016-2148816 / Bing Yang – 016-5217064.

'Ho Chiak Charity Food & Fun Fair 2025' details as below:

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

Time: 9.00am – 2.00pm

Venue: Mount Miriam Cancer Hospital Carpark

Join us for a day of great food, fun, and the joy of giving!



**8. GLOWING EMBERS - WHO WANTS TO BE A BIBLIAIRE, SESSION 2 | 25 MARCH 2025**

Exploring Biblical Femininity to Cultivate my Sacred Garden (Rev 21-22) as "partakers of the divine nature" ( 2 Peter 1:4).

God has bestowed each one of us with a Sacred Garden. He wants our "ground" - heart - to blossom in close relationship with Him (Hosea 14:5).

What - Why - How? Come, let's explore together.

25 March. 10am. St Mark Classroom. Speaker : Lucille Dass

**9. VACANCY FOR ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT IN CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OFFICE**

**Qualifications**

- Accounting knowledge with LCCI or equivalent certification.
- Familiar with Accounting Principles and Concepts
- Maintain high level of confidentiality
- Able to work with minimal supervision

**Experience**

- Have working experience in related field – at least 3 years.
- Familiar with Microsoft applications like Excel and Word.
- Worked with computerized accounting software/system
- Possess analytical and communication skills
- Strong attention to detail and accuracy
- Familiar with managing banking activities and online banking systems.

**Job Description**

- Counting and reconciling all Church Cash Collections and depositing all cash to Church RHB Accounts promptly.
- Reconcile all bank-ins and online collections with source record books and bank statements.
- Preparing all payment schedule for the week (for all payments being made through bank account) and sent to PFC Chairman for approval.
- Ensure all payments to Vendors, Utilities (Tenaga, PBA, Telephone, Indah Water) are made on time.
- Payments are to be made Banking on-line system as the maker
- Payroll preparation and payment through Banking on-line system
- Statutory payments – EPF/Socso – done through Banking on-line system
- Computation and remittance of Solidarity fund and other pass through amounts to Diocese through on-line banking system
- Compiling and filing all source documents supporting transactions – vendor invoices, utility bills, banking in slips, bank statement etc and inputting into Arkdios system.
- Reconciliation of Bank Statements for all bank accounts including fixed deposits.
- Input all financial transactions (including petty cash payments) into Arkdios Accounting system promptly
- Preparation of monthly accounts
- Managing renewal of Parish Insurances
- Any other related tasks assigned by Parish.

Interested candidates please submit your applications to [andrewloh@holyspiritcathedral.com](mailto:andrewloh@holyspiritcathedral.com) by 31 March 2025.




# CALLBACK GATHERINGS

Praise & Worship, Sharing/Talk, Fellowship

## ..during Lent

Wed 19 Mar & Wed 2 Apr 2025  
St. Michael's Room, 8.30pm



# CHS SPIRITUALITY Lenten Retreat

*Our hearts burning within us - Luke 24:32*

**Dewan Holy Spirit**  
Saturday 22 March: 9.00am to 5.00pm  
Sunday 23 March: 1.30pm to 5.30pm



No registration fee. To help with planning, please submit your intent to participate by 16 March 2025 using this QR code or at a sign-up booth after weekend Masses during Lent.




## WHO WANTS TO BE A BIBLIAIRE?

Session 2 : Exploring Biblical Femininity to Cultivate My Sacred Garden (Rev 21-22) as 'partakers of the divine nature' (2 Peter 1:4)



25 March, 10.00am.  
St Mark Classroom  
Speaker : Lucille Dass

## Pilgrims of Hope - Witnessing To The Hope We Have in Christ

Date: 29 March 2025 (Sat)  
Time: 10am to 12noon  
Venue: Dewan Holy Spirit

Speaker: **Tricia Bølle**  
Founder  
St Francis Xavier Lay Missionary Society

## 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




## MARCH GATHERING

### Heaven YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

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

- 04<sup>TH</sup> CONNECT (BOWLING)
- 11<sup>TH</sup> WORD (BIBLE STUDY)
- 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.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR CORE TEAM TO REGISTER FOR BOWLING OR IF YOU HAVE ANY INQUIRIES:  
JULIO GERONIMO: 018-4339445 | MICHAEL ANDREWS: 019-4585499  
CAITLIN TEH: 018-4215027 | MABEL YEOH: 012-3479800

## Lenten Donation Drive

Food and daily essentials  
coffee, biscuits, milk powder, rice, oats,  
noodles, beehoon, adult tape diapers (L-XL),  
dishwashing liquids and detergents.



OFFER YOUR TIME, PRAYER AND GIFT THIS LENT  
YOUR SACRIFICE, THEIR HOPE

## INTERACTIVE FORUM

Penang Diocesan NEW EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION

*'Enlarge the space of your tent' - Isaiah 54:2*

POPE FRANCIS: TO EVANGELIZE, 'FAITH MUST BE INCULTURATED'

"Come and see" (John 1:39)

### Inculturation of the Faith



Mr Christopher Kushi  
Dcn. Lazarus Jonathan  
Fr. Desmond Jansen  
Fr. Arulnathan Joseph  
Fr. Michael Cheah

## PANELISTS

**Sunday 30th March, 2025**  
2.00-5.00pm  
Dewan Holy Spirit, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang  
**NO REGISTRATION FEE**

<https://tinyurl.com/Inculturation2025>  
Contact person (WhatsApp/SMS): Jeanne J Saw 016 455 4597

