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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 6th Sunday In Ordinary Time | 15 February 2026

WALKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A SYNODAL AND PROPHETIC CHURCH

A People for Missionary Discipleship

MONTHLY FOCUS: **CHURCH: Fostering Inclusivity**



A Radical Call To Holiness

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord. The Psalmist in Psalm 119 sets the pace and tone for this call to radical holiness. The readings show a God who does not puppeteer our deeds. Sirach tells us that God gives choices and he trusts us with our responses. The freedom to choose comes with responsibilities.

Blessings come to those who are faithful in following God's law as the Psalmist continues: Blessed are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they who observe his decrees, who seek him with all their heart.

St Paul in his letter to the Corinthians adds on to what the law for us is. That it speaks to us of a wisdom that is of God, mysterious and hidden. That is to say, we need spiritual sight to be able to see through the eyes of God. What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For that to happen, our lives need to be transformed interiorly; from merely observing the law to internalising it with discernment, acting on it with the promptings of the Spirit.

SCRIPTURE *of the* DAY

Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20
Psalm 118: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
1 Corinthians 2: 6-10
Matthew 5: 17-37
(or 5: 20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37)

Jesus in today's gospel says he comes not to abolish the law but to fulfil it. He calls us to radical holiness by taking the Mosaic commandments and drilling them down to the root of our human heart. Every choice we make, even the secret thought of the heart, carries weight as we can see from Jesus' radical teaching:

Thou shall not kill – You break the law by just having anger and contempt in your heart.

Thou shall not commit adultery – Just a lustful gaze at someone reduces that person to a mere object.

"Families remain as places where we learn to exchange the gifts of love, trust, forgiveness, and understanding — where we discover both our need to be listened to and our ability to listen."

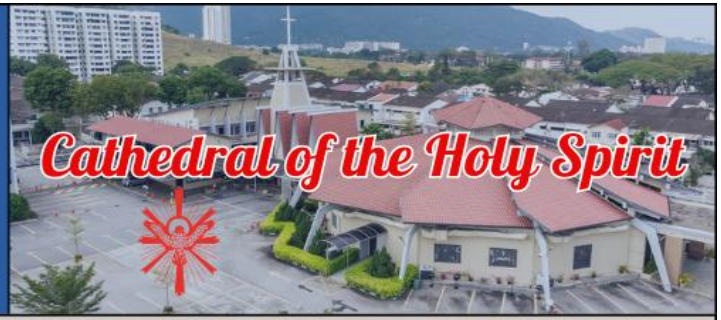
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The Lord is telling that the laws on fidelity and oaths are simplified to a call for integrity of the highest degree. Let your yes mean a yes, and your no mean a no. No two ways about it. Jesus doesn't mince his words, and so today's takeaway is succinctly clear. **The Lord wants to transform our lives and he calls us to radical holiness.** By the power of the Holy Spirit, we can choose with the freedom given us, choices that will lead us to the law of love, which is ultimately the fulfilment of all law.

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2026 THEME FEBRUARY

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CHURCH (CONVERSION OF RELATIONSHIPS)
– FOSTERING INCLUSIVITY

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH
Feb 15 (Sun) *Ecclus 15:16-21* *1 Cor 2:6-10* *Mt 5:17-37*	**8.00 am** **10.30 am**	**MASS (M)** **MASS (E)**	**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**
Feb 16 (Mon)	**10.00 pm**	**MASS (M)**	**CHINESE NEW YEAR EVE**
Feb 17 (Tue)	**10.00 am**	**MASS (E)**	**The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order** **CHINESE NEW YEAR DAY**
Feb 18 (Wed)	**12 noon** **8.00 pm**	**MASS (E)** **MASS (ETM)**	**ASH WEDNESDAY** **(with Blessing & Imposition of Ashes)**
Feb 19 (Thu)	**6.10 pm** **6.30 pm**	**Vespers** **MASS (E)**	
Feb 20 (Fri)	**12.00 pm** **8.00 pm**	**WOTC (E) followed by MASS (E)** **WOTC (ETM) followed by MASS (E)**	**For WOTC at 8.00pm,** **- Church (E), Chapel (T), Hall (M)**
Feb 21 (Sat)	**6.40 am** **7.00 am** **5.30 pm** **6.00 pm**	**Lauds** **MASS (E)** **Novena to OMPH** **MASS (E)**	**St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor**
Feb 22 (Sun) *Gen 2:7-9,3:1-7* *Rom 5:12-19* *Mt 4:1-11*	**8.00 am** **10.30 am**	**MASS (M)** **MASS (E)**	**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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 07 & 08 February 2026: RM 10,364.25

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

1. **INFANT BAPTISM FOR FEBRUARY 2026 | 22 FEBRUARY 2026**
For parents who wish to have their child baptized, infant baptism will be held in the main church on Sunday, 22 February 2026 at 12noon. Please register at the parish office. There will be a pre-baptismal instruction and briefing for both parents and godparents.

2. **BEC MASSES**
Please take note that there will be BEC Masses at 8pm at the respective Zones:
- 25 Feb - Zone D
- 5 Mar - Zone E
- 18 Mar - Zone F
- 10 Apr - Zone G
- 23 Apr - Zone H
- 8 May - Zone I
- 12 May - Zone A
- 10 Jun - Zone B
- 25 Jun - Zone C
- 2 Jul - Zone D
- 15 Jul - Zone E

3. **CATHOLIC SINGLES DATING HUB | 17 – 19 APRIL 2026**
The Catholic Singles Dating Hub (affiliated to Penang Diocesan Family Life Ministry) is organizing a stay-in program as follows:-
Date : 17th-19th April 2026
Venue : Domus St Anne, [Vlinor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
Cost : RM380.00 (inclusive of lodging on twin-sharing basis, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Tea-breaks)
Please register by: 31"t March 2026. To register, please scan the QR code attached. For further information, kindly contact: Theresa/Maria @017-578 8192 or 419-480 6281 or email to catholicdatinghub@gmail.com

4. **ST JOSEPH'S CHILDREN HOME PENANG IS LOOKING FOR A CAREGIVER**
Do you have any Malaysian woman who wants to work for the church? Accommodation (for outstation only) and food are provided. Need to stay in 3 nights per week. Those interested, kindly contact Sr Roslin at +60 16-326 8499.

5. **BOOK SALE**
Fr Mark Michael's book entitled "The Wars Within Us" is on sale outside the church this weekend. The price of the book is RM10 per copy.

6. PENANG DIOCESE LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2026 "HOPE IN ACTION"

Hope in Action

HOPE - Caring for the poor has always been the beacon of light that illuminates the hearts and path of Christian throughout the ages. When we shine this light into the world, we ignite hope in the hearts of the less fortunate.

ACTION - In solidarity as One Catholic Church, let us actively reach out – through our personal efforts or as a community initiative – to help transform lives and bring about a better reality for those in need.

Lenten Campaign T-Shirt "Hope in Action"



Price : RM25 per piece

The T-shirt will be available for sale outside the church after the weekend mass on:

- 21 & 22 February weekend
- 28 Feb & 1 March weekend

Donation to the Lenten Campaign

Why donate ?

Your donation will support the Catholic Church humanitarian works to care for the poor and marginalised, and communities affected by disaster.

Tax exemptions receipts

- For donation amount of RM100 and above.
- You can either fill up the Lenten Campaign envelope that is available in the Church Office or visit the website caritaspenang.com/tax

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Penang Diocesan Lenten Campaign







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18 December 2025

Pastoral Statement for dispensation from fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday 2026

Dear People of God,

Next year, the celebration of the second day of Chinese New Year falls on Ash Wednesday, 18 February 2026, being a day of fast and abstinence.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei, in consultation with the Episcopal Regional Liturgy Commission of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei hereby gives dispensation from fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday, 18 February 2026. However, the tradition of celebrating the liturgy of Ash Wednesday on that day is to be maintained with the imposition of ashes.

All Catholic faithful are encouraged to perform their fast and abstinence on another day during Lent except on Good Friday, which is already a day of fast and abstinence.

Wishing you the Lord's abundant blessings.

+William Cardinal Goh

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