



# 24TH NOTIFICATION AND UPDATES IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

I WISH YOU BLESSINGS OF JOY, MERCY AND HOPE AS WE ENTER INTO HOLY WEEK AND THE SACRED TRIDUUM, MARKED WITH PALM SUNDAY. MAY YOU INTENSIFY YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY WITH THE LORD THROUGH ACTS OF MERCY GUIDED BY HIS DIVINE MERCY, AND CELEBRATE THE GLORIOUS JOY AND HOPE OF

# EASTER!


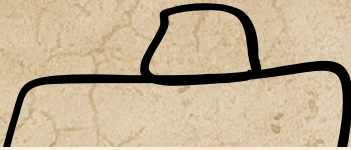
**Month of April Peninsular Malaysia  
Pastoral Focus – NEWNESS OF LIFE  
(LENTEN & EASTER SEASON)**

**INTENDED FOR ALL THE  
CATHOLIC FAITHFUL IN  
THE DIOCESE OF PENANG**

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**2 April**  
**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**



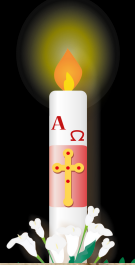
**6 April**  
**Maundy Thursday**



**7 April**  
**Good Friday**



**8 April**  
**Holy Saturday**



**9 April**  
**Easter Sunday**



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## UPDATES & HAPPENINGS OF THE DIOCESE

### 1. GUIDELINES FOR PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG CONCERNING THE ATTENDANCE AT MASS AND PARISH EVENTS

In compliance with the SOP provided by the government, I am pleased to share with you the guidelines for our diocese which takes effect from Palm Sunday 2023. [CLICK HERE](#)

### 2. ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON ANDREW KHOO

Deacon Andrew Khoo from the Church of Immaculate Conception, Penang who has completed his formation with the Institute of the Incarnate Word will be ordained priest on 29th April 2023 at 3.00pm at the Diocese of Lipa, Philippines. Archbishop Gilbert Armea Garcera of Lipa will be the ordaining Prelate. Please keep him in your prayers as we remember the community and their mission.

### 3. ERECTION OF RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE DAUGHTERS OF CARMEL (BAHASA MELAYU: KONGREGASI PUTRI KARMEL) AND CARMELITAE SANCTIE ELIAE (CSE)

Following up from the recent visit of the Father Founder and the Superior Generals of the Daughters of Carmel and Carmelitae Sanctie Eliae (CSE) in March 2023 at Balik Pulau, I wish to inform that a formal agreement has been signed between them and the Diocese of Penang, granting them the permission for the erection of a Religious House according to the norm of Canon 609#1. The community will be an “Auxiliary Community” to the Community of Putri Karmel and CSE of Sabah. The Formation Centre & Hermitage at Balik Pulau will be used by them for this purpose with effect from 1st April 2023.

With heartfelt gratitude, I wish to thank Parish Priest Fr. Nelson Chitty and his generous team of parishioners at the Church of Holy Name of Jesus, Balik Pulau, for their refurbishing, maintaining and up keeping of the formation centre and hermitage throughout these years from the time the retired IJ sisters had left the place.

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### 4. ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR CAPUCHIN (OFM CAP) IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

After four years of absence from the friary at St. Felix of Cantalice Formation House located at Tanjung Bungah, I am pleased to inform that the brothers will return to the diocese again. The fraternity of St. Felix comprises of Fr. Gilbert James OFM Cap as Guardian and Post Novices Director, Fr. John Anandan OFM Cap and Fr. Michael Raymond OFM Cap (Parish Priest of Church of Divine Mercy) as members of the fraternity. The brothers under formation are Bros. Cornelsteve Dominic OFM Cap, Sylver Ivan Sabinus OFM Cap, Aldrin Benedict OFM Cap, Marthin Steven OFM Cap, and Matius Lawrence Derick Goh (Postulant). They will be residing at the Convent of the FMDM Sisters at 19, Lorong Bintang 2, Tanjung Bungah while waiting for the house to be completed.

### 5. HEARTFELT THANKS TO SR. LUCY MARIA, LSP

I thank Sr. Lucy Maria LSP who has completed her mission at the Little Sisters of the Poor in Penang and wish her blessings as she moves back to her home country in Singapore and begin her new mission for the greater glory of God.

### 6. NEW ASSISTANT PRIESTS IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

I am pleased to inform that Rev. Fr. Raymond Raj will serve as assistant priest at the Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam, while Rev. Fr. Desmond Jansen will serve as assistant priest at City Parish, Penang. Let us continue to pray for these newly anointed and ordained priests of our diocese and for their priestly ministry and mission.





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### 7. AUXILIARIES OF THE APOSTOLATE | "DISCOVER YOUR VOCATION"

An invitation to all single women age 18 - 50 to explore a special lay vocation committed to the Bishop of the Diocese.

This will be facilitated by the Auxiliaries from Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur from Apr 29 - 30 (3pm Saturday - 4pm Sunday) at MAJODI Centre, Johor Bahru. For more information, kindly contact Ms. Clara Paul at 012-2509527.

### 8. NEW PRESIDENT OF PENANG SECTION – WEST AUSTRALIAN LIEUTENANCY OF THE EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM.

I congratulate Dr. Luis Chen KCHS of Ipoh, a pioneer member of the Section on his appointment as the incoming President.

Ms Anna Wong DC\*HS has retired as President of the Penang Section after successfully leading the growth of the Section over the past eight years.



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## Bishop's Diary for April 2023

<b>2 Apr</b> <b>8.00am</b>	Palm Sunday Mass, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
<b>3 Apr</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Meeting with Carmelite Novice from Butterworth
<b>4 Apr</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Meeting   New Thessalonian Apostolate, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
<b>6 Apr</b> <b>8.00pm</b>	Maundy Thursday Mass, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
<b>7 Apr</b> <b>3.00pm</b>	Good Friday Service, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
<b>8 Apr</b> <b>10.00pm</b>	Easter Vigil Mass and Adult Baptism, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
<b>9 Apr</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Easter Sunday Mass, (Bahasa) Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
<b>10 &amp; 11 Apr</b> <b>4.00pm</b>	Meeting   Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference – Office of Social Communications, ZOOM
<b>15 Apr</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	Mt. Miriam Cancer Hospital (MMCH) Charity Dinner 2023 – 47th Anniversary of MMCH & 60th Anniversary of Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood (FMDM), G Hotel
<b>18 Apr</b> <b>10.00am</b>	Council of Priests (COP)
<b>18 &amp; 19 Apr</b>	Clergy Monthly Recollection (CMR)
<b>19 &amp; 20 Apr</b>	Permanent Deacons' Formation
<b>21 Apr</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	Meeting   Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference – Office of Social Communications, ZOOM
<b>22 Apr</b> <b>3.00pm</b>	Inauguration Service of St. George's Church as Pro Cathedral of the Area Diocese of Northern Peninsula, in the Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia
<b>24 Apr</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Commissioning Mass – Diocesan Catechetical Retreat, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
<b>25 Apr</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Meeting   Penang Diocesan New Evangelization Commission, Penang Diocesan Centre
<b>25 Apr</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	Meeting   Penang Diocesan Finance Committee, Penang Diocesan Centre
<b>27 April</b> <b>8.00am</b>	Mass with Pilgrims from Romania, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang
<b>28 Apr</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Blessing of Prayer Room & Mass - 41st Anniversary of Shekinah Glory Renewal Group, Stella Maris Penang Road
<b>29 Apr</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) Fundraising Dinner for Ozanam Retirement Village, Jen Hotel
<b>30 Apr</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Meeting   President & New Vice President of SSVP National Council, Bishop's Residence

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# POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION

# FOR APRIL

**FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE  
AND NON-VIOLENCE**

**‘We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.’**