

66th NOTIFICATION

IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

**The
Eucharist
is my highway
to heaven**
— St Carlo Acutis

**OCTOBER
2026**

PENINSULAR MALAYSIA PASTORAL THEME –

Church – Sharing responsibilities for mission by reaching out to the peripheries and those of special needs. (FD#145)



UPDATES & HAPPENINGS OF THE DIOCESE

1. MALAYSIA PASTORAL CONVENTION (MPC) 2026

I thank all of you for participating physically, virtually and spiritually as a synodal church for the Malaysia Pastoral Convention (MPC) 2026, the first national pastoral gathering of the Catholic Church in Malaysia, bringing together bishops, priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful from all nine dioceses across Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. Let us continue to pray for our pastoral mission, as the Holy Spirit leads the Church of Malaysia.

2. SACERDOTAL ORDINATION OF DEACONS ASHLEY STEPHEN CHAU & PATRICK HILARY SANDNASAMY

I am pleased to inform that Deacon Ashley Stephen Chau and Deacon Patrick Hilary Sandnasamy will be called to the Order of Presbyterate on 10th November 2026 at 6.00pm at the Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam. Let us continue to pray for them as they prepare for their priestly ordination.

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3. INCARDINATION OF REV. FR. OLIVER THAM

The Diocese of Penang joyfully announces the formal incardination of Rev. Fr. Oliver Tham Sai Kit into our diocesan presbyterate, effective 19th August 2026. Following his canonical transfer from the Franciscan Friars (OFM), Fr. Oliver has taken his formal Oath of Fidelity before Cardinal Sebastian Francis. We welcome Fr. Oliver Tham permanently into our diocesan family and invite everyone to keep him and his ongoing ministry at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in your prayers.

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4. MONTH OF OCTOBER | MONTH OF ROSARY

From the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, France, where the Immaculate Virgin appeared to St. Bernadette with the rosary, Pope Leo XIV invites all the faithful and all Christian communities to pray the Holy Rosary throughout this month of October with a particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict. The Holy Father appeals that the Holy Rosary prayer be accompanied with concrete acts of penance and mercy, committing ourselves always to fostering dialogue and reconciliation. Let us heed to this call personally and collectively as a community.

5. MISSION MONTH, MISSIONARY OCTOBER - PRAY, REFLECT, CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHURCH'S MISSION OF EVANGELIZATION

On World Mission Sunday, every Catholic community is invited to pray and offer spiritual and material sacrifices for the missionary efforts in areas of evangelization and the support of young Churches. Through the intercession of Saint Therese of Lisieux, let us continue our missionary journey with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit especially in this month dedicated for mission. The World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on the weekend of 18th October 2026, with the theme, "One in Christ, united in mission". Sharing the message of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV for the 100th World Mission Day 2026 along with the video for the mission month.

Kindly be reminded that the 1st collection at every Mass will be for the Diocese of Rome, joining in the missionary spirit of the whole Church, especially in areas where proclamation of the Gospel is only just beginning and where Church is still young. May Blessed Fulton Sheen, longtime National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies who was recently beatified on 24th September in St. Louis, Missouri intercede for all of us.

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6. PRIESTS APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS FOR THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

I have appointed the following priests:-

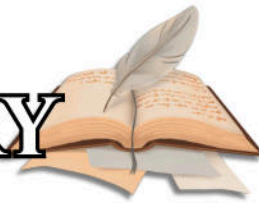
- a) Rev. Fr. Anthony Liew as Parish Priest of Church of Risen Christ, Air Itam with effect from 1st January 2027.
- b) Msgr. Stephen Liew as Parish Priest of Church of Holy Name of Jesus, Balik Pulau with effect from 1st January 2027.
- c) Rev. Fr. George Vaithynathan as Parish Priest of Taiping Catholic Church with effect from 1st January 2027.
- d) Rev. Fr. Simon Anand as Parish Priest of Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam with effect from 1st January 2027.
- e) Rev. Fr. Dominico Evan, CSE as Parish Priest of Church of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Kampar with effect from 1st January 2027.
- f) Rev. Fr. Rudolf de Aquaviva, CSE as Assistant Priest of Church of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Kampar with effect from 1st January 2027.

BISHOP'S DIARY



DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
3 rd Oct	8.30 AM	Visit of Deputy Chief Minister of Penang, YB Jagdeep Singh Deo and French Ambassador, His Excellency Marc Abensour, to Pagar Teras Restoration Project of the Diocese of Penang
4 th Oct	9.00 AM	Confirmation Mass - Church of St. Anthony, Teluk Intan, Perak
5 th Oct - 7 th Oct	-	Visit of Archbishop of Chennai, India to Penang
11 th Oct	10.00 AM	Confirmation Mass - Church of Sacred Heart, Kampar
17 th Oct	6.00 PM	Confirmation Mass - Church of Sacred Heart, Kulim
18 th Oct	9.00 AM	Confirmation Mass - Taiping Catholic Church

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DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
20 th Oct	10.00 AM	Council of Priests (COP) Meeting, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
21 st & 22 nd Oct	-	Clergy Monthly Recollection (CMR) with Religious, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
25 th Oct	9.00 AM	Confirmation Mass - Church of Risen Christ, Air Itam
26 th Oct	10.00 AM	Peninsular Malaysia Pastoral Core Team Meeting
27 th Oct - 1 st Nov	-	Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference - Office of Social Communications Bishops Meet & 450th Anniversary of Evangelization of Macau

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR



OCTOBER



FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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