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Parish Office Hours: Closed on Monday

9.00am - 5.00pm (Tuesday - Friday) | 9.00am - 1.00pm (Saturday & Sunday)



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Parish Priest speaks...

Today we honour the two greatest Apostles, St. Peter, and St. Paul. St. Peter is the rock on which the Lord built His Church and St. Paul is the tireless and fearless messenger of the Gospel to the whole world. These two giants of the faith represent the Church's solid foundation and her universal mission: her double task of preserving true faith and sharing it with all nations. To this day, Peter's mission continues through the ministry of the Pope, and Paul's mission continues whenever and wherever the Gospel is proclaimed. Both Peter and Paul, after long years of service, were martyred in Rome under Emperor Nero. Peter was crucified upside down and Paul was beheaded.

The liturgy this weekend focuses on the unique mission of each man. The first reading and the Gospel are about Peter and the second reading is about Paul. Peter stands out for many reasons, one of which is that he is the first of the Apostles to profess openly that Jesus is the Messiah. In today's Gospel Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They give a variety of answers. Jesus goes on to say, "But who do you say that I am?" It is Peter who responds, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus declares, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father."

This is a decisive moment in the history of salvation, a moment of revelation. The crowds do not know who Jesus is, and even the Apostles may not be sure, but at this moment the Father reveals to Simon Peter Jesus' true identity. Immediately after this, Peter's own identity is revealed that he is the "rock" and the keeper of "the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven." Jesus entrusts to Peter a role of authority that extends over both heavenly and earthly matters.

The special grace of faith and authority that Peter received did not prevent him from sin. We know that he fell miserably when the Lord was arrested during the Passover; three times he denied even knowing Him. But he recovered and became a rock of strength to support the faith of everyone else. Peter learned not to rely on himself but to entrust himself totally to the mercy and saving power of the Lord.

St. Paul also learned to follow the Lord with whole-hearted faith in his power and mercy. Before his conversion, Paul thought he was capable of making himself holy. In his Second Letter to Timothy, he looks back on his long service as an Apostle and testifies that it was not his own work or strength at all but the Lord's: "The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed, and all the Gentiles might hear it." Paul, writing from prison, does not know if he will be rescued by an angel as Peter was, but he declares with great confidence, "The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to His heavenly Kingdom."

Peter and Paul did not proclaim their own greatness; rather, they testified to the saving power of God, fully confident that "the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail" against the Church. We need to have the same confidence today as the Church goes through troubled times. This faith is the gift the Apostles hand on to us today. We too have been rescued from imprisonment in the impossible condition of sin. We too are called to rely on the Lord in faith rather than on ourselves. This is the only way we can be spiritually fruitful.

**"But who do you say that I am?" ...
"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."**

Matthew 16:15-16

- When have I totally relied on myself and not on the saving power of the Lord?
- What can I learn spiritually today from the witness of Saints Peter and Paul?
- Why do I sometimes not trust fully in the mercy and love of God for me?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENTS: SUN, 6 JUL AT 11.00AM

Jessica Ong Jie Shi & Jane Ong Jie Xing, Michael Novan Wondo Reko Riwu

If you have a child waiting for baptism, kindly contact the Parish Office for the necessary arrangements.

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 21 June: RM1455.20 (1st collection) & RM920.70 (2nd collection)

Sun, 22 June: RM2690.00 (1st collection) & RM1680.10 (2nd collection)

VOLUNTEER: CARITAS PENANG

Invest your talents and time to do good for the community and bring lasting impact to the children, the sick, the elderly, and other vulnerable persons in need. Spend a couple of hours or more a week volunteer in learning centres, medical centres, homes for the aged, women's shelters, or assist with the disaster affected population. Sign up at <https://caritaspenang.com/volunteer>

APPEAL FOR DONATIONS OF ESSENTIAL HYGIENE ITEMS FOR REFUGEES

Caritas Penang, in collaboration with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) / Doctors Without Borders (Butterworth), is organizing a humanitarian project to provide essential hygiene items to refugees currently detained at the Immigration Detention Centres (IDC). Donation items may be dropped off near the ground floor office **by 15 July**.

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, body soap & shampoo, feminine hygiene products, laundry soap

VOLUNTEER: LIGHTHOUSE THRIFT SHOP/FEEDING CENTRE

Want to give back to your community? Your time can make a difference!

Contact: Grace (04-2638842 / admin@lighthouse.my)

ANCHORED (HEBREWS 6:19) - CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Organised by the Shekinah Glory Renewal Group (SGRG) with renowned speakers from France, Indonesia and Malaysia will be speaking on many areas that matter to us men.

Date/Time: **Sat 5 July & Sun, 6 July 2025 (9.00am - 7.00pm)**

Venue: Auditorium, Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Butterworth

Fee: RM80 (without meals) or RM100 (with meals).

Contact: John Raj (016 491 9761) or Valentine Dass (012 475 1771).

Registration: <https://forms.gle/wBKMh8s3ftRCieHIA> Closing date 30 June

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY (YAM) PILGRIMAGE TO MINOR BASILICA OF ST. ANNE

This event is open to youths and all young adults aged 18 years and above. A love offering of RM35 includes transport, food and water. Wear your CDM Feast Day T-shirt!

Date/Time: **Sat, 19 July 2025 (3.00pm)**. Contact: Sachin (017-474 5737)

UNITED AGAINST AIDS: MERCY HOME 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Tickets for the charity dinner can be bought at RM100/pax from the church porch

Date/Time/Venue: **Sat, 2 Aug 2025 (7.30pm-10.00pm)** at St. Anne's Hall, Jalan Kulim

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MANDARIN)

准备结婚的情侣们,请至少于六个月前见你们的本堂神父报名参加槟城总铎区华文促进会所举办的华语婚前准备课程。2025 华语婚前准备课程详情以下:

地点 Venue: Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang

#65: **Fri, 3 Oct - Sun, 5 Oct 2025**

若有所咨询,请联络 For enquiries: Cecelia Ng (012-454 7007) / Joachim Teh (012-477 8319)

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER PENANG

A marriage preparation programme (English) designed to meet the communication, spiritual and personal needs of today's engaged couples.

Date/Venue: **Fri, 7 Nov - Sun, 9 Nov 2025** at Stella Maris, Penang

Contact: Martin & Clementine (ceepenang@gmail.com)

Mass & Prayer Times		Date	Description
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun 29 June	SS. Peter and Paul Acts 12:1-11 2 Tim 4: 6-8, 17-18 Mt 16: 13-19
Mass	9.00am		
No Mass		Mon 30 June	First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Lauds	6.20am	Tue 1 July	
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	Wed 2 July	
Lauds	6.20am		
Mass	6.45am	Thu 3 July	St Thomas, Apostle
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Fri 4 July	St Elizabeth of Portugal
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	Sat 5 July	St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest
Lauds	6.20am		
Grotto Mass followed by Rosary	6.45am	Novena to OMPH	
Mass	5.30pm		
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun 6 July	14th Sunday In Ordinary Time Is 66: 10-14 Gal 6: 14-18 Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20 (or 10: 1-9)
Mass	9.00am		

Charismatic Renewal Group:

Wed, 9 & 23 Jul 2025 (8.15pm) at St. Faustina Hall

Christian Meditation:

Wed, 2 & 16 Jul 2025 (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room

Chinese Christian Meditation

Thur, 10 Jul (8.30pm) at St. JP II Adoration Room

