

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

### **Church Notice**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD ~ 12th January 2025 ~

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THE SECOND COLLECTION this week is for the Archdiocesan Curia & Cathedral Pastoral Centre Operations & Maintenance Fund.

<u>CATHOLIC CALENDAR 2025</u> (priced at RM1.50 each) are available in 3 languages (English, Bahasa Malaysia & Mandarin) at the Rosary Mart and SJC Parish Office.

THE SALE OF TODAY'S CATHOLIC takes place this weekend at the church entrances. They are selling at cost (i.e. only RM2.50 per copy). We urge every family to get a copy to support this worthy effort of the Archdiocesan Social Communications Committee.

<u>CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS RADIO BROADCAST</u> in **Mandarin** by Fr. Leonard Yap will be on the air (REDfm 91.9) **this Sunday** at **6:45 pm**.

<u>CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS RADIO BROADCAST</u> in **English** by Msgr. William Sabang will be on the air (REDfm 91.9) **this Sunday** at **9:15 pm**.

**EMPOWERED MINISTRY** (one of Cathedral Parish's Youth ministry groups) invites everyone to join their **first Community Mass** of the year this coming Friday, **17**th **January**, **8:00 pm** at the Day Chapel, followed by fellowship. Let us come together to praise God for the New Year in the Holy Mass - the highest form of worship and prayer. All are welcome!

**GROWTH** is a **ministry to people with disabilities**. Holy Mass will be celebrated on the **third Sunday of every month** specially for GROWTH members, family members, caregivers, kind benefactors and anyone interested to serve or support this ministry.

The upcoming GROWTH Mass is **next Sunday**, **19th January**, **1:30 pm** at the Day Chapel. All are welcome!

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING will be conducted by the Bread of Life Catholic Charismatic Covenant Community (BoL) next Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Day Chapel. All are welcome!

BoL will also be having their **Community Mass** on Friday, **24**<sup>th</sup> **January**, **7:30 pm to 9:30 pm** at the Cathedral. All are encouraged to come and support these outreach efforts and do invite your friends.

<u>APPEAL FOR MANDARIN ORANGES</u> - Parishioners are requested to donate oranges for blessing and distribution during the Chinese New Year Thanksgiving Mass. Please send your oranges to the Parish Office from 17<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January.

<u>"CHARITY ANG POW" FOR THE POOR</u> - The St. Joseph's Chinese Lay Organisations Committee is appealing to parishioners to share the joy of Chinese New Year celebration with poor families by donating "Charity Ang Pow." Please hand in your donations to the Parish Accounts Department latest by Monday, **27**th **January**.

CHINESE NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING MASS will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesday, 29th January at 8:30 am. The 5:30 pm daily Mass on that day will be cancelled.



KAYA 31 - All youths aged 17 to 25 years (especially school leavers) are invited to join KAYA 31, a youth camp organised by the Kuching Archdiocesan Youth Commission to promote GROWTH IN CHRIST as empowered young Catholics.

This will be held from 16<sup>th</sup> February to 10<sup>th</sup> March at St. Lukas Centre, Kota Padawan. Registration is FREE. Closing date to register is 31<sup>st</sup> January. Please obtain the registration form from SJC Parish Office or see any of our priests or PYM leaders.

HOST FAMILIES FOR KAYA 31 PARISH IMMERSION PROGRAM (PIP) - The organiser of KAYA 31 is appealing for parishioners to register as Host Families for about 10-12 outstation youth participants during the weekend PIP. About 10 host families are needed.

For further enquiry, please contact Maria Amelia (*Youth Minister*) at 011-72573262. Closing date to register is 1st February.

<u>PRE-UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS</u> - St. Joseph's International School (SJIS) is offering two internationally recognised pre-university programs, namely **Cambridge A-Level** and **Western Australian Matriculation**. Registration is now open for their new intake (starting 17<sup>th</sup> February). Those interested can contact SJIS at 082-411575 / 082-550575 for more information.



**TEACHING VACANCIES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025** are available for suitably qualified and committed teachers to join St. Joseph's Private Secondary, Primary and International Schools. **Retired government school teachers are most encouraged to apply.** Interested applicants may scan the QR code for further information.

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL KUCHING

# SJC COUNSELLING CENTRE

Ground Floor, Parish Centre, St. Joseph's Cathedral Compound, Batu 1, Jalan Tun Abang Haji Openg, 93000 Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia.

# **Operating hours:**

Monday - Friday : 8.00 am - 12.00 noon

2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Saturday : 8.00 am - 12.00 noon

## **OUR SERVICES:**



Individual Counselling



Family Counselling





Group Counselling



To schedule an appointment, please contact:

**3** 082 258 046

O18 353 9799 (Kimberly) , 018 252 9899 (Nelly)

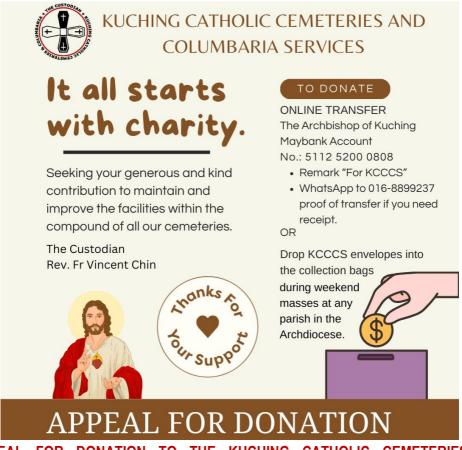
M sjckch.counsellor@gmail.com

The centre is closed on Sundays, Public Holidays & Church Holy Days of Obligation.

Love-offerings for the church will be collected from clients.

#### **SJC COUNSELLING CENTRE** also run support groups for:

- Cancer survivors and caregivers
- Grief, bereavement and trauma



APPEAL FOR DONATION TO THE KUCHING CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & COLUMBARIA SERVICES (KCCCS) - The Custodian of KCCCS is appealing for your generous donation for the maintenance and upkeep of our Catholic cemeteries and improvement of its facilities. Please support!

<u>S PAY GLOBAL / SARAWAK PAY QR CODE STICKERS</u> on the Church pews are made available for the convenience of our parishioners and also to facilitate weekend Mass collections. However, these stickers quite often need to be replaced because they were found partially torn or defaced. We appeal to parents not to let your young children play, tear or draw on these stickers.



CATHOLIC FUNERAL & BURIAL SERVICE - The Catholic Mutual Benefit Society (CMBS) of the Kuching Archdiocese provides assistance to bereaved families at the time of death. Their services include providing advice regarding Christian rituals, cemetery plots, columbarium, caskets, transportation, arrangement for funeral masses, wake prayers for the dead, etc..

For more information regarding membership or in time of need / bereavement, **Catholics** are advised to contact the following persons for assistance to avoid unnecessary hassle and confusion with regards to Catholic funeral rites and services:

CMBS Office: Beatrice Mary Goh (Tel: 082-244493) On-call: Christopher Chin (Hp: 019-8563438)

# ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR MASS OFFERING (MO) & COMBINED REQUIEM MASS (CRM) - Parishioners may offer Mass online via the below links:

Туре	Link
Mass Offering (MO)	https://forms.gle/APkbscLMAG2Bcd7F9
Combined Requiem Mass (CRM)	https://forms.gle/yNixf4JrhMN61Z9h9

To offer Mass, parishioners can also visit our Parish website: https://stjosephkuching.org. If you face any difficulty registering using the above link, please email your queries to sjcoffice@yahoo.com.my and our admin staff will revert soonest.

Mass Offering (MO) intentions will be offered by our priests privately on a daily basis except on Sunday. Any request for a mass to be said for your prayer intention on a 'specified' date must be submitted to the Parish Office <u>at least one week in advance</u>. Otherwise, your prayer intentions will be offered up at any time (at the discretion of our priests).

Intentions for Combined Requiem Mass (CRM) in January will be offered on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January. Please send in your CRM form with proof of payment by Thursday, 23<sup>th</sup> January before 12:00 noon.

Note: The stipend (money) given by the Christian faithful for a Mass to be offered for a particular intention is not a fee but an expression of our gratitude to God and our contribution to the Church. Official receipts will be issued by the Parish Office accordingly.



# www.kuchingcjc.com

THE BUNAN RESILIENCE PROJECT is a pilot project of the Archdiocese of Kuching to support the farmers of Bunan by marketing their produce in Kuching. By doing so, we help them to remain economically resilient in the face of growing uncertainties. Visit https://kuchingcjc.com/ and order fresh, locally-grown produce for your family while supporting an entire community!

Orders received by Thursday noon each week can be collected on Saturday mornings at either the A.C.C.P.C. Car park (St. Joseph's Cathedral ground) OR Holy Trinity Church, Kenyalang. Payment is by cash during pick-up. In the future, we hope to establish more pick-up centres at other parishes. **Come support the Bunan Resilience Project TODAY!** 

#### **OPENING HOURS**

Church Offices	SJC Parish Office	SJC Catechetical Office	Archdiocesan Library & History Gallery
Monday to Friday	8:00 am - 12:00 noon, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	8:00 am - 12:00 noon, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	8:00 am - 12:00 noon, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am - 12:00 noon, 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	8:00 am - 12:00 noon	8:30 am - 12:00 noon
	082-423424 / 423425 (Front Office Staff: Annie / Joanna)	082-412650 (Catechetical Staff: Sarah / Ronita / Angeline)	082-420802 (Library Staff: Olivia Inoi)
Contact Nos.	WhatsApp: 082-423424 OR go to	WhatsApp: 082-412650	
	https://wa.me/6082423424  Email: sjcoffice@yahoo.com.my	Email: sjckch.faithformation@ gmail.com	

#### Note:

- The above offices are closed on Sunday, Public Holiday & Church Holy Days of Obligation.
- For sick calls after normal office hours, please contact Hp: 016-8922633.

HOLY CROSS CENTRE (located at No. 681, Lorong 1, Jalan Bayor Bukit, Tabuan Jaya, 93350 Kuching. Tel.: 082 363945) is open every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 am till 12:30 pm. Praying over and consultation will be done at the porch area. The centre is closed on public holidays, major Church feast days, or otherwise informed. The Holy Cross Ministry's weekly Fellowship is held every Tuesday 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm at Sts. John & Lucy Conference Hall, Level 2, A.C.C.P.C. (except on public holidays).

#### **DAILY MASS & HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE**

Venue	Daily Mass	Holy Hour
Carmelite Chapel	Monday - Saturday, 7:00 am (English)	Friday, 7:30 pm (English)
Weekday Chapel, St. Joseph's	Monday - Friday, 5:30 pm (English)	-
Cathedral	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	

#### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Venue	Day	Time	Language	Remarks
	Saturday	6:00 pm	English	• Car park in front of the
St. Joseph's Cathedral Sunday	Sunday	7:00 am*	English	Cathedral is <b>RESERVED</b> for cars ferrying elderly
		9:00 am*	Mandarin	passengers, particularly those with special needs and those
		11:00 am*	BM	with walking difficulty.
		5:00 pm	English	After Mass, the back gate next
Carmelite Chapel	Sunday	8:00 am	English	to the Sarawak Club will be opened for cars to exit the Cathedral compound.

<sup>\*</sup>Live-stream Mass.

Please go to https://www.facebook.com/arch.kuching

### **GENERAL REMINDER**

Parishioners are reminded to show reverence to the Lord and consideration for others as follows. We seek your kind cooperation and understanding so that we can all worship comfortably as a Church:

- Please arrive early and be seated at least 10 minutes before Mass begins to avoid causing unnecessary interruption or distraction.
- The sacredness of the Eucharistic celebration urges all participants to dress appropriately when entering the Church for Holy Mass and manifest the importance of what we are doing as a worshipping community.
- Wearing of face masks in Church is no longer mandatory but highly encouraged, especially in crowded and closed environment.
- Those sick with flu-like symptoms (e.g. fever, cough, runny nose, etc.) are to exercise prudence and refrain from joining the congregation in Church.

# PROPER ATTIRE

T-SHIRT OR LONG SLEEVES



**BLOUSE WITH SLEEVES** 



POLO SHIRT OR COLLARED SHIRT



KNEE-LENGTH DRESS WITH SLEEVES



**JEANS OR SLACKS** 



**KNEE-LENGTH SKIRTS** 



SHOES

# **IMPROPER ATTIRE**



SLEEVELESS AND
PLUNGING NECKLINES



TUBES AND RACERBACKS



SINGLETS



SHORT SKIRTS



SHORTS



CAP



SLIPPERS

#### WEEKLY MASS COLLECTION AND DONATIONS

Parishioners are encouraged to <u>contribute weekly</u> to help defray the Cathedral's operations and maintenance cost.

Please make your donations via **S Pay Global** by scanning this QR code. Verify that the recipient is '**St. Joseph's Cathedral**' before confirming the transaction.

You may also drop your weekly donations into the big wooden Collection Boxes placed at the Cathedral entrances OR do **online transfer or cash deposit** to St. Joseph's Cathedral Bank Account as follows:



St. Joseph's Cathedral

Archbishop of Kuching Saint Josephs Cathedral Maybank Bhd Account Number: 511038613081



<u>PENITENTIAL SERVICES</u> - Priest will be available to hear confessions half an hour before the Sunset and Sunday Masses at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please maintain physical distancing and do not congregate at the area while waiting for your turn to make your confession.

Kindly adhere to the following SOP. Penitents are to:

- ☑ Keep face mask on at all times.
- ☑ Be well-prepared to make confession without undue delay.
- ☑ Perform penance after returning to seat in the Church.
- ☑ Bring own hand sanitiser.

THE NOVENA DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP is held every Saturday at 5:00 pm before the 6:00 pm English Sunset Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral. All are welcome. Those attending only the Novena are to be seated at the loft opposite the Choir. Parishioners can also submit your petition request or letter of thanksgiving through the google online form at https://forms.gle/oTqtZMQsr1hC5PDr6.

#### **ONLINE CALVARY HOUR OF MERCY**

Day	Language	Time	Zoom link
Sunday	English	2:55 pm - 4:00 pm	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86178307498? pwd=UVZ6MTdJSmRyeDZwUTMweC95U
Monday	English		FBDdz09
Tuesday	Mandarin		Meeting ID: <b>861 7830 7498</b> Passcode: <b>prayhour</b>



# 3 O'CLOCK

# HE HOUR OF **GREAT MERCY YOU are invited to our Daily Devotion to** THE DIVINE MERC

Venue: Day Chapel, St. Joseph's Cathedral Time: 3pm

# **DIVINE MERCY PROMISES**

"...you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking: it was the hour of grace for the whole world."

"... Through the CHAPLET you will obtain everything. if what you ask for is compatible with My will."



"By means of this IMAGE I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works."

fell me about everything, be sincere in dealing with Me, reveal all the wounds of your heart. I will heal them, and your suffering will become a source of your sanctification.

A suffering soul is closest to My Heart."



<u>DONATIONS</u> FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED - Please continue to support the Catholic Welfare Services financially as we minister to the poor and needy in our midst irrespective of race or creed. Parishioners may donate to C.W.S. via S Pay Global by scanning this QR code. Verify that the recipient is 'Catholic Welfare Services' before confirming the transaction. Parishioners may also do online transfer or cash deposit to the following:



Catholic Welfare Services

Catholic Welfare Services Council Sarawak
Maybank Bhd Account Number: 511234019806

Please contact or WhatsApp **Ms. Angelina William Hp: 010-6581641 / Tel: 082-241407** once you have made the donation. Tax Exempt Receipts will be issued accordingly.

<u>BAPTISM OF BABIES</u> is conducted in English or Bahasa Malaysia in the Cathedral. Parents with babies to be baptised are to register online at https://formfaca.de/sm/y2oT0Qf\_P and upload the scanned copy of all the required documents stipulated below:

Parents	Sponsor (Godparent)
✓ Your child's Birth certificate or	✓ MyKad (or Passport)
Adoption certificate	✓ Baptismal certificate
✓ MyKid (if any)	✓ Confirmation certificate
✓ Family Record Book	✓ Family Record Book or
	Marriage certificate (issued by Catholic Church)

Only Parents who have submitted complete set of the required documents will be accepted and the Parish Office will inform you when and where to attend the Rite of Baptism in due course. You will then be required to send in your original Family Record Book for updating before the actual rite.

According to Canon Law # 874, a Sponsor (Godparent) must be a baptised, confirmed and practising Catholic. If married, his / her marriage must already be blessed in the Catholic Church. (This does not apply to those who were not Catholics [both husband & wife] at the time of their civil marriage).

THE SSVP THRIFT SHOP is open every Sunday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. All proceeds will be for the poor and needy. Please support!

#### **REMINDER TO ALL DONORS**

Kindly donate goods & clothing that are in decent and sellable condition to the SSVP Thrift Shop. Your kind understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

#### SARAWAK GENERAL HOSPITAL (SGH) APPEAL FOR BLOOD DONATION

Parishioners are encouraged to donate blood at **SGH Blood Bank anytime from Monday to Friday**, **7:30 am till 4:00 pm**. For inquiries, please call the SGH Blood Bank Tel. No.: 082-276797 or 010-8578909 (Mr. Borhan).



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