



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

Church Notice

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
~ 22nd December 2024 ~

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Website: stjosephkuching.org

Email: sjcoffice@yahoo.com.my

THE SECOND COLLECTION this week is for the **Cathedral Maintenance Fund**.

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

APPEAL FOR FRESH FLOWERS - Parishioners may donate fresh flowers (*White Orchid, Red Carnation, Red Anthurium, Yellow or White Stative*) for Christmas decoration at the Cathedral sanctuary. Please send your flowers to the Sacristy on Monday, **23rd December before 10:00 am**.

HOLY MASSES ON CHRISTMAS EVE (Tuesday, 24th December) will be as follows:

Venue	Time	Language	Remarks
St. Joseph's Cathedral	6:00 pm	Bahasa Malaysia	The usual 5:30 pm daily Mass will be cancelled.
	8:00 pm	Mandarin	
	12:00 midnight	English	
Carmelite Chapel	12:00 midnight	English	

HOLY MASSES ON CHRISTMAS DAY (Wednesday, 25th December) will be as follows:

Venue	Time	Language	Remarks
St. Joseph's Cathedral	7:00 am*	English	*Live-stream Mass.
	9:00 am*	Mandarin	
	11:00 am*	Bahasa Malaysia	
	5:00 pm	English	
Carmelite Chapel	8:00 am	English	

PARKING OF VEHICLES - Main gate of the Cathedral will be closed on Christmas Eve for the Midnight Mass. ***Only limited vehicles ferrying persons with disabilities or elderly passengers will be allowed to park in front of the Cathedral on a first come, first served basis.*** Vehicles ferrying persons with disabilities may also park near the Day Chapel.

Parishioners are encouraged to park further away either at St. Joseph's or St. Teresa's school car park, the Old Catechumenate area or elsewhere. Please follow the directives of our Security and RELA personnels. Kindly park your vehicles properly so as not to obstruct traffic flow as **NO ANNOUNCEMENT** of car plate numbers will be made during the service. To mitigate car parking problem, parishioners are encouraged to **CAR-POOL**.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION - The Parish Office and SJC Counselling Centre will be **closed** on Wednesday, **25th December**. For sick calls during public holidays, holy days of obligation and after office hours, please call 016-8922633. During normal office hours, please call the Parish Office at 082-423424.

HOLY MASS FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S DAY (*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God* and *World Day of Peace*) will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Tuesday, **31st December** at **11:30 pm** by Archbishop Simon Poh and on Wednesday, **1st January 2025** at **9:00 am**. **The 5:00 pm daily Mass on 1st January 2025 will be cancelled.**

All are encouraged to come in thanksgiving for the blessings received and also to welcome the New Year 2025 as we pray for the Lord's continual blessings and guidance.



圣若瑟总主教座堂 新春舞蹈呈现



·集舞蹈员:

*13岁及以上的青年们

*家长们

*地点: St. James Room

*时间: 29/12起每周五晚上7点30分至9点整
及每周日弥撒后10点30分至12点整



欲知更多详情可联络: **Richard Ngui 魏茂强**
016-887 6030

VOLUNTEER DANCERS FOR 2025 CHINESE NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING MASS

Flame Youth group is inviting youths (*aged 13 years & above*) together with both their parents (*encouraged to participate as a couple*) to be part of a special dance performance during the CNY Thanksgiving Mass in January 2025. First dance practice will be held on Sunday, **29th December** at St. James room and subsequent practices will be held as follows:

- Every Sunday: 10:30 am till 12:00 noon
- Every Friday: 7:30 pm till 9:00 pm

This is a wonderful opportunity to bond as a family while contributing to this meaningful event. No dance experience is required - just bring your enthusiasm and spirit of celebration! **Closing date** to sign up is Friday, **27th December**. Those interested may contact Richard Ngui @ 016-8876030 for more details.

LOVE OFFERING BOXES distributed by the Pontifical Society of Holy Childhood are available at the entrances to enable children in our parish to help other children in need. Parents are urged to inculcate the spirit of giving and encourage your children to participate in this Mission of the Church. Please return these boxes to the Parish Office latest by Thursday, **2nd January 2025**.

ONLINE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (for parishioners from Kuching Archdiocese only) will be conducted on 4th, 5th & 17th January in Mandarin. Couples planning to get married are advised to attend this course at least six months (*preferably more than 6 months*) before their intended church wedding. **Proficiency in Mandarin is a prerequisite to register for this online course** conducted via Zoom. The registration fee is **RM80 per couple** (*including one set of coursebook*). **Registration is open from 16th to 30th December OR when we reach the maximum capacity for each session (whichever comes first)**. Please register early via this link:

<https://sites.google.com/view/sjc-marriage-prep-course/home>

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES (for parishioners from Kuching Archdiocese only) will be conducted **physically** at the A.C.C.P.C. on the following dates:

- 11th, 12th; 18th, 19th & 26th January in English
- 25th, 26th January & 9th February in Bahasa Malaysia

Couples planning to get married are advised to attend these courses at least six months (*preferably more than 6 months*) before their intended church wedding. The registration fee is **RM200 per couple** (*inclusive of lunch / tea breaks and books*). **Registration is open from 16th to 30th December OR when we reach the maximum capacity for each session (whichever comes first)**. Please register early via this link:

<https://sites.google.com/view/sjc-marriage-prep-course/home>



- 3 WEEKS of journeying together in **FAITH, FUN, FRIENDSHIP** and **FORMATION**
- a **YOUTH CAMP** for young Catholics to get **"RICH" IN GOD**
- from **16 FEBRUARY** to **10 MARCH 2025** in **ST LUKAS CENTRE, KOTA PADAWAN**

Kuching Archdiocesan Youth Apostolate 31

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE.....

- Catholic / Catechumen
- 17 years old or above
- with consent from parent/ guardian
- with endorsement by parish priest
- willing to fall in love with Jesus again and again
- & ready to share and learn, pray and have fun, serve and care



FREE REGISTRATION

Just fill out REGISTRATION FORM available at your Parish Office. Submit the completed form ON/BEFORE 31st JAN 2025

DAFTAR dengan mengisi borang pendaftaran yang boleh DIDAPATI DI PEJABAT PAROKI masing-masing.

Hantar borang yang lengkap PADA/SEBELUM 31 JAN 2025

请到您的堂区办事处领取 报名表 并填写。
于 2025年1月31日或之前 提交填写好的表格。

Interested to serve as KAYA SERVANT?



+60 11-7257 3262    kchyouth.com  kchadyouth.office@gmail.com  kuchingcatholicyouth.com

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 **16th February to 10th March** at St. Lukas Centre, Kota Padawan. **Registration is FREE**. Closing date to register is **31st January 2025**. 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 2025.**

PRE-UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS - 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 17th February 2025). Those interested can contact SJIS at 082-411575 / 082-550575 for more information.



We are hiring!

Teaching positions for academic year 2025 available at Private Secondary, Primary & International School now.

Are you interested?

☎ 082 414575 | 420575

🌐 stjosephkuching.edu.my



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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.



KUCHING CATHOLIC CEMETERIES AND COLUMBARIA SERVICES

It all starts with charity.

Seeking your generous and kind contribution to maintain and improve the facilities within the compound of all our cemeteries.

The Custodian
Rev. Fr Vincent Chin



TO DONATE

ONLINE TRANSFER

The Archbishop of Kuching
Maybank Account

No.: 5112 5200 0808

- Remark "For KCCCS"
- WhatsApp to 016-8899237 proof of transfer if you need receipt.

OR

Drop KCCCS envelopes into the collection bags during weekend masses at any parish in the Archdiocese.



APPEAL FOR DONATION

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!

S PAY GLOBAL / SARAWAK PAY QR CODE STICKERS 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:

Type	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 **at least one week in advance**. 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 2025** will be offered on Friday, **24th January**. Please send in your CRM form with proof of payment by Thursday, **23th 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.



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KUCHING
INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT THE



BUNAN

RESILIENCE PROJECT

Join the Bunan Resilience Project and savour the flavours of nature's bounty! Together, let us help our local farmers build economic resilience against external threats and the challenges of climate change.

Embrace fresh, homegrown delights while uplifting an entire community!

参与布南韧性项目，品尝大自然的恩赐。让我们一起支持我们的农民，建设经济复原能力来抵抗外部威胁和无常的气候。享受本土新鲜种植蔬果，提升社区经济效益。

Sertai Projek Daya Tahan Bunan dan nikmati kebaikan hasil alam semula jadi! Marilah bersama membantu para pekebun tempatan membina keteguhan ekonomi terhadap ancaman luar dan cabaran perubahan iklim.

Nikmati hasil tanaman tempatan yang segar sambil membangunkan seluruh komuniti!



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!**

SJC COUNSELLING CENTRE is offering counselling service and emotional support for individuals, couples, family and support groups for various issues.

Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 12:00 noon, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Please call, WhatsApp or email to: Counselling Office Tel: 082-258046 Email: sjckch.counsellor@gmail.com Kimberly Hp: 018-3539799 Nelly Hp: 018-2529899
Saturday	8:00 am - 12:00 noon	

Note:

- The centre is closed on Sunday, Public Holiday & Church Holy Days of Obligation.
- Love-offering for the Church will be collected from our clients.

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
Contact Nos.	082-423424 / 423425 (Front Office Staff: Annie / Joanna) WhatsApp: 082-423424 OR go to https://wa.me/6082423424 Email: sjcoffice@yahoo.com.my	082-412650 (Catechetical Staff: Sarah / Ronita / Angeline) WhatsApp: 082-412650 Email: sjckch.faihthformation@gmail.com	082-420802 (Library Staff: Olivia Inoi)

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**. Wearing face mask is compulsory. 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 from 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 Cathedral	Monday - Friday, 5:30 pm (English)	-

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

***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 contribute weekly 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



PENITENTIAL SERVICES - 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=UVZ6MTdJSmRyeDZwUTMweC95UFBDbDdz09 Meeting ID: 861 7830 7498 Passcode: prayhour
Monday	English		
Tuesday	Mandarin		



3 O'CLOCK

THE HOUR OF GREAT MERCY

**YOU are invited to our
Daily Devotion to
THE DIVINE MERCY**

Time: 3pm

Venue: Day Chapel, St. Joseph's Cathedral

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."**

**"Tell 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."



~ 耶稣我信赖祢 ~

华语 上主慈悲敬礼



每逢周六下午三时正
于
圣若瑟堂区中心二楼
圣母玛利亚祈祷室

* 欢迎教友们踊跃参加 *

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION IN MANDARIN is held every Saturday, 3:00 pm at Mother Mary Prayer Room, 1st floor, Parish Centre. All are welcome!

DONATIONS 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.

BAPTISM OF BABIES 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)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Your child's Birth certificate or Adoption certificate ✓ MyKid (if any) ✓ Family Record Book 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MyKad (or Passport) ✓ Baptismal certificate ✓ Confirmation certificate ✓ 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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