

Holy Eucharist

1 December 2024 | 7.00 am, 11.00 am

First Sunday of Advent



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

St Mary's Cathedral

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

[Sermon Outline](#) (page 15) | [Announcements](#) (page 44)

Hymn: Crown Him With Many Crowns

Matthew Bridges 1800-1894

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright!

Crown him the Lord of peace!
Whose power a sceptre sways,
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
And all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years!
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime!
All hail! Redeemer, Hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity!

Public Domain

Introduction

Prayer of Preparation

(Please kneel or be seated.)

**All: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Commandments

(Please remain kneeling or seated.)

Hear now the commandments that God gave his people, Israel. And God spoke all these words, saying,

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God.

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labour, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.

“Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

“You shall not covet your neighbour’s house; you shall not covet your neighbour’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour’s.”

All: Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep your laws.

Collect

Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

**All: Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Joshua 12:7-24

(Please be seated.)

⁷ And these are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the people of Israel defeated on the west side of the Jordan, from Baal-gad in the Valley of Lebanon to Mount Halak, that rises towards Seir (and Joshua gave their land to the tribes of Israel as a possession according to their allotments, ⁸ in the hill country, in the lowland, in the Arabah, in the slopes, in the wilderness, and in the Negeb, the land of the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites): ⁹ the king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one; ¹⁰ the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one; ¹¹ the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one; ¹² the king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one; ¹³ the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one; ¹⁴ the king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one; ¹⁵ the king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one; ¹⁶ the king of Makkedah, one; the king of Bethel, one; ¹⁷ the king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hopher, one; ¹⁸ the king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one; ¹⁹ the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one; ²⁰ the king of Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one; ²¹ the king of Taanach, one; the king of

Megiddo, one; ²² the king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam in Carmel, one; ²³ the king of Dor in Naphathdor, one; the king of Goiim in Galilee, one; ²⁴ the king of Tirzah, one: in all, thirty-one kings.

At the end of the reading the reader says

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 20

(Please stand: the Psalm will be said responsively. At the 11 am service, parents may take their children to Kids' Church at this point.)

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

¹ May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble!
May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

² **May he send you help from the sanctuary
and give you support from Zion!**

³ May he remember all your offerings
and regard with favour your burnt sacrifices!

⁴ **May he grant you your heart's desire
and fulfil all your plans!**

⁵ May we shout for joy over your salvation,
and in the name of our God set up our banners!
May the LORD fulfil all your petitions!

⁶ **Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with the saving might of his right hand.**

⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

**8 They collapse and fall,
but we rise and stand upright.**

**9 O LORD, save the king!
May he answer us when we call.**

At the end of the reading, the reader says,

Reader: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**

All: **As it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be forever.**

Amen.

New Testament Reading: Revelation 19:11-21

(Please be seated.)

¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

¹⁷ Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, ¹⁸ to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great." ¹⁹ And

I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. ²⁰ And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulphur. ²¹ And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

At the end of the reading the reader says

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

After the reader announces the reading, the people all standing up, all shall say:

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshipped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

At the end of the reading, the reader shall say:

This is the Gospel of Christ.

All shall respond:

Praise to Christ our Lord.

(At the 11 am service, parents may take their children to Kids' Church at this point.)

Sermon: The Return Of The King

Revelation 19:11-21

1. Introduction

2. The Man on the White Horse (v11-16)

3. Preparing for War (v17-18)

4. The Aftermath (v19-21)

5. Conclusion

The Nicene Creed

(Please stand.)

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified,
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

The Peace

(Please stand.)

The Greeting of Peace is introduced in these or other suitable words:

Minister: We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

All may exchange a sign of peace.

During the singing of the next hymn, a collection may be taken for the work of ministry in the Cathedral and beyond. Ministry partners who would like to give in cash may use the offertory bags. If you are a visitor or if you give by QR code or online, there is no need to put money in the bag. Please simply pass the offertory bag along without embarrassment.

Hymn: Look, Ye Saints, The Sight Is Glorious

Thomas Kelly 1769 -1855

Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious:
see the Man of Sorrows now;
from the fight returned victorious,
every knee to Him shall bow.

Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crowns become the Victor's brow.

Crown the Savior, angels, crown Him;
rich the trophies Jesus brings;
in the seat of pow'r enthrone Him,
while the vault of heaven rings.

Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown the Savior King of kings.

Sinners in derision crowned Him,
mocking thus the Savior's claim;
saints and angels crowd around Him,
own His title, praise His name.

Crown Him! Crown Him!

Crown Him! Crown Him!

Spread abroad the Victor's fame!

Hark, those bursts of acclamation!

Hark! those loud triumphant chords!

Jesus takes the highest station;

O what joy the sight affords!

Crown Him! Crown Him!

Crown Him! Crown Him!

King of kings, and Lord of lords!

Public Domain

Prayers of Intercession

(Please kneel or be seated.)

Leader: Almighty and ever living God, you have taught us in your word to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you *[to accept our offerings]* and hear our prayers through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. *(The words 'to accept our offerings' may be left out if a collection is not taken during the hymn before the prayers).*

Leader: We pray for the nations of the world...

prayers for the nations

prayers for our nation

Lord Jesus, King of Kings,
before you rulers will stand in silence.
For you come to judge the earth.
Maranatha:

All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: We pray for the church throughout the world...

prayers for the church in other nations

prayers for churches in our province and diocese

prayers for our cathedral

Help us to live in the light of your coming
and give us a longing for your rule.

Maranatha:

All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: We pray for those who are sick or in grief...

prayers for the sick and suffering

prayers for those who mourn the death of loved ones

(and thanksgiving for their lives)

Hasten the day when sickness and death
shall be no more,
and there shall be no more mourning,
or crying or pain,
when the old order of things is done away.

Maranatha:

All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Come to us from heaven,
to lift us up to meet you,
and to be with you in glory
where you live and reign,
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting.

All: **Amen.**

Prayer of Penitence and Confession

The minister may use this or another call to confession.

Minister: Brothers and sisters: as we come together to share in the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ, the Scriptures urge us to examine our lives and repent of our sins. As we do so, let us be thankful that God the Son humbled himself, becoming man, to die for us on the Cross. And by the shedding of his precious blood, he obtained for us forgiveness of sins, and life with him forever. In remembrance of his death, and as a pledge of his love, Jesus instituted this holy sacrament, to our great and endless comfort.

You, then, who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, seek to live in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from now on in his holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort. But first, let us make our humble confession to almighty God.

(Please kneel or be seated.)

**All: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
in the evil we have done
and in the good we have not done,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The minister declares God's forgiveness

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Then the minister shall say:

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says unto all
that truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will
give you rest.

(Matthew 11:28)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that
whoever believes in him should not perish but have
eternal life.

(John 3:16)

Hear also what St Paul says.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

(1 Timothy 1:15)

Hear also what St John says.

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins.

(1 John 2:1-2)

The Eucharist

(Please remain kneeling or seated.)

Minister: The Lord is here.

All: **His Spirit is with us.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is indeed right it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because you sent him to redeem us
from sin and death,
and to make us heirs of everlasting life;
that when he shall come again in power
and great triumph to judge the world,
we may, with joy, behold his appearing,
and in confidence may stand before him saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory to you, O Lord Most High.**

This Prayer of Humble Access may be said by all:

**All: We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him
and he in us.
Amen.**

The Minister prays:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,
who in your tender mercy gave your only Son
Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross
for our redemption;
who made there,
by his one oblation of himself once offered,
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world;
and who instituted, and in his holy gospel
commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until his coming again:
Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
and grant that we who receive
these gifts of your creation,
this bread and this wine,
according to your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers, by faith,
of his most blessed body and blood:

who, in the night he was betrayed,
took bread, and when he had given you thanks,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying,
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them saying,
“Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins;
do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

All: **Amen.**

The Distribution

Minister:

Eat and drink this in remembrance that Christ died
for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with
thanksgiving.

Hymn: Give To Our God Immortal Praise

Isaac Watts, John Hatton

Give to our God immortal praise;
Mercy and truth are all His ways;
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat His mercies in your song.

He built the earth, He spread the sky,
And fixed the starry lights on high;
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat His mercies in your song.

He fills the sun with morning light,
He bids the moon direct the night;
His mercies ever shall endure
When suns moons shall shine no more.

He sent His Son with pow'r to save
From guilt and darkness and the grave;
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat His mercies in your song.

Through this vain world He guides our feet
And leads us to His heav'nly seat;
His mercies ever shall endure
When this our world shall be no more.

Public Domain

Hymn: Glory Be To Jesus

Italian

Translated by Edward Caswall 1814-1878

Glory be to Jesus,
who, in bitter pains,
poured for me the life-blood
from his scared veins.

Grace and life eternal
in that blood I find;
blest be his compassion
infinitely kind.

Blest through endless ages
be the precious stream,
which from endless torments
did the world redeem.

Abel's blood for vengeance
pleaded to the skies;
but the blood of Jesus
for our pardon cries.

Oft as it is sprinkled
on our guilty hearts,
Satan in confusion
terror-struck departs.

Oft as earth exulting
wafts its praise on high,
angel-host rejoicing
make their glad reply.

Lift ye then your voices;
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood.

Public Domain

Hymn: My Faith Has Found A Resting Place

E.E. Hewitt 1851-1920

My faith has found a resting place,
from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the Ever-living One,
His wounds for me shall plead.

*I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died,
and that He died for me.*

Enough for me that Jesus saves,
this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul I come to Him,
He'll never cast me out.

My heart is leaning on the Word,
the written Word of God,
salvation by my Saviour's name,
salvation through His blood.

My great Physician heals the sick,
the lost He came to save;
for me His precious blood He shed,
for me His life He gave.

Public Domain

Prayers of Response

(Please kneel or be seated.)

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

**All: Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out into the world
in the power of your Spirit,
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Announcements

The Blessing

The gathering ends with a blessing.

Minister: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from your path,
and make you ready to meet him
when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God Almighty:
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Hymn: Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending

Charles Wesley 1707-1788

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for thine own.
Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!

Public Domain

Connect with us

Thank you for joining our service. If you would like for us to get in touch with you, or have any feedback for us, please fill in our Connection Card at stmarys.my/connect.

Giving

Online transfer

Bank name: **Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Bhd**

Account name: **St Mary's Cathedral**

Account number: **312 142 334 691**

Recipient reference: If giving a pledge, enter ***your 3-digit pledge number***.
 Otherwise, enter the service you normally attend.
 If giving to the Ministry Workers Fund, please put **“MWF”**.

For one-off giving, please email the bank-in slip or online transfer receipt to: **collections@stmaryscathedral.org.my**

E-wallet

Scan the following QR code using any banking or e-wallet app (Touch n Go/GrabPay/Boost). Please ensure **“St Mary's Cathedral”** is listed as the payee.



St Mary's Cathedral Main Hall

Note: This method of giving is analogous to putting cash into the offertory bag/box. Your donation will go to the General Fund. You will not be given a receipt. Do not use this to give a pledge.

Details on our webpage: stmarys.my/give.

Giving via Pledge Envelopes

In recent years, the church giving system has moved from a pledge envelope system to an online giving system. Those who wish to remain contributing via pledge envelopes are advised to write their pledge numbers on any blank envelopes and drop them in the allocated boxes at church.

Giving to the Ministry Workers Fund

If you would like to give to the Ministry Workers Fund, please scan the following QR code using any banking or e-wallet app (Touch n Go/GrabPay/Boost). Please ensure “**MWF**” is listed as the payee.



MWF

Onsite and Online Services

Here are the details of our English onsite services on Sundays:

- Liturgical Services – 7am, 9am, 11am
- Contemporary (SMACC) Services – 9am, 11am, 5pm

If you are joining us online on Sundays, the Liturgical service will be livestreamed at 9am.

More information about our services can be found here:

stmarys.my/services.

Carparking

If you are attending any of the services or events at St Mary's Cathedral, please park at the Dataran Merdeka Underground Carpark across the road.

The Cathedral Carpark is reserved for women travelling alone who may feel unsafe parking in the Dataran Merdeka Underground Carpark, people with young children who would find it hard to cross the road with them, and those who are elderly, or suffering from illness or disability who would then find it hard to walk from the carpark across the road.

If you fall into any of the categories above and wish to park in the Cathedral, please visit stmarys.my/booking to book a carpark on Sundays. There is also an option for you to indicate on the form that you would like to book a parking spot for 6 months. Your car plate number will then be given to the guards and you will be allowed in.

Bookings for carparking will open at 2pm on Sunday and close at noon on Friday.

If you miss a booking but you fall into any of the categories mentioned above and need to park in the Cathedral, you may request for a temporary paper form from the guard to allow you to park just for that day.

If you are parking in the Cathedral, please drive slowly and carefully for the sake of the safety of the many pedestrians in the Cathedral compound.

Community Meal

Next Community Meal: 15 December 2024

Kids' Church

The Kids' Church classes run on Sunday mornings. The different age groups meet at their respective classrooms on the ground floor of the Cathedral. Parents may pick up their children after the 11am church services ends.

Please email kidschurch@stmaryscathedral.org.my or speak to our Kids' Church teachers for further information.

Opportunities to Serve

Do you have a heart for service and a desire to be part of a vibrant community? St Mary's Cathedral is looking for dedicated people to help us in various roles. If you're a regular at the Cathedral and would like to lend a hand, we encourage you to register your interest today! Simply visit stmarys.my/serve to learn more and fill out the serving form. We look forward to welcoming you onto our team!

A Christmas Guest Event featuring the Grace Notes Choir - "Love, Peace, Joy, Hope"

Date: Sunday, 8 December 2024

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: St Mary's Cathedral

As we approach Christmas, often, the busyness and noise of the season overshadows its true meaning. There are many who have not heard of Jesus, whose birth we

celebrate, and those who may find Christmas-time particularly difficult.

Please do join us and invite that friend or loved one who needs to experience the Love, Peace, Joy and Hope, which comes only from knowing Jesus. Please register and secure your seat(s) here: stmarys.my/guestevent

Carolling

We are happy to share the Christmas Message with our brothers and sisters during this Christmas season. If you wish for the Carollers to come over to your place, please let us know by filling in the form at stmarys.my/carolling.invite

Please find the list of areas that we are covering below. If your area is not mentioned here, please drop us a note and we will try our best to accommodate.

- 14 Dec – Ampang, Cheras, Kajang
- 15 Dec – Subang, Putra Heights, Puchong
- 21 Dec – Uptown, Petaling Jaya
- 22 Dec – Bangsar, Damansara

Should you need any further clarification, please feel free to drop a message to Joyce Cheah at 012 225 5277.

Golden Circle: Christmas High Tea

The SMC Golden Circle committee is cordially inviting all Seniors (50 & above) from our Cathedral to join us in this Christmas High Tea.

We are happy to inform you that we are arranging for our Seniors who are home-bound or not able to attend church to attend this event. Details as follows:

Date: Saturday, 14 December 2024

Time: 3-5pm

Venue: Multipurpose Hall

Come on over for a time of fun & fellowship over a cup of tea!

Please call Mrs Thilly Abraham at 017 816 6165 to register before Saturday, 30 November.

The Cathedral Electoral Roll

Joining the Electoral Roll

We encourage all our baptised and confirmed members who come regularly to our church (whether onsite or online) to be on our Electoral Roll. Joining the Electoral

Roll will enable you to vote at our Annual General Meetings (AGM).

If you would like to sign up to be on the roll, please fill in the form here: stmarys.my/electoralroll.enrolment

The electoral roll for 2025 will close on 31 December 2024.

Notice of revision of roll

The Electoral Roll shall be revised annually by the Dean in accordance with Schedule B of the Constitution of Diocese of West Malaysia. Notice is hereby given that the intended revision will begin on 1 January 2025.

Ministry Partners News 2024

We are excited to share this new annual booklet in which you can read about the ministries that take place in St Mary's Cathedral and learn about how you can be involved in this gospel partnership. Download the booklet here: stmarys.my/mpn

Personal Details Update

Thank you for being here with us at St Mary's Cathedral and we would like to get to know you better.

Here is a form to update your contact details on our church management system, for us to stay in touch with you. This will also help the pastoral and admin teams to have details of those whom we are seeking to serve.

stmarys.my/survey2024

Rest assured that we will be safeguarding the information and it will not be used for any commercial purposes.

Building Roof & External Walls

The main roof and external walls of the Cathedral are in need of major repairs to address leaks that are threatening the comfort and safety of the building. We will need to raise funds for the repair and restoration works. For more information on the extent of damage and works, and for occasional updates on the funds collected, please visit stmarys.my/building.

Seminars

Our website has a page dedicated to seminars that we ran in the past. Topics include gender identity, parenting, relationships and church history. If you would like to listen to or watch videos of these seminars, you can find them at stmarys.my/seminars.

Donation for Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers to commemorate occasions (such as anniversary, memorial, baptism, birthday), you can let us know by indicating on the spreadsheet on the notice board at the Cathedral entrance. Please send a WhatsApp message to Janet Chan (017 213 3418) and she will contact you to discuss the type, colour and cost of flowers. Payment for the flowers can be made by placing it in an envelope and writing on the envelope the purpose for the payment (in this case 'Flowers'). Please drop the envelope in one of the allocated collection boxes at church. If you would like a receipt to be issued to you, please write your name and contact number on the envelope, and we will send the receipt to you.

St Mary's Agape Mission School

St Mary's Agape Mission School is always on the lookout for volunteers or anyone looking to sponsor a refugee child's education for the short / long term. No prerequisites required.

For more information, please contact Dr Mei Tan at agapeschool@stmaryscathedral.org.my

Update:

St Mary's Agape Mission School for Myanmar refugee children in Pandan Indah is very proud to announce that three of our students have graduated with a diploma in Industrial Business from Genovasi University College in Petaling Jaya.

They are Nau Nem, Anna Doh Tok and Frank Cong Ro Sang.

They were on full scholarship provided by Genovasi. Agape is very grateful to the College.

Equally good news is that they are all going on to complete their degrees in Industrial Business with full scholarship.

The school is grateful to all the teachers and staff of the school who through their dedication provided the foundation to these students and enabling them to progress to their Diplomas and their Degree programs.

Agape wishes them every success in their endeavours.

The Daily Office

We invite you to join us for the Daily Office – a short daily service with systematic Bible readings and set prayers. This will take place every day at 7.30am by Zoom (except Sunday).

If you think this would be a helpful part of your daily routine, please join us by simply going to stmarys.my/dailyoffice at about 7.25am each day for a 7.30am start. That will take you directly to the Zoom room where the service takes place. The service will finish before 8am.

Pastoral Needs

If you are a regular at St Mary's Cathedral and would like to make an appointment to talk to a member of the

pastoral team, please let us know by filling in a Connection Card at stmarys.my/connect or call the Cathedral Office at 03 2692 8672.

If there is a pastoral emergency, you can reach the pastoral team on our Emergency Pastoral Care Hotline: 011 2091 4458.

Small Groups

Looking to connect with a Christian community? We encourage you to consider joining one of our in-person or online small groups. This is one of the important ways we grow together as a community of God's people as we gather under his Word and seek to encourage one another to persevere in following Jesus.

If you would like to join a small group, please fill in a form at stmarys.my/smallgroups and we'd be happy to help find you one.

Youth Fellowship

Our Youth Fellowship (ages 13-18) meets on Sundays at 9am in the GF3 room (the room between the Pantry and

the Old Office). If you would like to join us, please sign up at stmarys.my/youth.

Youth Confirmation Programme

If you would like to indicate interest in our Youth Confirmation Programme for your teenager aged 13-17, please let us know at stmarys.my/youthbaptismconfirmation and we will inform you when the next one starts.

Subscribe to our Mailing List

To receive emails about latest updates and important news about the Cathedral, fill in the form at stmarys.my/subscribe.

Dataran Merdeka Underground Carpark

Here are the weekend parking rates (Saturday & Sunday):

12am-9.59am – RM 4.00 per entry

10am-11.59pm – RM 5.00 per entry

For more information on payment methods, you can find them at stmarys.my/dataran.

Car Sign for Road Closures

You can pick up a car sign at the back of the Jubilee Hall to let the police know that you are heading to the church and you will be let through in case there are road closures on Sundays. This is not an entry pass but simply a sign to facilitate communication with the police.

Work Care Panel

We have a panel to help our Cathedral community look for work or advise about work and training opportunities. If you're looking for work and wouldn't mind a helping hand, fill in our Connection Card at stmarys.my/connect, indicating that you would like someone from the Work Care Panel to contact you.

Photography/Video Recordings during Services

Please note that taking photographs and/or recording videos are not allowed during our services without prior

permission. If you would like to have footage of the service, you may look up our [YouTube channel](#).

WhatsApp Announcement Groups

We have new WhatsApp announcement groups! Do join your service community to receive the appropriate updates on the goings-on here at the cathedral. You can join by clicking the links below. Only admins will be able to post and to see the phone numbers of everyone in the group. You will get the order of service for the congregation you are in each week (with all the announcements within the document). Admins will carefully limit the number of other announcements sent out to avoid overloading your WhatsApp inbox.



[Liturgical 7am](#)



[Liturgical 9am](#)



[Liturgical 11am](#)



[Liturgical Online](#)



[SMACC 1](#)



[SMACC 2](#)