

# Holy Eucharist

17 March 2024 | 7.00 am, 11.00 am

*The Fifth Sunday of Lent*



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

**St Mary's Cathedral**

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ*

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## Hymn: We Give Immortal Praise

*Isaac Watts, 1674-1748*

We give immortal praise  
to God the Father's love  
for all our comforts here,  
and better hopes above:  
he sent his own  
eternal Son,  
to die for sins  
that man had done.

To God the Son belongs  
immortal glory too,  
who bought us with his blood  
from everlasting woe:  
and now he lives,  
and now he reigns,  
and sees the fruit  
of all his pains.

To God the Spirit's name  
immortal worship give,  
whose new-creating power  
makes the dead sinner live:  
his work completes  
the great design,  
and fills the soul  
with joy divine.

Almighty God, to thee  
be endless honours done,  
the undivided Three,  
and the mysterious One:  
where reason fails  
with all her powers,  
there faith prevails,  
and love adores.

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# 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 of the Day

*(Please remain kneeling or seated.)*

*Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**All: Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection  
of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him  
who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

# Collect for Ash Wednesday

**All: Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.**



# Old Testament Reading: Genesis 26:12-33

*(Please be seated.)*

<sup>12</sup> And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The LORD blessed him, <sup>13</sup> and the man became rich, and gained more and more until he became very wealthy. <sup>14</sup> He had possessions of flocks and herds and many servants, so that the Philistines envied him. <sup>15</sup> (Now the Philistines had stopped and filled with earth all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father.) <sup>16</sup> And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we."

<sup>17</sup> So Isaac departed from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar and settled there. <sup>18</sup> And Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, which the Philistines had stopped after the death of Abraham. And he gave them the names that his father had given them. <sup>19</sup> But when Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of spring water, <sup>20</sup> the herdsmen of Gerar quarrelled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the name of the well Esek, because they contended with him. <sup>21</sup> Then they dug another well, and they quarrelled over

that also, so he called its name Sitnah. <sup>22</sup> And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, saying, “For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.”

<sup>23</sup> From there he went up to Beersheba. <sup>24</sup> And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, “I am the God of Abraham your father. Fear not, for I am with you and will bless you and multiply your offspring for my servant Abraham's sake.” <sup>25</sup> So he built an altar there and called upon the name of the LORD and pitched his tent there. And there Isaac's servants dug a well.

<sup>26</sup> When Abimelech went to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath his adviser and Phicol the commander of his army, <sup>27</sup> Isaac said to them, “Why have you come to me, seeing that you hate me and have sent me away from you?” <sup>28</sup> They said, “We see plainly that the LORD has been with you. So we said, let there be a sworn pact between us, between you and us, and let us make a covenant with you, <sup>29</sup> that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the LORD.” <sup>30</sup> So

he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. <sup>31</sup> In the morning they rose early and exchanged oaths. And Isaac sent them on their way, and they departed from him in peace. <sup>32</sup> That same day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well that they had dug and said to him, "We have found water." <sup>33</sup> He called it Shibah; therefore the name of the city is Beersheba to this day.

*At the end of the reading, the reader says,*

*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 133

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

<sup>1</sup> Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!

<sup>2</sup> **It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down on the collar of his robes!**

<sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion!  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,  
life forevermore.

*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: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

*(Please be seated.)*

<sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

*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 17:24-27

*After the reader announces the reading, the people all standing up, all shall say:*  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

<sup>24</sup> When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax went up to Peter and said, “Does your teacher not pay the tax?” <sup>25</sup> He said, “Yes.” And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax? From their sons or from others?” <sup>26</sup> And when he said, “From others,” Jesus said to him, “Then the sons are free. <sup>27</sup> However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself.”

*At the end of the reading, the reader shall say:*  
**This is the Gospel of Christ.**

*All shall respond:*  
**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

# **Sermon: This Is My Father's House**

***Matthew 17:24-27***

## **1. Introduction**

## **2. The Temple Tax**

## **3. The Problem With Peter's Answer**

a. The Temple Tax and Jesus

b. Why teach this lesson?

## **4. Provision for Ministry**

a. To Not Give Offense

b. A Single Hook, A Single Fish

c. Jesus the Redeemer

## **5. Application**



# 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.**

# Prayers of Intercession

*(Please kneel or be seated.)*

*Prayers for the nations of the world and our own nation*

*Leader:* O God, our creator and preserver, we pray for people of every race, and in every kind of need: make your ways known on earth, your saving power among all nations.  
(Especially we pray for ...)

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Prayers for the church throughout the world and our own church*

*Leader:* We pray for your Church throughout the world: guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.  
(Especially we pray for ...)

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

*All:* **hear our prayer.**

*Prayers for the sick, the suffering and those who mourn the death of loved ones*

**Leader:** We commend to your fatherly goodness all who are anxious or distressed in mind or body; comfort and relieve them in their need; give them patience in their sufferings and bring good out of their troubles.

(Especially we pray for ...)

**Leader:** Lord, in your mercy

**All:** **hear our prayer.**

*Prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.*

**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.**

# 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 (please avoid physical touch while doing so in this time.)*

# Hymn: Behold The Amazing Gift Of Love

*Isaac Watts 1674-1748*

Behold the amazing gift of love  
the Father has bestowed  
on us, the sinful sons of men,  
to call us sons of God!

Concealed as yet this honour lies,  
by this dark world unknown,  
a world that knew not when he came,  
e'en God's eternal Son.

High is the rank we now possess,  
but higher we shall rise,  
though what we shall hereafter be  
is hid from mortal eyes.

Our lives, we know, when he appears,  
shall bear his image bright,  
for all his glory, full disclosed,  
shall open to our sight.

A hope so great and so divine  
may trials well endure,  
and purify us all from sin,  
as Christ himself is pure.

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# 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 admit that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word and deed,**  
**and deserve your just punishment.**  
**We truly repent and are sorry**  
**for what we have done.**  
**Have mercy on us, merciful Father.**  
**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.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and 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: Sinful, Sighing To Be Blest (God Be Merciful To Me)

*John S. B. Monsell (1857)*

Sinful, sighing to be blest,  
Bound, and longing to be free;  
Weary, waiting for my rest;  
God be merciful to me.

Goodness I have none to plead,  
Sinfulness in all I see,  
I can only bring my need;  
God be merciful to me.

Broken heart and downcast eyes  
Dare not lift themselves to Thee;  
Yet Thou canst interpret sighs:  
God be merciful to me.

From this sinful heart of mine  
To Thy bosom I would flee:  
I am not my own but Thine:  
God be merciful to me.

There is One beside the throne,  
And my only hope and plea  
Are in Him, and Him alone:  
God be merciful to me.

He my cause will undertake,  
My interpreter will be;  
He's my all; and for His sake  
God be merciful to me.

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# Hymn: And Now The Wants Are Told

*William Bright (1865)*

And now the wants are told, that brought  
thy children to thy knee;  
here lingering still, we ask for naught,  
but simply worship thee.

The hope of heaven's eternal days  
absorbs not all the heart  
that gives thee glory, love, and praise,  
for being what thou art.

For thou art God, the One, the Same,  
o'er all things high and bright;  
and round us, when we speak thy name,  
there spreads a heaven of light.

O wondrous peace, in thought to dwell  
on excellence Divine;  
to know that nought in man can tell  
how fair thy beauties shine!

O thou, above all blessing blest,  
o'er thanks exalted far,  
thy very greatness is a rest  
to weaklings as we are;

For when we feel the praise of thee  
a task beyond our powers,  
we say, 'a perfect God is he,  
and he is fully ours.'

All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
while endless ages run.

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# Hymn: Beneath The Cross Of Jesus

*Elizabeth Clephane 1830-1869*

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand -  
the shadow of a mighty Rock  
within a weary land,  
a home within a wilderness,  
a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat,  
and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus  
mine eye at times can see  
the very dying form of One  
who suffered there for me;  
and from my smitten heart with tears  
two wonders I confess -  
the wonders of his glorious love  
and my own worthlessness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow  
for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
the sunshine of his face,  
content to let the world go by,  
to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame,  
my glory all the cross.

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# Prayer of Response

*(Please kneel or be seated.)*

**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 give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves,  
take up your cross,  
and follow him;  
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: O Jesus, I Have Promised

*J. E. Bode 1816-1874*

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me:  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

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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 **Online Service** or the service you normally attend.

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

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### St Mary's Cathedral Main Hall

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# Onsite and Online Services

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

- Liturgical Services – 7am, 9am, 11am
- Contemporary (SMACC) Services – 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](https://stmarys.my/services).

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## Carparking

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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](https://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.

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## **Community Meal**

Next Community Meal: 14 April 2024

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## 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](mailto:kidschurch@stmaryscathedral.org.my) or speak to our Kids' Church teachers for further information.

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## Passion Week and Easter Services

We invite you to join us for our services this coming Passion Week and Easter, as we remember the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Information on our services can be found on our Easter webpage:

[stmarys.my/easter](http://stmarys.my/easter)

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## Cathedral Women's Fellowship (CWF) AGM

The CWF Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 23 March 2024 at 10am physically in the MPH. All Women of the Cathedral are invited to attend.



Please register at: [stmarys.my/cwf.agm](https://stmarys.my/cwf.agm) by Thursday, 21 March 2024.

A copy of the AGM report will be sent to you upon registration. Limited hardcopies of the AGM report will also be available at the church foyer.

For more information, please contact Joyce Cheah at 012 225 5277 or Joyce Peter at 016 320 3246.

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## **Golden Circle AGM**

Please be informed that the St Mary's Cathedral Golden Circle AGM will be held on Saturday, 23 March 2024 at 11.30am at the MPH. All electoral roll members above the age of 50 are invited to attend this AGM. Notice and Agenda of the meeting can be collected from our committee members in your respective service.

Please call the office at 03 2692 8672 to register your attendance. Thank you.

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## Fridays in Lent

We invite you to join us for our Friday Evening Lenten Service from 16 February to 22 March, at 7.30pm. These Zoom services will follow the Order for Evening Prayer of the Daily Office for each of the respective Fridays.

As with last year's Friday Lenten services, we will continue our reflection this year from the Book of Homilies of the Anglican Church in modern English, which includes teachings on true and living faith, faith and good works, and Christian love. A Lenten hymn will also be included that will help us to reflect on the love and mercy of God who sent his Son to die on the cross to save us from our sins.

Please use this link to join our Friday Evening Lenten Service: [stmarys.my/fridaysinlent](https://stmarys.my/fridaysinlent)

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## Lenten Meditation – 'At The Foot Of The Cross'

Each year, the Diocese of West Malaysia produces a booklet called 'At The Foot Of The Cross' to help us reflect on the cross during the Lent season. The notes this year work through the Gospel of John (chapters 1-15 and 20:1-10) – starting on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday.

Click [here](#) to download the PDF copy of this year's booklet.

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## **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](https://stmarys.my/survey2024)

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

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## **Hot Cross Buns and Easter Flowers Donation**

If you would like to make a donation to help with the purchase of Hot Cross Buns and Easter Flowers, please place your donation in an envelope and write on it the purpose for the donation (in this case 'Hot Cross Buns' or

‘Easter 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.

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## **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](https://stmarys.my/building).

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## **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](https://stmarys.my/seminars).

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## **Golden Circle: Chair Exercise**

The Golden Circle conducts a fitness programme for seniors at the Cathedral. Movements consist of chair exercises to strengthen and tone muscles, improve balance, improve lung function, and improve circulation and cardiac function.

Day: Fridays

Time: 9.30-10.30am

Venue: MPH

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## **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 contact Janet Chan (017 213 3418) for 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.

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## **St Mary's Agape Mission School**

St Mary's Agape Mission School is now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year of operation and currently has over 100 students. As such, the school is always on the lookout for volunteers who might be keen to teach the children. If you have a heart for seeing vulnerable children receive an education and would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact Mei Tan at 012 387 3408. (Retired teachers are preferred.)

The school is located near Ampang, and the time for volunteering is 9am-12pm and/or 1-3pm from Mondays to Thursdays.

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## **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](https://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.

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## 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](https://stmarys.my/connect) or call the Cathedral Office at 011 5760 3484.

If there is a pastoral emergency, you can reach the pastoral team on our Emergency Pastoral Care Hotline: 011 5762 8524.

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## 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](https://stmarys.my/smallgroups) and we'd be happy to help find you one.

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## 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](https://stmarys.my/youth).

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## 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](https://stmarys.my/youthbaptismconfirmation) and we will inform you when the next one starts.

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## 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](https://stmarys.my/subscribe).

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## 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](https://stmarys.my/dataran).

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## 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](https://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](#).

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## 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 either click the links here or follow the QR code by the entrances for each hall. 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.



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