

# Holy Eucharist

29 December 2024 | 9.00 am

*The First Sunday of Christmas*



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

**St Mary's Cathedral**

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ*

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## Hymn: Hark, The Herald Angels Sing

*Charles Wesley 1707-1788*

Hark, the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with th’ angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

*Hark, the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King."*

Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
late in time behold Him come  
offspring of the virgin's womb;  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail th' incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth.

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# Introduction

## Prayer of Preparation

**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.

# Gloria In Excelsis

**All: Glory to God in the highest  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One;  
you alone are the Lord;  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

# Collects

*Collect for the First Sunday of Christmas*

**All: Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*Collect for Christmas Day*

**All: Almighty God,  
you have given us your only-begotten Son  
to take our nature upon him  
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:  
grant that we, who have been born again  
and made your children by adoption and grace,  
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;  
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: Isaiah 55:10-13

*(Please be seated.)*

<sup>10</sup> “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup> “For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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

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

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



# Psalm 148

*(Please stand: the Psalm will be said responsively.)*

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

<sup>2</sup> **Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his hosts!**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars!

<sup>4</sup> **Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD!  
For he commanded and they were created.

<sup>6</sup> **And he established them for ever and ever;  
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

<sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!

<sup>10</sup> **Beasts and all livestock,  
creeping things and flying birds!**

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

<sup>12</sup> **Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> **He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his saints,  
for the people of Israel who are near to him.**

**Praise the LORD!**

*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: Hebrews 13:10-16

*(Please be seated.)*

<sup>10</sup> We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup> For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup> So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup> Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup> For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup> Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

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

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

## Gospel Reading: Luke 19:33-40

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

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

<sup>33</sup> And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” <sup>35</sup> And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

*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: Praise The Lord!**

## ***Psalm 148***

1. The Heavens Praise God (v1-6)

2. The Earth Praise God (v7-12)

3. Why We Praise God? (v13-14)

4. 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. You may give cash in the offertory bags or use the QR code provided. If you are a regular who is already giving online, or you are a visitor to the Cathedral, please feel free to pass the offertory bag along without embarrassment.*

# Hymn: O Little Town Of Bethlehem

*Phillips Brooks 1835-1893*

O Little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark street shineth  
the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to men on earth.  
For Christ is born of Mary;  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
so God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in:  
be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us.  
our Lord Emmanuel.

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# 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).*

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

*Leader:* 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.**

# 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.

And now we give you thanks  
because, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
he took our nature upon him  
and was born of the Virgin Mary his mother,  
that being himself without sin,  
he might make us clean from all sin.

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.  
Hosanna in the Highest!**

**[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord; Hosanna in the Highest!]**

*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.**

**All: Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
give us your peace.**

# The Distribution

*Minister:*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

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



# Hymn: In Christ Alone

*Keith Getty, Stuart Townend*

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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# Hymn: God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

*Traditional English Carol 18<sup>th</sup> Century*

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay,  
remember Christ our Saviour  
was born on Christmas day,  
to save us all from Satan's power  
when we were gone astray.

*O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heavenly Father  
a blessed angel came,  
and unto certain shepherds  
brought tidings of the same,  
how that in Bethlehem was born  
the Son of God by name.

Fear not, then, said the angel,  
let nothing you affright;  
this day is born a Saviour  
of a pure, virgin bright,  
to free all those who trust in him  
from Satan's power and might:

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
all you within this place,  
and with true love and brotherhood  
each other now embrace;  
this holy tide of Christmas  
all others doth deface.

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# Hymn: While Shepherds Watched

*Nahum Tate 1652-1715*

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
all seated on the ground,  
an angel of the Lord came down,  
and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind;  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and all mankind.

"To you, in David's town, this day,  
is born of David's line  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
and this shall be the sign:

"The heav'nly Babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands  
and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels, praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high,  
and to the earth be peace;  
goodwill henceforth from heav'n to men  
begin and never cease."

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# Prayers 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:* The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among 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: Joy To The World, The Lord Is Come!

*Isaac Watts 1674-1748*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King!  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

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                                  If giving to the Ministry Workers Fund, please put **“MWF”**.

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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 – 9am (Wisma Anglican), 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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## **Cathedral Kids' Church**

The Kids' Church classes run on Sunday mornings. The different age groups meet at their respective classrooms at 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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## **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](https://stmarys.my/serve) to learn more and fill out the serving form. We look forward to welcoming you onto our team!

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# Community Meal at the Cathedral

Next Community Meal: 12 January 2025

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## New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Services

We invite you to join us for our New Year's Eve service on Zoom at 11.30pm, Tuesday, 31 December 2024. Please click on this link that will take you straight into the Zoom meeting: [stmarys.my/nye](https://stmarys.my/nye)

Please also join us for our New Year's Day services on Wednesday, 1 January 2025:

### English Liturgical

9am, Jubilee Hall

### English Contemporary (SMACC)

11am, Multi-Purpose Hall

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## Hope Explored

Hope Explored is a 3-session course that helps you to explore the great longings in life: for hope, for peace and

for purpose. Do join us to find out what the gospel of Luke says about these longings.

Please join us in-person for 3 Sunday afternoons from 5 January 2025, at 1.30 pm. A simple lunch will be served. You can register using the form here:

[stmarys.my/findoutmore](https://stmarys.my/findoutmore)

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## **Tuesday Night Training**

Tuesday Night Training (TNT) is a good and systematic way for all of us to keep studying God's Word and to be trained for ministry. The first term for 2025 begins on 21 January.

Online theological courses on offer are Bible Overview, New Testament 1 and New Testament 2. These courses are offered in partnership with Equip Seminary.

If you are new to TNT, we encourage you to consider taking our Bible Overview course. This is a great way to learn how the whole Bible fits together and points to Jesus.

Find out more about the courses and register here:

[stmarys.my/tnt](https://stmarys.my/tnt)

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# The Cathedral Electoral Roll

## Joining the Electoral Roll

We encourage all our baptised and confirmed members who come regularly to our church 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](https://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.

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## Golden Circle Newsletter

To download and read the Golden Circle newsletter, please click [here](#).

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

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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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## 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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## 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.

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## **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](mailto:agapeschool@stmaryscathedral.org.my)

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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 03 2692 8672.

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

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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](http://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](http://stmarys.my/subscribe).

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## Carparking for Cathedral Services

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](http://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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## **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](http://stmarys.my/dataran).

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## 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.

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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.

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## 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 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](#)



[SMACC Wisma](#)

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## **Cathedral Office**

The Cathedral Office is closed on 1 & 2 January, and will reopen on 3 January.