

# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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**Parish Office Hours:** 9am - 5pm (Tuesday - Friday)  
 9am - 1pm (Saturday & Sunday)  
*Monday Closed*

**PARISH PRIEST:**

Rev. Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap



**2021 THEME - HOPE: BELIEVE, LIVE, AND GIVE**  
**FEBRUARY THEME: SOLIDARITY IN DIVERSITY**

## PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS .....

*"He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."*

**(Matthew 8: 17)**

Suffering is one of life's many inevitable aspects. Each religion has dealt with this as a fact. The intensity of our life of suffering is when we speak of death. In the face of suffering, we become powerless and at times we try to find meaning to it. Many people struggle with the burden of loneliness, grief, sadness and depression. Many feel that their life is one long difficult trial. Too many people, young and old, choose to end their lives because they are worn out from carrying heavy burdens, and they see no hope for anything better in the future. That's the agony of life suffering.

In the Christian faith, the attitude towards suffering is quite simply and clearly defined. It is the suffering of Christ that gives meaning to our sufferings. Jesus brings suffering into what we call "a new dimension"- the dimension of love, salvific love. Christ had come as the redeemer and the conqueror of suffering and of death. He does not limit his healing mission to the physical sufferings alone but seeks to heal the whole person.

Sufferings often motivate people to seek God. As they draw closer to Him, they can understand Him better. In the reading this weekend we have Job, that legendary model of long-suffering patience, speaking of the tiresomeness suffering of life. He complains of the hardship he had to experience in life in the face of sudden disasters. He gives expression to the pain and sorrow he is facing. He is unable to see the happiness that lies in store for him. Job feels abandoned by friends and by God when confronted with sufferings, mirroring the dark reflection on the world. The story of Job expresses a typical human problem; that bad things happen to good people and the question of whether people can serve God selflessly, without hope of any reward.

We find Jesus in the Gospel showing himself as a divine friend, who is at work curing the sick. He takes upon his human and spiritual energies to bring healing and wholeness into lives. The healing of Peter's mother-in-law ends with the scene of crowd of townspeople who gathered outside the house where he was staying, to

bring all the sick people to him. Tainted by physical suffering and by spiritual wretchedness, the crowd begins to find comfort, healing and consolation by his words and actions. He is in the midst of the crowd! He is with the people of brokenness and suffering. It is a humanity marked by suffering, toil and problems. It is to this poor humanity that Jesus' powerful, liberating and renewing action is directed.

Where is God in our suffering? We may not have a fully satisfying explanation for why the world contains so much suffering. But scripture assures us; we have the strength, the power to deal with the suffering. We know where God is during the pain, tribulations and suffering. **God is with us.** God was with Job in adversity, with Paul in weakness and persecutions and with us in the interior brokenness of our lives.

## FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

**CDM E-Bulletin Subscription:** [cdmbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:cdmbulletin@gmail.com)

**Daily Reflection on Word of God (Lectio Divina)**

<http://cdm.my/bec-reflection/>

**Mass Intentions Submission Deadline (Online)**

*For weekday mass offerings:* least 48 hours in advance.

*For weekend mass offerings:* before 12pm Wednesdays.

Bank:- **Maybank (Church of Divine Mercy)**

Acc: **5073 9410 1643** (*for tithes & pledges; please provide envelope reference number & month*)

Acc: **5073 9410 1910** (*for other donations; poor, migrants..*)

Email your receipt and mass offering details (names of departed souls / thanksgiving / special intentions to:

[masscdmsgara@gmail.com](mailto:masscdmsgara@gmail.com)

## PARISH MEETINGS (ONLINE)

**BEC Leaders Ministry (BLM):** Tue, 9 Feb @ 8.30pm

*All meetings will be held via Zoom platform*

- **STOP & PRAY @ 8.05pm everyday** wherever you are.
- **POST & PRAY** for all intentions on the **Wall of Prayer.**
- **READ & SHARE** the Word of God **daily**

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
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*LIVE streaming*  
**DM Chaplet** 8.30am **SUN** Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 Mass 9.00am **07 Feb** Job 7: 1-4, 6-7  
 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23  
 Mk 1: 29-39

Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/cdmgarapg/>

*LIVE streaming*  
 Mass 7.00am **MON** St Jerome Emiliani;  
**08 Feb** St Josephine Bakhita,  
 Virgin

*LIVE streaming*  
 Mass 7.00am **TUE**  
**09 Feb**

*LIVE streaming*  
 Mass 7.00am **WED** St Scholastica,  
**10 Feb** Virgin

*LIVE streaming*  
 Mass 7.00am **THU** Our Lady of Lourdes  
**11 Feb**

*LIVE streaming*  
 Mass 7.00am **FRI**  
**12 Feb**

*LIVE streaming*  
 Mass 7.00am **SAT**  
**13 Feb**

*LIVE streaming*  
**DM Chaplet** 8.30am **SUN** Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 Mass 9.00am **14 Feb** Lev 12: 1-2, 44-46  
 1 Cor 10: 31 - 11: 1  
 Mk 1: 40-45

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## FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

### Bank Account Details

Those who wish to contribute through bank/online transfer, the detail as follows:

Bank: **Maybank**

Acc No.: **507394101643 (Church of Divine Mercy).**

Please pass / email the copy of the bank-in slip to the parish office for receipt issuance.

**~ UPDATE ON FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES ~**

Donations up to 1 Nov: RM1,250.00 (*pledges*)

Amount remaining to be collected: **RM 8,369,597.00\***

*\* all numbers rounded up to nearest RM*

CDM compound is a **Non Smoking Zone**

## PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Infant Baptism—7 February 2021

We thank you, heavenly Father that by water & the Holy Spirit, you have bestowed the forgiveness of sin & raised these children to the new life of grace. May they have a discerning heart, the courage to persevere, a spirit to love & be joyful in the wonders of Your works.

Child: *Revena Rachel Pillai a/p David*

Parents: *David a/l V.P Sathasivan Pillai & Christina Salbir Kaur a/p Sardool Singh*

Godparents: *Robert a/l V.P Sathasivan Pillai & A. Ganes Mary a/p Manikam*

Child: *Jordan Gregory a/l Nelson Gregory*

Parents: *Nelson Gregory a/l Gunaratna & Jeslina Devi a/p Michael*

Godparents: *Malcolm Gregory a/l Gunaratna*

### Chinese New Year 2021 Mass

The Penang Island Mandarin Apostolate will organize a live-streaming of the Lunar New Year Mass on Fri, 12 Feb @ 9am from City Parish. A special new year greetings clip will be broadcasted immediately after Mass. You can participate via the City Parish's Facebook/YouTube:-  
 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cityparishpg/>  
 Youtube: [bit.ly/CityParishPg-tv](https://bit.ly/CityParishPg-tv)

### Run Limitless With Jesus 2021

Islander's Tamil Youth Network is organizing a 31km Virtual Run from 1—31 Mar. You may use any running app to track your distance and share photos & videos with the **#runlimitlesswithjesus2021**  
 Fee: RM40 (50% student discount)  
 Registration/Information: <https://bit.ly/3awHbii>  
 Deadline: Sun, 28 Feb

### Lectio—Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God

By Dr. Tim Gray, a renowned Bible Scholar and Catholic speaker to discover the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture at the means to hear from God.

Five (5) sessions: Tuesdays @ 8.30pm—10pm  
 23 Feb, 2, 9, 16 & 23 Mar or  
 Thursdays @ 10am—11.30am  
 25 Feb, 4, 11, 18, 25 Mar

Registration: RM10

Contact (Whatsapp): Jeanne Saw (016-4554597)

### Public Mass Suspension

In line with the MCO extension until 18 February 2021, public Mass is still suspended. Live-streaming of Masses during from Monday—Saturday at 7am & Sunday at 9am will continue as usual.

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