

CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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PARISH PRIEST:
 Rev. Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap

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

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

"If you will, you can make me clean. (Mark 1:40)

Leprosy is a disfiguring disease and was commonplace during the time of Jesus, as it was in the Old Testament. The flesh of its victims deteriorates in such a way that, over time, their bodies no longer function or look the way they originally did. A leper is to be considered unclean. He is ostracised, must dwell apart. They had to live on their own, away from people where their families would leave some food for them. They were considered to be truly cursed by God. Leprosy made a person an outcast both socially and religiously.

We find ourselves in the above predicament when we fall into the leprosy of sin. Pope Francis makes it clear that sin is like leprosy: "Sin: that, yes, is what makes us unclean! Selfishness, arrogance, entering the world of corruption: these are diseases of the heart from which we need to be purified." Sin damages us such that we are not able to function properly, and we no longer look like Christ in whose image we were created. Sin is spiritual leprosy.

Because sin is so damaging to us, the theme for the week urges us to "make a decision to reject sin in our lives." In order to reject sin, we must first acknowledge that it exists, and that we are caught in it. We do not deny it. The first reading says of the leper, "As long as the sore is on him, he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean." We cannot be healed of our sinful condition if we refuse to admit that it exists. We declare that we are sinners because we are, in fact, sinners. This does not mean that we are forever trapped in shame or self-rejection; rather we are simply to face and accept the truth of our situation.



The leper in the Gospel shows us how we can turn to God for healing. The leper comes to Jesus with a request to be healed and Jesus has compassion on the person and touches him and tells him that he wants him

to be healed. He approaches Jesus with a brief statement: "If you wish, you can make me clean." This is a beautiful attitude. He does not demand that Jesus heal him; he simply presents

himself before Jesus with great faith that Jesus has the power to heal him. Jesus immediately acts with mercy towards him; "I do will it. Be made clean." He comes with confidence to Jesus and places his trust in him with the sure hope that this prophet is capable of healing him and he could return back to the community.

We are about to begin the Season of Lent. We can consider these few days leading up to Ash Wednesday as a time of preparation. They give us one of the overarching aims of the Lenten Season to acknowledge our sin and to turn to Jesus for healing. There is no disease that is a cause of impurity for disease certainly involves the whole person, but in no way does it impair or impede his or her relationship with God. On the contrary, a sick person can be even more united with God. We are sinners. We fall into sin over and over due to our weaknesses. We must never become comfortable with it or make compromises with it. We must never pretend that it does not exist or that it is not harmful. We reject sin because we choose God. We choose to do all that we can to glorify Him and to serve our neighbour, and we choose to trust in His power to heal us.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

CDM E-Bulletin Subscription: 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

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

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

LIVE streaming
 Mass 7.00am **MON**
15 Feb

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

LIVE streaming
DM Chaplet 7.30pm **WED**
 Mass 8.00pm **17 Feb**
Ash Wednesday

—Day of Fasting & Abstinence—

LIVE streaming
 Mass 7.00am **THU**
 †BEC Day 8.00pm **18 Feb**
 † to be held via Zoom

LIVE streaming
 Way of the Cross 7.30pm **FRI**
 Mass 8.00pm **19 Feb**

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

LIVE streaming
DM Chaplet 8.30am **SUN**
 Mass 9.00am **21 Feb**
 First Sunday of Lent
 Gen 9: 8-15
 1 Pt 3: 18-22
 Mk 1: 12-15

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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

WISHING EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU A BLESSED LUNAR NEW YEAR 2021.

May the Lord bless our physical and spiritual well-being during these times of trial and choices & decisions in our service to the Church and her people.

Chinese Lunar New Year Dispensation

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei (CBCMSB) grants dispensation from abstinence to all the faithful celebrating CNY on 12,19 & 26 Feb 2021. However, all are asked to observe the regular fast and abstinence for **Ash Wednesday on 17 February.**

World Marriage Day 2021—Sunday 14 Feb 2021

All married couples are invited to join us in a virtual celebration led by Archbishop Julian Leow. Let us pray together, sing together and be inspired by real life sharing.

Mass at 5.30pm. Link: <https://Tv.ArchKL.org>

Virtual celebration via Zoom @ **8.30pm –9.30pm**

Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/2MRSyJG> (pwd: VALENTINE)

Lenten Prayer Cards

are now available via your BEC leaders in hardcopy/softcopy and also accessible from the website <https://cdm.my/cdm.my/lent-2021/>

Lent Reflections Online

Dive deeper into this Lenten season with these daily reflections online:

<https://www.lentreflections.com/>

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html>

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 is still in effect until further notice

Live-streaming of Masses will continue as usual.

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