

CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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Monday Closed



PARISH PRIEST:

Rev. Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap

2021 THEME - HOPE: BELIEVE, LIVE, AND GIVE
APRIL THEME: RISE IN HOPE

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

“Why do you seek the living one among the dead?” (Luke 24:5)

My dear sisters and brothers...

Greetings of Easter. The Lord is Risen!!!

I begin my message for Easter with the mandate given to all of us, namely to proclaim the Good News. Christ has risen! Alleluia! This is one of the most joyful times of the year for us, because this is the moment to experience that life triumphs death. We have to remember this, also in these hard times, when many are affected by various natural disasters, like the Corona virus, earthquakes, violence, poverty, not to forget those who are suffering having lost loved ones, family members who got ill, who have lost properties, who have lost their jobs. This feast is an occasion not just for Him, but also all of us.

I know, it is not easy to understand it today either, when many people ask—where is God now? Where is Christ today? How can we meet Him? It was not that easy for the disciples to understand Jesus either. Just remember, what has happened after Holy Saturday. What everyone knew for sure was, that Jesus had died, but his body was not in the tomb where he was buried. In spite of the visible facts, it was almost impossible for them to understand and believe that Christ has risen. Jesus was not there where they thought he ought to be. As also today, we often seek God where we think he ought to be, but he is often not there. “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.” (Is 55: 08)

Christ told the women to go to his disciples and to tell them he would go before them to Galilee. There is a Galilee, for each of us! Christ will make the journey with us, as he did with the disciples of Emmaus. It is the same Christ who said to Martha: *I am the resurrection and the life!*

Recalling the raising of Lazarus in the Gospel of John and how Jesus said to him, “Lazarus, come out!” This Easter, I believe that Jesus says to each of us, “Come out from everything that is of sadness, resignation, and isolation. Come out and rise up! Walk with your family, your community and all. Have no fear of committing yourself anew, nor of making mistakes, but walk with

the parish and community in order to build the Kingdom of Heaven together.”

This is the message that I leave you this Easter. The Lord is alive. He lives in us and with us. He is Risen!!!
Have a Blessed Easter

WEDDING BANNS

**Anthony Dion Peterson
 &
 Ong Zhen Wei**

Wedding Mass (English) at Church of Divine Mercy, Sg Ara on 17 April 2021 (3.00 pm)

“If anyone knows of any canonical impediments to the proposals of marriage stated above, please contact the parish priest.”

COUNSELLING & INTERCESSORY HELP

Reach Out For Help — Phone Counselling Service

For those who are experiencing stress, anxiety and depression due to loss of income and/or lack of support systems. Contact us to arrange for a personal, and highly confidential counselling session.

Contact: 011-10522313 / cdmhelppdesk117@gmail.com

HOPE in the midst of Trials

Nothing compares to the power of praying for the needs of others. Send in your prayer details to either of the 2 prayer group leaders:

- ◆ Divine Mercy Apostolate Group
 Petrina Tan (+6016-4821894)
- ◆ Intercessory Prayer
 Adeline Sum (+6012-4316238)

REFLECTION MATERIALS

Year of St Joseph

The Year of St Joseph (8 Dec 2020—8 Dec 2021) was decreed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to mark the 150th anniversary as Universal Patron Saint of the Church so that “every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfilment of God’s will.” Prayers and other resources about St Joseph can be found on the website: <https://cdm.my/year-of-st-joseph>

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
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DM Novena Mass* Mass	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am	SUN 04 Apr
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*Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/cdmsgarapg/>

DM Novena followed by Mass*	8.00pm	MON 05 Apr
MERCY Begins with me		

DM Novena followed by Mass*	8.00pm	TUE 06 Apr
TRUST in Mercy—Believe it		

DM Novena followed by Mass*	8.00pm	WED 07 Apr
Risen Christ connects Me and You		

DM Novena followed by Mass*	8.00pm	THU 08 Apr
Culture of MERCY—Live it		

DM Novena followed by Mass*	8.00pm	FRI 09 Apr
I give my ALL to you		

DM Novena followed by Mass & Veneration of Relics*	5.30pm	SAT 10 Apr
Works of MERCY—Give it		

DM Chaplet followed by Mass & Veneration of Relics*	8.30am	SUN 11 Apr
DM Chaplet followed by Mass & Veneration of Relics*	5.00pm	

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- 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

CDM compound is a Non Smoking Zone

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Campaign 2021

A huge thank you to all those who helped to #ignitehope within the needy in our community. Donations in cash/ kind will be accepted until Divine Mercy Sunday (11 Apr).

Misa Bahasa Malaysia

Tarikh: 25 Apr 2021 (Ahad)
 Masa: 8.30 am — Chaplet (BM); 9.00am — Misa
 Tempat: Gereja CDM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr Michael Raymond will be available at the confessional at least half hour before Mass. For the homebound, please make an appointment with the Parish Office.

Penang Diocesan New Evangelization Commission

Sharing Christ: Go Bear Fruit
 A 7-week formation LIVE on Zoom.
 Dates: (Tues) 13 Apr—25 May @ 8.15pm—10.00pm

Psalms: The School of Prayer

Presented by Jeff Cavins, Sarah Christmyer & Dr Tim Gray
 Dates: (Tues) 29 June—Sep 7 @ 8.15pm—10.15pm or
 (Thur) 1 July— Sep 9 @ 9.45pm—11.45pm
 Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/3IVsaMb>

Prayer for Healing Live on Zoom

Dates: 26 Apr, 10 & 24 May @ 8.30pm—10.00pm
 Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/2NSqFlq>
 Enquiries: Jeanne Saw (016-4554597 via Whatsapp)

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

Weekday mass offerings: least 48 hours in advance.
Weekend mass offerings: before 12pm Wednesdays.

Bank details for mass offerings. Please include names of departed souls / thanksgiving / special intentions.

Bank Acc: **Maybank # 5073 9410 1910**

Acc. Name: **Church of Divine Mercy**

Email your receipt and mass offering details to:

masscdmsgara@gmail.com

Bank details for fundraising, pledges & Lenten 2021

Bank Acc: **Maybank # 5073 9410 1643**

Acc. Name: **Church of Divine Mercy**

Email your receipt and donation details to:

divinemercypg@yahoo.com

~ 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

