

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
APRIL THEME: RISE IN HOPE



PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

Divine Mercy Sunday holds a special place deep in our hearts. This feast day takes place at such a wonderful time – the second Sunday of Easter. We have just cleansed our souls through spiritual fasting during Lent and filled our hearts with God's glory by celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

It is significant that we had begun the Novena to Divine Mercy on Good Friday with the forgiveness of Jesus on the cross on Calvary and we end on this Sunday with the gospel where Jesus creates a forgiving people "those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven". In our daily life we struggle with our own failures and lack of forgiveness. It may be an addiction, a family quarrel, a row that festers beneath the surface and deprives us of peace. In our culture today, forgiveness is an enormous challenge, both on the part of those who are hurting and those causing the hurt. Each of us needs to ask, "Am I convinced that I have been forgiven by God or by others". At times we may feel helpless; paralysed by our own weakness and sinfulness as we endeavour to find a way forward. Each one of us could identify with the frightened disciples in today's gospel. We too may be living behind closed doors, when we have human doubts about the silence of God and the apparent success of evil, bringing about the collapse of religious values and various structures which are sacred and dear to us.

Divine Mercy reminds us that God has intervened, giving us an opportunity to begin anew and overcome our fears. It is relatively easy to identify with and understand the reaction of Thomas in today's gospel. He is crying out for reassurance and wants to be convinced that Christ's presence is real and powerful. Are there not times when we wish that God would show his hand more clearly and enable us to be convinced that He is in control in spite of the chaos which surrounds us.

Today's Gospel began with closed doors and disciples locked in fear. At every Mass, we begin by acknowledging our sinfulness, the doors we have closed, the things which deprive us of peace, our need for God's forgiveness. At the end of every Mass the Lord sends us out on mission "go in peace". This is the peace which the risen Lord breathed on frightened disciples that Easter

Sunday evening and which he breathes on us this Mercy Sunday. As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, I invite and encourage each of you to be merciful to others whenever you can. There is so much suffering in our world today, but if we can be empathetic and treat each other with compassion – we can achieve peace. I also want you to remember that God's mercy is unconditional. Though you may have sinned and hurt those around you, God is always there to forgive you and be merciful.



*Wishing all parishioners of CDM a blessed Feast Day.
 May the Divine Mercy purify our souls.
 Share the joy and love to all around us.*

WEDDING BANNES

Anthony Dion Peterson & Ong Zhen Wei

Wedding Mass (English) at Church of Divine Mercy 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."

PARISH MEETINGS (ONLINE)

BEC Leaders Ministry (BLM): Tue, 13 Apr @ 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**

CDM compound is a Non Smoking Zone

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
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DM Chaplet followed by Mass & Veneration of Relics*	8.30am	SUN 11 Apr Divine Mercy Sunday Ac 4: 32-35 1 Jn 5: 1-6 Jn 20: 19-31
DM Chaplet followed by Mass & Veneration of Relics	5.00pm	

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

No morning Mass	DM Chaplet	3.00pm	MON 12 Apr	
	DM Chaplet	3.00pm	TUE 13 Apr	St Martin I, Pope & Martyr
	DM Chaplet	3.00pm	WED 14 Apr	
	DM Chaplet	3.00pm	THU 15 Apr	
	DM Chaplet	3.00pm	FRI 16 Apr	

Mass	7.00am	
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm	SAT 17 Apr
Mass	5.30pm	

DM Chaplet	8.30am	
Mass*	9.00am	SUN 18 Apr Third Sunday of Easter Ac 3: 13-15, 17-19 1 Jn 2: 1-5a Lk 24: 35-48
Mass	11.00am	
DM Chaplet	5.00pm	
Mass (Tamil)	5.30pm	

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REFLECTION MATERIALS

Daily Reflection on Word of God (Lectio Divina)
<http://cdm.my/bec-reflection/>

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 fulfillment of God's will." Prayers and other resources about St Joseph can be found on the website:
<https://cdm.my/year-of-st-joseph>

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Morning Mass from 12—16 April 2021. Fr. Michael Raymond will be away from the Parish. However, Mass intentions will be offered privately as requested.

Lenten Campaign 2021 ends

A huge thank you for all the generous contributions of cash and kind. We have been truly blessed by all who have reached out the Parish and community.

CDM Recycling Collection will resume on 22—25 April. Do register date/time for dropping off your recyclables. More info: <https://fb.me/e/CqCF7nCq>
 Contact Jocelyn: 014-9055266 (Whatsapp)

RCIA #8 2021-2022

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will be starting soon. For those interested to know more about the Catholic Faith, please contact Sandra (016-4612934).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Take an online journey to restore communications, rekindle romance, and renew commitment.
 Dates/Time: May 14 & 15, 21 & 22, 28 & 29 (Fri & Sat) (7.45pm-10.30pm)
 May 30 (Sun; includes Mass) (1.45pm-5.30pm)
 Register by 30 Apr with Rose (016-4416911)

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

CDM E-Bulletin Subscription: cdmbulletin@gmail.com

Mass Intentions Submission Deadline

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

Mass Collections:

Holy Thur, 1 Apr: RM6,325.05
 Good Fri, 2 Apr: RM3,072.20
 Easter Vigil, 3 Apr: RM8,600.35
 Easter Sunday, 4 Apr: RM7,293.00

For all Mass Offerings & donations. Please include names of departed souls / thanksgiving / special intentions or donation details (poor, migrants, etc)
 Bank Acc: **Maybank # 5073 9410 1910**
 Acc. Name: **Church of Divine Mercy**
 Email your receipt and details to: masscdmsgara@gmail.com

Strictly for fundraising & monthly pledges only.
 Contact Rodney (012-4015298) for any clarifications.
 Bank Acc: **Maybank # 5073 9410 1643**
 Acc. Name: **Church of Divine Mercy**
 Email your receipt and donation details to: divinemercyppg@yahoo.com

