

# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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 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 .....

**Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us**

In our journey through life, we are often confronted with several problems and difficulties which can make us at times lose our perspective. We can lose all direction to life and remain helpless. Then left to ourselves we become nothing and tend to remain with uncertainty. In such situations we need positive support, a sincere understanding which can place us on the right path.

We have with us this week another account of Jesus appearing to his disciples on Easter Sunday. The gospel begins with the story of the two disciples who had the experience of walking with Jesus and their recognition of the Lord in the breaking of bread. Jesus remaining close to them drives away all their doubts and unbelief by giving them the gift of peace. He asks the disciples to touch and feel him and experience his real presence among them. He remains as the real friend in their lives, and helps them back into confidence.

What is significant from the readings and reflection is the urgency again and again for us to believe. We are in the midst of the Easter Season, in which we celebrate for seven weeks Jesus' glorious Resurrection from the dead. It is a real challenge for us to believe in the Resurrection. It was difficult enough for us to take in the contradiction of Jesus dying on the Cross. We know that all men die, but how can this dying man be God, the Creator of the universe? How can God die, and in such a horrible way, humiliated, abandoned and mocked? And then we see his body laid in the tomb, dead. But now this dead body has been raised back to life! It would be a wonderful story to inspire us to hope in spite of any hardships. But that is not what our faith says. This is not a story made up to inspire us. It actually happened.

It was at this juncture that the Lord convinces the Apostles that he is real and alive, he takes two further steps with them. First, he builds up their understanding of the meaning of what has happened. This process is summarized in the wonderful verse, "Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." Secondly, he sends them forth as his witnesses, to preach the Gospel to all nations.

*He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures! This is what the Lord is doing for us as we pause to ponder the word. We believe that he is risen, but we still long for deeper understanding of his Risen Life in us. We can be confident that the Lord gives us this understanding as he "opens our minds." This gift in turn prepares us for our mission of sharing the Good News with others.*

*As I ponder the Word, do I experience a longing for a deeper understanding of Jesus' Risen Life in me? Even as I profess that I am a sinner, do I have the hope that Jesus is always merciful to me? Do I have the habit of praising God for his great mercy toward me?*

## FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

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

### Mass Intentions Submission Deadline

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

### Mass Collections (10-11 Apr)

1st Collection: RM5,548.70  
 Other donations including Gift Shop, for the Poor, and Grotto Box: RM3,329.50

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](mailto: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:  
[divinemerccypg@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemerccypg@yahoo.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
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass* 9.00am	<b>SUN</b> <b>18 Apr</b>	Third Sunday of Easter <i>Ac 3: 13-15, 17-19</i> <i>1 Jn 2: 1-5a</i> <i>Lk 24: 35-48</i>
Mass 11.00am		
Mass (Tamil) 5.00pm		
*Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/">https://www.facebook.com/</a>		
Mass* 7.00am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	<b>MON</b> <b>19 Apr</b>	
Mass* 7.00am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	<b>TUE</b> <b>20 Apr</b>	
No morning Mass DM Chaplet 3.00pm	<b>WED</b> <b>21 Apr</b>	St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor
Mass* 7.00am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	<b>THU</b> <b>22 Apr</b>	
Mass* 7.00am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	<b>FRI</b> <b>23 Apr</b>	St George, Martyr St Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr
Mass 7.00am Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	<b>SAT</b> <b>24 Apr</b>	St Fidelis of Sigmaringen Priest & Martyr
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass (BM)* 9.00am	<b>SUN</b> <b>25 Apr</b>	Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>Ac 4: 8-12</i> <i>1 Jn 3: 1-2</i> <i>Jn 10: 11-18</i>
DM Chaplet 5.30pm Mass 6.00pm		

## 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>

**CDM compound is a Non Smoking Zone**

## PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Catechism** will resume in the Parish for the sacramental classes; Std 4 (First Holy Communion) and Form 5 (Confirmation) this *Sun, 25 Apr*.

**CDM Recycling Collection** on 22—25 *April*. Do register date/time for dropping off your recyclables.  
 More info: <https://fb.me/e/CqCF7nCa>  
 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).

### Penang Diocesan New Evangelization Commission

**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)

### 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>

### 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)

### Catholic Engaged Encounter—English

Dates: 28-30 May, @ Stella Maris, Tg Bgh or Online  
 27-29 Aug, 19-21 Nov\*

\*venue to be confirmed

Contact: Nicholas-Christine (017-595 9790) or Bart-Angie (017-590 0978)

### 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 / [cdmhelpdesk117@gmail.com](mailto:cdmhelpdesk117@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)

