

# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

**Address:** 117, Jalan Kenari, Sungai Ara, 11900 Bayan Lepas, Penang  
**Tel:** 04-646 6881 / 04-637 0735 | **Email:** [divinemercygp@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemercygp@yahoo.com)  
**Website:** [www.cdm.my](http://www.cdm.my) | **Facebook:** Church of Divine Mercy Sg Ara

**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**  
**OCTOBER THEME: PUT INTO THE DEEP**

## PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS .....



**"What God has joined together, no human being must separate." - Mark 10:9**

God's intention from the beginning was that we his people respond to him with wholehearted love and imitate his faithful love in our relationships with one another. To give us a vivid image of what he means by love, he instituted the great gift of marriage, in which "a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh". The union of a man and a woman "becoming one flesh" is intended to express and reflect the profound unity that God desires with us his covenant of love. Through his prophets, God often uses the language of marriage to describe his relationship with his people. God wants the faithful and loving relationship between him and his people to be reflected in every marriage, for his glory and for the good of human race.

Unfortunately, God's original plan for marriage had not been fully accepted, even by the Chosen People, because of the hardness of the human heart. Jesus points out to the Pharisees in today's Gospel, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment", the permission for husband to divorce their wives. "But from the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female. For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.*" When the Pharisees ask him whether it is lawful for a husband to divorce his wife, Jesus quickly uses the opportunity to call them back to God's original intention for marriage which, over and above procreation, is to mirror the covenant of love that he makes with us.

Jesus also says plainly that for a husband or a wife to divorce and then marry someone else is to commit adultery. In our times, this strong teaching against divorce and remarriage sounds to many people as terribly unrealistic and even intolerable, shockingly insensitive to the many people whose marriage have failed. However, Jesus is not simply laying heavy burdens on us. He is revealing *what marriage really is*, and he is also pointing to its deeper meaning.

In our union with him, the Lord will never divorce us, no matter how unfaithful we might be. Any separation

between us is caused by our hardness of heart, when we choose selfish desires rather than love. Sin causes a division between us that God never wanted. God his unfathomable mercy, has already taken on the problem of sin. God sent his Son for the sake of everyone, "bringing many children to glory" that is, uniting us with him in glory. That is the "Good News" filled with joy and hope as we grow in love looking forward to the feast of eternal life.

*How do I imitate God's faithful love in my relationship with others? Because of my hardness of heart, why do I choose selfish desires rather than love for God? Since sin causes the division between me and God, what means am I taking to avoid it?*

## FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

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

## Mass Intentions Submission Deadline

*Weekday mass offerings: least 48 hours in advance.*

*Weekend mass offerings: before 12pm Wednesday*

Strictly for fundraising & monthly pledge 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:

[divinemercygp@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemercygp@yahoo.com)

## REFLECTION MATERIALS

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

<https://bit.ly/3xxdveT>

### 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://bit.ly/3iOgRWs>

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
---------------------	-----	-------------

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
<b>Novena to St Faustina</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<i>Gen 2: 18-24</i>
Mass *	<b>03 Oct</b>	<i>Hebr 2: 9-11</i>
		<i>Mk 10: 2-16 or 10: 2-12</i>

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

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	<b>MON</b>	
Mass*	<b>04 Oct</b>	St Francis of Assisi

Day 9 Novena to St Faustina

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	<b>TUE</b>	<b>Feast of St Faustina</b>
<b>DM Chaplet</b>	<b>05 Oct</b>	
Mass*	8.00pm	
Mass*	8.30pm	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	<b>WED</b>	
Mass*	<b>06 Oct</b>	St Bruno, Priest

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	<b>THU</b>	Our Lady of the Rosary
Mass*	<b>07 Oct</b>	
Holy Hour*	12.00pm	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	<b>FRI</b>	
Mass*	<b>08 Oct</b>	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>	<b>SAT</b>	SS. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs St John Leonardi, Priest
Mass*	<b>09 Oct</b>	

<i>LIVE Streaming</i>		28th Sunday of Ordinary Time
<b>Rosary</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<i>Wis 7: 7-11</i>
Mass*	<b>10 Oct</b>	<i>Hebr 4: 12-13</i>
		<i>Mk 10: 17-30</i>

## SERVE IN MERCY

Basic food & hygiene supplies are still distributed weekly to the marginalized community around us. We encourage you to look around, ask about and reach out to those in need, especially the ones suffering in silence. *Ask not what can the world do for you, but what you can do for the world. Whatsoever you do to the least of your brethren, you do unto Me -Mt 25:40*

Google Form for Groceries Aid:

<https://forms.gle/j3meb2Z5rKFwef3U7>

*Drop-off donations at the Mercy Baskets located at the Garden of Mercy, CDM, daily 9.00am—1.00pm.*

Cash donations: Reference - "Mercy"

**Maybank #5073 9410 1910**

## PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CDM Learning Centre Survey (1 - 30 Oct 2021)

This survey is conducted to gather feedback regarding the proposed Learning Centre at CDM, Penang. By answering this survey, you will be indirectly supporting CDM's Serve In Mercy project where for each completed survey, a meal will be provided for the needy.

Contact for questions/feedback: [tlc.cdmsgara@gmail.com](mailto:tlc.cdmsgara@gmail.com)

English: <https://forms.gle/8iESeeFRzdp5jbn9>

BM: <https://forms.gle/QQtzMLGomGPVgAT28>

### Divine Mercy Holy Hour

In solidarity with Divine Mercy Asia's initiative to pray the Chaplet across the Asian region over 24 hours every first Thursday of the month, we invite you to join us 'live' from our Parish with special prayers and Benediction on **Thur, 7 Oct 2021 @ 12pm - 1pm**

Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/cdmsgarap/>

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/Z3QlWwY5SM8>

### Wall of Saints & Tree of Remembrance; Nov 1 & 2

As we approach the Holy time of All Saints & All Souls' Days, we invite you to take some time to remember with love, your dearly deceased family members & friends, and those we lost during this Covid-19 pandemic, in a special way via the "Wall of Saints & Tree of Remembrance" which will be set up at the Garden of Mercy.

Fill in the names of the dearly deceased by using the template provided via Facebook/website and email to [divinemercygp@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemercygp@yahoo.com) or drop by the Garden of Mercy and fill in a remembrance card **by Wed, 27 Oct.**

You may also offer Mass intentions online:

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

Acc Name: **Church of Divine Mercy**

Email your receipt/details to: [masscdmsgara@gmail.com](mailto:masscdmsgara@gmail.com)

### Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

An 8-part bible study featuring Dr. Edward Sri on why Mary is so important to our faith as Catholics. We turn to her in prayer, in the Mass, in Rosary & Marian devotions. Dates/Times: **Thur 7, 14, 21, 28 Oct @ 9.45am-11.30am**  
 No Registration Fee.

<https://forms.gle/GLP2WTjAwFPE6WGd6>

Contact for details: Jeanne J Saw (016-4554597)

### FORMED.ORG: by Penang Diocese

The subscription has allowed individuals, families, ministries & communities free access to Catholic programs, talks, movies & other materials for 1 year. Sign up under the account name "**Penang Diocesan Pastoral Institute**" at <https://formed.org>



CDM compound is a **Non Smoking Zone**