

# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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 9am - 1pm (Saturday & Sunday)  
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**PARISH PRIEST:**  
 Rev. Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap

**2021 THEME - HOPE: BELIEVE, LIVE, AND GIVE**  
**DECEMBER THEME: DO NOT BE AFRAID, I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS**

## PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS .....

**Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.** —Luke 1:45

As we step forward towards Christmas, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the liturgy of the fourth Sunday of Advent gives us a sense of urgency and purpose. The liturgy focuses on the figure of Mary, the Virgin Mother, expecting the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of the world. The invitation this weekend is to fix our gaze upon Mary, a model of faith and of charity. The readings and the reflection would help us better understand the feast we are about to celebrate and so make a more fitting preparation for it.

We find ourselves with prophet Micah this weekend where speaking through this prophet, the Lord God tells us about the purpose of the Birth of the Messiah for whom we are preparing and waiting. Prophet Micah tells us that the Messiah "shall stand firm and shepherd His flock by the strength of the Lord." Given this prophecy, it is no surprise that at His birth, a great throng of the hosts of Heaven will praise God with the words: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests" (Lk 2:14). When the Messiah comes, He will favour all the peoples of the world. Hence, we read: "His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth." His mission of peace is a universal one; He will gather to Himself all the scattered children of God.

When we recognise the purpose of the Birth of Christ, we also recognise more fully why the Advent season of urgent preparation is important. Jesus demonstrated the urgency of love through His willingness to offer Himself for the glory of God and for the salvation of souls. To derive every spiritual benefit from his coming, we need to prepare with a corresponding love, and therefore a corresponding sense of urgency.

Urgency in relation to the things of God is crucial in the spiritual life; it is the antidote of the sin of sloth. All through Advent, we have been urged to be awake and vigilant. This season is not a time to be lukewarm but rather a time for us to get our priorities in order, giving primacy to the things of God. This is what the Blessed Virgin Mary, an eminent Advent example for us, does in today's Gospel. St. Luke tells us that after the Annunciation, "Mary set out and travelled to the hill

country in haste...." As soon as she received the message of the Incarnation, she began to participate, without delay, in the redemptive work of her Son Jesus, even before he was born. Through her presence, John was sanctified by our Lord in his mother's womb. Mary moves "in haste" because the work of God, the work of redemption and salvation, cannot tolerate delay. A dynamism full of joy, as seen in the encounter between the two mothers, which is entirely a hymn of joyful exultation in the Lord, who does great things with the little ones who trust in him. Blessed are we when, like our Blessed Mother, we believe that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled and when we act on this belief with the urgency of love.

*In what ways do I die to self to bring peace in imitation of Jesus? How does the self-offering of my will to the Father bring me to the glory of the Resurrection? Being urged to be awake and vigilant during Advent, have I given priorities to the things of God?*

## FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

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

### Mass Intentions Submission Deadline

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

*Weekend mass offerings: before 12pm Wednesday*

Drop Mass Intention envelopes into the Mass Offering Box located next to ground floor office or submit to Church Admin (1st Floor office).

For online Mass Intentions, please email receipt & details (name of departed souls, thanksgiving or special intentions) to [masscdmsgara@gmail.com](mailto:masscdmsgara@gmail.com)

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

Acc Name: **Church of Divine Mercy**

### Fundraising & tithes/pledges

Provide reference number & month as stated on the envelope to [divinemerccypg@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemerccypg@yahoo.com)

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

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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**

| MASS & PRAYER TIMES | DAY | DESCRIPTION |
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| <i>LIVE Streaming</i> |        |               |
| <b>DM Chaplet</b>     | 8.30am | <b>SUN</b>    |
| Mass *                | 9.00am | <b>19 Dec</b> |

**4th Sunday of Advent**  
*Mic 5: 1-4a*  
*Hebr 10: 5-10*  
*Lk 1: 39-45*

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

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| <i>LIVE Streaming</i> |        |               |
| Mass*                 | 6.45am | <b>MON</b>    |
|                       |        | <b>20 Dec</b> |

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| <i>LIVE Streaming</i> |        |               |
| Mass*                 | 6.45am | <b>TUE</b>    |
| <b>DM Chaplet</b>     | 3.00pm | <b>21 Dec</b> |

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| <i>LIVE Streaming</i> |        |               |
| Mass*                 | 6.45am | <b>WED</b>    |
| <b>DM Chaplet</b>     | 3.00pm | <b>22 Dec</b> |

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| <i>LIVE Streaming</i> |        |               |
| Mass*                 | 6.45am | <b>THU</b>    |
| <b>DM Chaplet</b>     | 3.00pm | <b>23 Dec</b> |

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| <b>DM Chaplet</b>       | 3.00pm |               |
| Carols from around Asia | 5.15pm |               |
| Mass                    | 6.00pm | <b>FRI</b>    |
|                         |        | <b>24 Dec</b> |

**Christmas Eve**

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| <i>LIVE Streaming</i> |         |  |
| Cantata               | 9.30pm  |  |
| Mass*                 | 10.00pm |  |

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| <i>LIVE Streaming</i> |        |               |
| Chaplet               | 9.00am | <b>SAT</b>    |
| Mass*                 | 9.30am | <b>25 Dec</b> |

Nativity of the Lord  
**Christmas Day**

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| <i>LIVE Streaming</i> |        |               |
| <b>DM Chaplet</b>     | 8.30am | <b>SUN</b>    |
| Mass*                 | 9.00am | <b>26 Dec</b> |

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*  
*1 Sam 1: 20-22, 24-28*  
*1 Jn 3: 1-2, 21-24*  
*Lk 2: 41-52*

## REFLECTION MATERIALS

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

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

### Advent Reflections 2021

Prepare for the coming of Christ, our Treasure, with these daily videos & gospel reflections by Matthew Kelly & Bishop Barron for the best Advent ever!

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html>

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

## PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Baptism—19 December 2021

We thank you, heavenly Father, that by water & the Holy Spirit, You have bestowed the forgiveness of sin and raised this child to the new life of grace. May they have a discerning heart, the courage to persevere, a spirit to love & be joyful in the wonders of Your works.

Child: *Diana Wong Yuu Faye*

Parents: *Bernard Wong Tet Onn & Hannah Goh Hui Hui*

Godparents: *Daniel Wong Tet Soon & Bibiana Kerai*

Child: *Isabelle Teh Wei Lyn*

Parents: *Adrian Teh Poh Huat &*

*Icha Khania Mulya Sannati*

Godparent: *Christine Sum Yuen Ling*

### Living Spring Casual Meeting

Date/Time: Tue, 21 Dec @ 9.30am—12.00pm

Venue: CDM RCIA rooms, 3rd floor

### Thanksgiving Cards

Thankfulness is the perfect soil of expectancy. A time to give, a time to love, a time to reflect. Let's take a moment to thank God who has showered us with great blessings and abundance in our life by transforming the Garden of Mercy with the Tree of Thanksgiving. Cards will be available at the Garden and also via [Google form](#). Submission deadline: **Wed, 29 Dec.**

### Christmas 2021 & New Year 2022 Mass Schedule

Click on [CDM Penang's linktree](#) for updates on registration links and other parish events.

**Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule**  
 Jubah Misa Kristus @ Takah Baru

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| Fri, 24 Dec<br>Christmas Eve | 5.15pm – Carols from around Asia ; 6.00pm – Mass<br>9.30pm – Cantata ; 10.00pm – Mass (live-streamed) |
| Sat, 25 Dec<br>Christmas Day | 9.00am – Chaplet ; 9.30am – Mass (live-streamed)  |

## SERVE IN MERCY

The Serve In Mercy team will be taking a step back in this outreach effective Sat, 1 Jan 2022. However, the Ministry of the Poor and the Migrant Ministry will continue to work with Caritas Penang in reaching out to the marginalized community around us. For more information on continuing your support, please contact Thomas (MOP) or Wai Queen (Migrants).

*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*