

# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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## PARISH PRIEST:

9am - 5pm (Monday - Friday)  
 9am - 1pm (Saturday & Sunday)  
 Rev. Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap

**CDM KAMPUNGKU: JULY 2022**  
*Get in Touch with God's Mercy*

## PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS .....

**"No one who sets a hand to the plough and looks to what was left behind is fit for the Kingdom of God"**  
 - Luke 9:62

Our theme for this week is, "Jesus is calling us all to wholehearted discipleship, a determined commitment to follow him without reserve. Let us put aside our wavering and dedicate our whole lives to him, with God's will as our first priority in everything." Jesus is calling each one of us individually. He is saying to each of us, "Follow Me." The first question is, do I believe this? Do I believe that Jesus is calling me to follow him? Let us take a moment here to quieten ourselves, opening our minds and hearts to God, and make the request that we find in the Gospel Acclamation, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life." Let us repeat this, and allow the Lord to assure us that, yes, he is indeed calling me, personally, to follow him.

Secondly, what is it that the Lord is calling us to? The psalm makes it clear: "You will show me the path to life, fullness of joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever." Last Sunday we celebrated Corpus Christi, the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. One thing that we learnt from that feast is that God longs so passionately to bring us into his presence that he took on human flesh and blood, which he then offered up in his suffering and death to make it possible for us to be united to him. We understand, then, that when he says to us, "Follow Me," he does not say it lightly. He has given everything he has in order to provide us with this opportunity to share in his eternal life.

Three weeks ago, we celebrated the feast of Pentecost. We are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, making it possible for us to live a new life in Christ, which we could not do on our own. St. Paul makes this clear in today's second reading. He tells us to "live by the Spirit" rather than by the desires of the flesh. He warns us that "the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh, these are opposed to each other." It is this mind we should not be surprised that our nature struggles with Jesus' call to follow him. But we do not live to satisfy the demands of our flesh. Paul exhorts us, "For freedom Christ set us free, so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. Elisha gives us a good example of how to respond to Christ's call, when Elijah throws his cloak over him, symbolizing his call to follow him as a prophet, Elisha makes an immediate and irrevocable decision to devote his life to following Elijah. He "burns his bridges," slaughtering the oxen with which he was ploughing, and burning the ploughing equipment. This shows how determined he is not to return to his old life of farming. This week we will celebrate the feasts of several martyrs, who gives us shining examples of wholehearted devotion to following Christ. Let us ask God today for the grace to imitate them and say our own firm "yes" to the Lord's gracious invitation to follow him.

**How is Jesus calling me to follow him? What "bridges" do I need to burn in my life in order to follow him? How does giving of myself in love free me from self-centeredness?**

## FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

### Fundraising & tithes/pledges

Envelopes will not be distributed via BEC anymore to reduce paper waste. If you wish to have an envelope to place your pledges, please request from the Parish Office. For online transfers, please email receipt & details to [divinemerccypg@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemerccypg@yahoo.com)  
 Bank Acc: **Maybank # 5073 9410 1643**  
 Acc Name: **Church of Divine Mercy**

### Mass Offerings Submission Deadline

*Weekday mass offerings: at least 48 hours in advance.*  
*Weekend mass offerings: before 12pm Wednesday*  
 For online submission, please email receipt & details (names of departed souls, thanksgiving or special intentions) to [masscdmsgara@gmail.com](mailto:masscdmsgara@gmail.com)  
 Bank Acc: **Maybank # 5073 9410 1910**  
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*We accept Touch N' Go for Mass Intentions, Donations & Gift Shop purchases*



## MASS & PRAYER TIMES DAY DESCRIPTION

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

**DM Chaplet** 8.30am **SUN** **13th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**Mass (LIVE)** 9.00am **26 June** *1 Kgs 19: 16b, 19-21 Gal 5: 1, 13-18 Lk 9: 51-62*

*No Mass* **MON** **27 June** St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor

Lauds 6.20am  
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **TUE** **28 June** St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr  
**DM Chaplet** 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am  
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **WED** **29 June** SS. Peter and Paul, Apostle  
**DM Chaplet** 3.00pm

Lauds 6.20am  
 Mass (LIVE) 6.45am **THU** **30 June** First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church  
**DM Chaplet** 3.00pm

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**Holy Hour** 8.00pm followed by Mass **FRI** **01 July**

Lauds 6.20am  
 Grotto Mass (LIVE) 6.45am followed by Rosary **SAT** **02 July**  
 Novena to OMPH 5.15pm  
 Mass 5.30pm

**DM Chaplet** 8.30am **SUN** **14th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**Mass (LIVE)** 9.00am **03 July** *Is 66: 10-14c Gal 6: 14-18 Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20 (or 1-9)*

### Prayers & Meditation

Come and deepen your faith & relationship with God  
**Wed, 6 & 20 July @ 8.30pm**  
 \*Charismatic Renewal Group @ St Faustina Hall  
**Wed, 13 & 27 July @ 8.30pm**  
 \*Christian Meditation @ St Faustina Hall  
**Tuesdays—Fridays @ 3.00pm**  
 \*Divine Mercy prayer group @ church

## PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wedding Banns: Sat, 9 July @ 3.00pm

We pray that the Spirit of Life & Love bless this couple with kindness to nurture each other and patience to persevere through conflict.

Promise of Marriage between:

**Kevin Ambrose & Pamela Palakirshnan**

*"If anyone knows of any canonical impediments to the proposals of marriage stated, please contact the parish priest."*

### St. Anne's Pilgrimage by Living Spring Ministry

Visit to the Minor Basilica of St. Anne, followed by lunch and a shopping trip to IKEA.

Date: **Tue, 26 July (bus departing at 9.00am)**

Fee: RM70/pax

Registrations limited to 40pax on first come first serve basis. Closing date on **Mon, 18 July.**

Contacts: Peter (012-452 1943), Paul Lim (012-458 4512), David (012-507 8028)

### Retreat: Healing in Evangelization

Speakers: Fr. Gino Henriques & Deacon Clement Samuel

Dates: **Fri, 12 Aug - Sun, 14 Aug 2022**

Venue: Church of St. Michael, Ipoh

Fee: RM50/pax (limited to 400pax)

Registration: <https://forms.gle/cf2TQuYsgTw19tUe8>

### Marriage Encounter (English)

Spend a weekend free of everyday distractions to focus on each other and revitalize your marriage.

Dates: **Fri, 26 Aug - Sun, 28 Aug (English)**

Venue: Domus, St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam

Contact: Martin (012-5045890) / Rose (016-4416911)

### Genesis Youths of Mercy

Open for ministerial vacancies in various positions from Content Creation, Project and Program management, Marketing & Engagement, Logistics & Tech, Finance, Music & Worship.

Contact Christine (016-406 2613) or send a DM on Instagram [@genesisyouthscdm](https://www.instagram.com/genesisyouthscdm)

### Musicians & Photographers needed

If you can play a musical instrument or love to sing, do consider joining the CDM Music Ministry.  
 Contact Peter (012-474 8044)/Gilbert (012-425 2009)/Adeline (016-725 6238).

Looking to make use of your photography skills? We're looking for volunteers to capture memories at CDM.  
 Contact Michael (012-477 3811).

### CDM Learning Centre (Pusat Pembelajaran CDM)

For primary school children who are struggling with the 3Rs—Reading, Writing & Math.

*Untuk pelajar sekolah rendah yang menghadapi kesukaran dengan 3M—Membaca, Menulis & Mengira.*

Date/Time: **Sun, 3, 17, 24 & 31 July @ 2.00pm**

Venue: CDM Classrooms

Contact: Yiing Jia (012-4793586)