

CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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9am - 5pm (Tuesday - Friday) 9am - 1pm (Saturday & Sunday)

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

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. -Psalm 15:1-2

The world generally values people based on what they do. The most celebrated and admired people are those who look like they have really accomplished something great in their lives. Culture tends to make us feel that we should always be "doing something." And, sadly, for many people, life is useless if they are not engaged in any kind of purely human activity. Influenced by this cultural environment of unbridled activism, many people now believe that the defining standard of the Church is essentially that of doing good works such as outreach missions and ministry, hospitality, and service projects. However, simply remaining busy is not worth much, and is not necessarily meritorious before God. Our frenzy of activity can even distract us from God, leave us empty, make us angry, and lead us to be unfairly judgmental of others.

This is the condition of Martha in today's Gospel. Preoccupied with the many details of hospitality, some of which were undoubtedly important, she becomes angry and critical of her sister. She even tries to teach the Teacher: "Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." Jesus lovingly draws Martha's attention to her inner state, and to the distinction between what is burdening her and what is necessary. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from

her." Jesus is certainly not denigrating the generous hospitality of Martha, nor is he praising Mary for what would look to contemporary human reckoning like passivity or laziness.

What is Mary doing in today's Gospel? Not sitting and doing nothing but rather sitting at the feet of the Lord, "listening to him speak." She is allowing Wisdom Incarnate, to instruct her with his life-giving word, to nourish and transform her heart. She is, so to speak, immersing herself in the love of Christ, in his real Presence, where there is joy, peace and true freedom. This is what Martha, in her anxiety and worry, is missing out on, hence she lacks inner joy and peace. The message of Jesus in this account about Martha and Mary is about getting our priorities right. Life is not so much about what we want to do for God but rather about opening ourselves to what God does for us. Our faith does not pit contemplation against action. However, the life of contemplation is to be understood as being with and living for God which far surpasses any human activity. Each of us irrespective of circumstances or health condition, can participate. We are all called to foster an attitude of active receptivity. Keeping the word in our heart, like Mary, is the correct inner disposition, in which we unite

What are my interior and exterior responses to the actions of Martha and Mary? When did anxiety and worry hinder me from answering the call of God to serve? In the busyness of life, how do I express welcome and fraternity to those I encounter?

ourselves with God and is what makes for fruitful activity

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Fundraising & tithes/pledges:

Bank Acc: Maybank # 5073 9410 1643 Acc Name: Church of Divine Mercy

Email receipt & details to: divinemercypg@yahoo.com If you wish to have an envelope to place your pledges, please request from the Parish Office.



Mass Offerings

when he calls us to serve.

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

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MASS & PRAYER DESCRIPTION DAY TIMES Live Streaming of Masses on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/cdmsgarapg/ 16th Sunday of

DM Chaplet Mass (<i>LIVE</i>)		SUN 17 July	Ordinary Time Gen 18: 1-10a Col 1: 24-28
Sacrament of Confi	irmation		Lk 10: 38-42

	No Mass		MON 18 July	
Clergy Monthly Recollection	Lauds Mass (LIVE) DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	TUE 19 July	
Clergy Monthl	No Mass DM Chaplet	3.00pm	WED 20 July	St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr
	Lauds Mass (LIVE) DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	THU 21 July	St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor
	Lauds Mass <i>(LIVE)</i> DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	FRI 22 July	St Mary Magdalene, Apostle of the Apostles
Nov	Lauds Mass <i>(LIVE)</i> ena to OMPH Mass	6.20am 6.45am 5.15pm 5.30pm	SAT 23 July	St Bridget of Sweden, Religious
	DM Chaplet Mass (LIVE)	8.30am 9.00am	SUN 24 July	17th Sunday of Ordinary Time Gen 18: 20-32

Pravers & Meditation

Come and deepen your faith & relationship with God Wed, 13 & 27 July

*Charismatic Renewal Group @ 8.15pm: St Faustina Hall *Christian Meditation @ 8.30pm: 3rd floor classroom

Col 2: 12-14

Lk 11: 1-13

Tuesdays—Fridays @ 3.00pm

*Divine Mercy prayer group @ church

Faith Sharing & Education for children

Catechism: 10.45am CDM Learning Centre: 2.00pm Dates: Sundays 17, 24 & 31 July

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): 9.00am Dates: Sunday 24 & 31 July

PARISH/DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations & best wishes to our twenty-two Confirmation candidates. May each of you always hold the love & mercy of Jesus Christ in your hearts and have the fire of faith as your guide in life and mission. ~ Confirmation 17 July 2022~



St. Anne's Pilgrimage by Living Spring Ministry

Closing date for registration on Mon, 18 July.

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

Fee: RM70/pax

Visit to the Minor Basilica of St. Anne, followed by lunch and a shopping trip to IKEA. Registrations limited to 40pax on first come first serve basis.

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

Herbal Soaps Moulding Workshop

Soaps produced will be given to inmates in prisons within Penang Diocese. All parishioners and friends of CDM are welcome to participate for free. A light coffee morning will be on sale after Morning Mass and lunch will be provided to participants.

Date/Time: Sun, 24 Jul @ 11am-2pm Venue: CDM Basement

Contact: Peter Teh (012-4409103)

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Thur, 28 July @ 7.00pm

Join us live from our Parish in solidarity with the regional initiative of the DM Apostolate Asia with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, special Divine Mercy prayers, Chaplet and Benediction.

Doa Suci Kerahiman Ilahi—Khamis, 28 Julai @ 7.00mlm

Ikutilah kami secara langsung dari Paroki CDM bersama dengan inisiatif serantau Apostolat Kerahiman Ilahi seluruh Asia dengan eksposisi Sakramen Maha Kudus, doa khas Kerahiman Ilahi, Chaplet dan Pentahtaan.

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

Venue: Domus, St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam Contact: Martin (012-5045890) / Rose (016-4416911)



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Rev. Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap