



CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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 9am - 5pm (Tuesday - Friday)
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CDM Kampung-Ku --- JULY 2023

Celebrate our faith: The Church's stand on abortion & euthanasia
Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions
We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Parish Priest speaks...

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the victorious and meek King who brings peace is the one who declares Himself to be "meek and humble of heart" in today's Gospel. He says: "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves." The "rest" He offers is, first and foremost, the delightful rest of eternal paradise, foreshadowed by the "rest" to be found in the Promised Land, flowing with milk and honey. But it is also the inner peace that comes from God when we are with Him in this life, the peace that calms the mind and heart and that "surpasses all understanding" of our human mind.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King who is humble in heart, makes an invitation and tells us how to find true rest for our souls, peace with God here on earth and eternal well-being in Heaven. He says: "Come to me... Take my yoke upon you and learn from me." We learn from Him when we imitate His humility. Humility, the mother of all virtues, will enable us to take on His yoke which is "easy" and "light." Sin, especially arrogance, is a major obstacle to entering the rest that Christ promises and offers. Some Israelites did not enter God's place of rest because of their sins. St. Paul warns the Romans in the second reading this weekend of what sin can do. He says that if we live according to the flesh, we will die, but if by the Spirit, we put to death the deeds of the body, we shall live."

MASS OFFERINGS

Weekday mass offerings: at least 48 hours in advance.
Weekend mass offerings: before 12pm Wednesday
 Email receipt & details* to mascdmsgara@gmail.com
 (*names of departed souls, thanksgiving or special intentions)
 Bank Acc: **Maybank #5073 9410 1910** or via **Touch N' Go**
 Acc Name: **Church of Divine Mercy**

In today's Gospel, Jesus praises the Father for hiding from them the things that He reveals instead to the "little ones." What is hidden from the "wise" of this world is the secret of true happiness and eternal rest that can be found in Jesus Christ alone. It is hidden from them because they are too arrogant to accept a meek and humble Messiah. Jesus teaches, therefore, that humility of heart is the necessary condition of entering and enjoying the true rest that He gives.

It is the virtue of humility that helps us imitate the Lord's own self-emptying charity, so that we can make our own the mind of Christ Jesus (cf. Phil 2: 1-11). It is the virtue of humility that helps us shoulder the yoke of Christ by listening to His saving wisdom and keeping the commandments as He has taught them. It is the virtue of humility that frees us to perform acts of charity for the glory of God. It is the virtue of humility that makes us examine our conscience regularly and avail of sacramental Confession, even for everyday faults that are not grave sins. It helps us "have the Spirit of Christ" and "belong to Him," as St. Paul tells us. This is how we can find rest for our souls, peace of mind, and true happiness, even in this troubling and burdensome world—when we have the Spirit of Christ. A defining feature of saintly people on earth is that they radiate peace and serenity. Let us always heed the words of the prophet Zechariah: "Rejoice heartily," for our humble King comes to us to save us and raise us up.

"...learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart..." - Matthew 11:29

REFLECTION:

*How can the sin of arrogance be an obstacle to enter the true peace the Lord desires for us?
 What are my inner struggles as I pursue to imitate the humility of Jesus?
 In what ways am I striving to find true peace of soul and mind even in troubling situations?*



MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
DM Chaplet 8.30am BM Mass 9.00am	SUN 9 July	14th Sunday of Ordinary Time Zechariah 9: 9-10 Romans 8: 9, 11-13 Matt 11: 25-30
No Mass	MON 10 July	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	TUE 11 July	St Benedict, Abbot
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	WED 12 July	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	THU 13 July	St Henry
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	FRI 14 July	St Camillus de Lellis, Priest
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	SAT 15 July	St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor
Novena for OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm		
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	SUN 16 July	15th Sunday of Ordinary Time Is 55: 10-11 Rom 8: 18-23 Mt 13: 1-23 (or 13: 1-9)

Prayers & Meditation

Tuesdays—Fridays at 3.00pm
 Divine Mercy prayer group—church
Wed, 12 & 26 July at 8.15pm
 CDM Charismatic Renewal Group —St. Faustina Hall
Wed, 19 July at 8.30pm
 English Christian Meditation —St. Faustina Hall
Thur, 13 July at 8.30pm
 Chinese Christian Meditation —St. Faustina Hall
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PHONE COUNSELLING SERVICES

If you are overwhelmed with stress, anxiety & depression, help is now a phone call away. A proper counselling time will be arranged. High confidentiality assured. Contact the following for an appointment:
 Tel: 011-10522313 / Email: cdmhelpdesk117@gmail.com

"...do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" - Joshua 1:9

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dates: **Sundays, 16, 23 & 30 July**
Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): 9.00am
Catechism: 10.45am
CDM Learning Centre: 2.00pm
RCIA Journey #10 (2023/2024)
Every Sunday (10.30am—1.00pm) at 3rd floor classrooms.
 Contact: Sandra Gan (0164612934) or Amy Wong (0124569434) or Joseph Chan (016-4224435).



MT. MIRIAM CHARITY RUN: MISSION POSSIBLE

All proceeds from this event will be channelled to subsidise the treatment fee of financially challenged cancer patients.
 Date/Time: **Sat, 30 Sep at 7.00am** (flag off)
 Venue: Straits Quay
 Fee: Online registration RM50/pax *until 15 Jul.*
 Online registration link: <https://rb.gy/8inkp>
 Enquiries: Cheryl (016-9521093) or Priscilla (016-2148816).

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Renew & Ignite the power of the Holy Spirit with main speakers Fr. Michael Raymond OFM. Cap & Fr. John Anandan OFM. Cap.
 Registration fee: RM30/pax
 Venue: St. Faustina Hall
 Dates/Times: **Fri, 11 Aug (8.00pm-10.30pm)**
Sat, 12 Aug (8.30am-10.15pm)
Sun, 13 Aug (1.00pm-7.00pm)
 Register by **Wed, 19 July:** <https://rb.gy/6ydtk>
 Contact: Adeline (012-4316238)

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER PENANG 2023

A marriage preparation programme to explore & deepen your relationship with each other and God.
 Registration fee: RM400/couple
 Dates available: Weekend #136 **Fri, 18 Aug to Sun, 20 Aug**
 Weekend #137 **Fri, 17 Nov to Sun, 19 Nov**
 Venue: Stella Maris, Tanjung Bungah
 Contact: Martin & Clementine (ceepenang@gmail.com)

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL 50TH GOLDEN JUBILEE

CHARIS Peninsular Malaysia is organising a celebration to commemorate this milestone with Fr. Michael Payyapilly as speaker. Donation RM120. Meals & t-shirt provided.
 Dates: **Thur, 31 Aug to Sat, 2 Sep**
 Venue: Church of the Holy Family, Kajang
 Registration: bit.ly/50Jubilee

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER 2023

Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, and transformational marriage!
 Registration fee: RM50/couple (*closing date 15 Sep*)
 Dates: **Fri, 20 Oct to Sun, 22 Oct**
 Venue: Domus, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM
 Contact: Martin & Rose Kang (012-5045890/016-4416911)