



# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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 9am - 5pm (Tuesday - Friday)  
 9am - 1pm (Saturday & Sunday)  
**PARISH PRIEST:** Rev. Fr. Michael Raymond OFM. Cap



## MASS OFFERINGS

*Weekday mass offerings: at least 48 hours in advance.*  
*Weekend mass offerings: before 12pm Wednesday*  
 Email receipt & details\* to [mascdmsgara@gmail.com](mailto:mascdmsgara@gmail.com)  
 (\*names of departed souls, thanksgiving or special intentions)  
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## CDM Kampung-Ku --- OCTOBER 2023

*Live our faith: Why does a loving God allow so much suffering in the world?*

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions

*We pray for the church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.*

### Parish Priest speaks...

The Gospel Acclamation this weekend serves as a key to help unlock for us what the readings this weekend is saying: "I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain." Like the vineyard owner both in the first reading and in the Gospel, God has provided for each of us all that we need to grow and bear abundant fruits for Him. We shall see throughout the week that the fruit which He looks for is humility, repentance, love for our neighbour, and praise and thanksgiving to Him.

Prophet Isaiah explains, what God too often finds is that His people are not bearing good fruit but are bringing forth "wild grapes." Rather than judgement and justice, He sees bloodshed and hears "the outcry." "Outcry" is the cry of those who have been abused, oppressed, or marginalized by our self-focused pursuit of comfort and security. Why have things turned out so badly? The word "wild" gives us a clue. What God finds are not the grapes He originally planted, but wild grapes. This could only happen if the grapevines which He planted have been crossed with vines from outside His vineyard that are "wild" grapevines.

Jesus teaches in the Gospel more about vines in a passage from John's Gospel: "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in Him will bear much fruit" (Jn 15:5). Jesus is the source of our life. Remaining in Him, taking His word as our direction, and making use of all the graces which He provides for us, is the way to have true life and to bring forth much good fruit. However, there are many other things which promise us life. The world tells us that wealth, fame, power, and other such measures of success will bring us life. These things are not

evil in themselves, but if we begin to make the attainment of such things our primary goal rather than following Jesus, then we are taking into our hearts the contamination of "wild" grapes, and our fruit will not be what God created us to bear.

As we ponder the Gospel, we see how badly things can turn out when we allow ourselves to take in the "wild" contamination of the world's ways. The tenant farmers somehow come to the delusional idea that they can take possession of the vineyard by beating and killing the owner's servant, and eventually even killing his son. As both the first reading and the Gospel teach us, this way of proceeding will only end in disaster.

A good way we could begin the week is to stay with the word of St. Paul. St. Paul teaches us how to resist being contaminated by the ways of the world: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." In other words, we must be wise about what "fertilizer" we use to "feed" our grapevines. Do we turn to the news and entertainment that the world offers, the social media feeds, the popular music, the newest sensational TV series, the blockbuster movies? While we do not need to completely avoid all these things, they cannot be the main source of spiritual nourishment for us, or our grapes will certainly turn "wild." Instead, as Paul urges us, we need to take in a daily diet of that which is true, that which turns our hearts and minds to God and inspires us to serve Him and love our neighbour

**"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." - Matthew 21:42**

### REFLECTION:

*Whom have I oppressed by my self-focused pursuit of comfort and security?  
 What can possibly happen to me if I allow myself to take in the "wild" contamination of the world's ways?  
 What is the "fertilizer" that I use to "feed" my grapevines from becoming "wild"?*



## MASS & PRAYER TIMES

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
Rosary 8.30am BM Mass 9.00am	SUN 08 Oct	27th Sunday of Ordinary Time Is 5: 1-7 Phil 4: 6-9 Mt 21: 33-43
No Mass	MON 09 Oct	SS. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs St John Leonardi, Priest
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	TUE 10 Oct	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	WED 11 Oct	St John XXIII, Pope
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	THU 12 Oct	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	FRI 13 Oct	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	SAT 14 Oct	St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Novena for OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm		
<i>First Holy Communion</i>		
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	SUN 15 Oct	28th Sunday of Ordinary Time Is 25: 6-10 Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20 Mt 22: 1-14 (or 22: 1-10)

### Prayers & Meditation

**Tuesdays—Fridays at 3.00pm**  
 Divine Mercy prayer group: St. JP II Adoration Room  
**Tue, 10 Oct at 8.30pm**  
 Chinese Christian Meditation: St. Faustina Hall  
**Wed, 11 & 25 Oct at 8.15pm**  
 CDM Charismatic Renewal Group —St. Faustina Hall  
**Fridays, 13 & 20 & 27 Oct at 8.30pm**  
 Rosary at Grotto followed by fellowship  
**Wed, 18 Oct at 8.30pm**  
 English Christian Meditation: 3rd floor classrooms

## PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wedding Banns:

**Sat, 21 Oct 2023**  
 10.30am (Service): Erick Ashvin & Shangari Devi  
**Sat, 28 Oct 2023**  
 10.00am (Mass): Alvin George & Flora Francis  
 1.00pm (Mass): Johnical & Evelyn  
 3.00pm (Service): Raymond Raj & Dhevarani

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

Note: For couples intending to get married in church, please make an appointment with the Parish Priest **at least 6 months** before the intended date of marriage.

Dates: **Sundays; 8, 15\*, 22, 29 Oct 2023**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): 9.00am**

\*No CLOW on 15 Oct

**Catechism: 10.45am**

**CDM Learning Centre: 2.00pm**



*Our Std 4 children will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on Sun, 15 Oct. Please do keep them in prayers.*

**COFFEE MORNING** by BEC Zone Q on **Sun, 8 Oct** & by Prison Ministry on **Sun, 22 Oct**. All are welcome to join.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY: MEET AND GREET + TRAINING

A second session will be held at St. Faustina Hall.

Date/Time: **Sun, 8 Oct at 10.45am**

### TAMIL MASS

In Memorial for the late Fr. Jonathan OFM. Cap.  
 Date/Time: **Sun, 15 Oct; Rosary at 5.30pm, Mass at 6.00pm**

### Tamil CHOICE Weekend

A programme for Tamil-speaking single, working adults.  
 Date/Time: **Thur, 26 Oct (7.00pm) - Sun, 29 Oct (5.00pm)**  
 Venue: Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM  
 Fee: RM150/pax (stay-in)  
 Contact to register by 15 Oct: Napolian (011-21811992)

### "MARY AROSE WITH HASTE"

Calling all young adults! Join the Seeds Ministry for a night of empowerment, connection and growth.  
 Date/Time: **Fri, 20 Oct from 8.00pm to 10.00pm**  
 Venue: Catholic Diocesan Office, Macalister Road.  
 Contact Monica (018-9570382) or Jonathan (016-2414689)

### GENESIS YOUTHS OF MERCY: YOUTH CAMP

Calling all YOUTHS from Form 1 to Form 5! Join us in this 3D2N camp full of food, fun & fellowship.  
 Date: **Fri, 10 Nov—Sun, 12 Nov (register by 31 Oct)**  
 Fees: RM50/pax (incl. T-shirt) or RM35/pax  
 Contact Agape (016-6441187) or @genesisyouthscdm (IG)

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT (KUALA LUMPUR)

For those struggling with emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion to experience the healing grace of God.  
 Dates: **Fri, 10 Nov—Sun, 12 Nov 2023 (register by 15 Oct)**  
 Contact Mary: (016-4190538)