



# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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**CDM Kampung-Ku --- NOVEMBER 2023**  
*Live our faith: Why do Catholics believe in purgatory?*  
**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions**  
*We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

**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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**Parish Priest speaks...**  
 As we approach the end of the Liturgical Year, we are invited to ponder the prophetic dimension of the Eucharist, which is seen as an anticipation of the Heavenly Banquet, the Wedding Feast. In the Bible, marriage is often used to represent God's special relationship of love with His people. In Isaiah 54:5 we read, "Your Creator is your husband." In the Gospels, Jesus Christ, who is God, identifies himself as the Bridegroom. St. Paul's writing to the Christians in Corinth, tells them: "I betrothed you to one Husband to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ" (2 Cor 11:2). By extension, this covenant relationship applies to the whole Church invited to the marriage feast, narrated in the Book of Revelation: "Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb" (19:9). All the members of the Church are symbolized by the ten virgins in today's Gospel. In the parable, half of the virgins are foolish, and they bring no oil for their lamps. The other half are wise enough to carry flasks of extra oil. The foolish virgins are away buying oil when the bridegroom arrives. The wise virgins are ready to welcome him, and they enter the wedding feast. "Then the door was locked." The foolish virgins arrive too late and cry out: "Lord, Lord, open the door for us." Not only does the Bridegroom not open the door, but he also says to them, "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you." This response sounds harsh to modern ears, but it highlights an essential part of the lesson: Being

ready for the Lord is a matter of eternal life or eternal death. Hence Jesus concludes the parable with a warning: "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." The Bridegroom is Christ. We are all awaiting His arrival. We can understand the symbol of the oil as representing all that keeps the flame of our life of faith alive while we wait. Because the interior life is the unique responsibility of each person, the oil that sustains it cannot be shared. Every one of us is called to strive for holiness, putting our love for God into practice in good deeds done for others. Good deeds, acts of charity, are precious oil! We read in the Book of Revelation: "'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labours, for their deeds follow them!'" (14:13). To keep the flame of our love for God alive in our hearts, and to maintain a ready supply of oil, we need wisdom. The first reading teaches us that wisdom is readily available to all who truly want it. "Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her and found by those who seek her." The word of today's Liturgy provides us with abundant wisdom. Let us hear this word and put it into practice. That is, let us not "run out of oil," but rather practice good deeds daily and remain strong in hope, always ready to respond to the living presence of the Lord, the Groom who comes to us.

**"Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."**  
**Matthew 25:13**  
 REFLECTION:  
*Am I living by faith and love by remaining prepared and vigilant for eternal life?*  
*How? Why am I not always prudent and wise in cooperating with the grace of God?*  
*How am I seeking wisdom since it is perfect, sublime profitable and delightful?*

**PRAYERS & MEDITATION**  
**Tuesdays—Fridays at 3.00pm**  
 Divine Mercy prayer group: St. JP II Adoration Room  
**Wed, 15 Nov at 8.30pm**  
 English Christian Meditation: St. JP II Adoration Room  
**Thur, 16 Nov at 8.30pm**  
 Chinese Christian Meditation —St. Faustina Hall  
 基督徒默禱。与主建立更深层的关系  
**Wed, 22 Nov at 8.15pm**  
 CDM Charismatic Renewal Group —St. Faustina Hall

MASS & PRAYER TIMES	DAY	DESCRIPTION
DM Chaplet 8.30am BM Mass 9.00am	SUN 12 Nov	32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Wis 6: 12-16 1 Th 4: 13-18 (or 4: 13-14) Mt 25: 1-13
No Mass	MON 13 Nov	
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	TUE 14 Nov	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	WED 15 Nov	St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	THU 16 Nov	St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude, Virgin
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	FRI 17 Nov	St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	SAT 18 Nov	Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul
<b>LIVESTREAM MASS 6.00PM</b>		
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	SUN 19 Nov	33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Th 5: 1-6 Mt 25: 14-30 (or 25: 14-15, 19-21)



**MASS COLLECTIONS**  
 Week ending 05 Nov 2023:  
 (1st) RM4310.05 & (2nd) RM3804.15

**PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
 Dates: **Sundays; 19 & 26 Nov 2023**  
**Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): 9.00am**  
**CDM Learning Centre: 2.00pm**  
**RCIA Journey #10 (2023/2024)**  
*Every Sunday (10.30am—1.00pm) at 3rd floor classrooms.*  
**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR. Thur, 23 Nov at 8.00pm**  
 Join us in solidarity alongside the DM Apostolate Asia with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, special Divine Mercy prayers, Chaplet & Benediction.



**SUNSET MASS ON SAT, 18 NOV** will be live-streamed from the Church of Immaculate Conception where the Diocese Pastoral Assembly will be held. Holy Communion & Collection will proceed as normal. Link: [Diocese of Penang YouTube channel](#)



**INVITING ALL YOUNG WORKING ADULTS!**  
 The Young Working Adults are organising a hiking trip to Monkey Beach followed by lunch.  
 Date/Time: **Sat, 18 Nov at 7.15am**  
 Venue: CDM (To gather & carpool)  
 Contact: Karyn (012-422 9434) / Bryan (016-465 1886)

**CDM CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
 Jumble sale 'Unwanted to Wanted', music & carolling, sale of plants & veggies from Rooftop Garden, sale of biscuits & rice wine from women entrepreneurs. *Bring Your Own Bag.*  
 Venue: St. Faustina Hall  
 Dates/Times: **Sat, 9 Dec (2pm-5pm)**  
**Sun, 10 Dec (10am-1pm)**

**CHRISTMAS TOGETHER (1 FAMILY: 16-12)**  
 Save the dates for a wonderful Advent celebration!  
**CDM Christmas Party on Sat, 16 Dec** with Mass at 5.30pm.  
**Christmas Wish Tree & Outreach** starting from **Sun, 19 Nov.**  
 Weekly advent-themed activities with *Advent-ure to the Manger* from **2 Dec until 7 Jan 2024** (Epiphany of the Lord)

**CLOW T-SHIRT CHRISTMAS PROMOTION**  
 Everyone's favourite t-shirt designs are now on promotion! Mix and match any 4pc for RM100. Sizes and designs subject to availability. Find us near the D'Vine Gift Shop or contact Jocelyn (018-4091266).

**GOD'S WORD & DAILY GOSPEL 2024**  
 Please place your orders at the D'Vine Gift Shop along with your contact details. Pre-payment will be required and you will be contacted once stock arrives.  
**JUST IN:** The New Jerusalem bibles and Al-Kitab in Bahasa Malaysia & Indonesia are currently available for purchase.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLLING HOUSE-TO-HOUSE**  
 The Divine Voices will be opening up for BEC Zone house-to-house carolling from **Fri 8 Dec to Sun, 10 Dec.** For those interested, do contact your BEC Leader for further details.