



# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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9.00am - 5.00pm (Tuesday - Friday) | 9.00am - 1.00pm (Saturday & Sunday)



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**CDM Kampung-Ku -- (January 2024) Diversity - Though many yet one. All prayer leads to God**

## Parish Priest speaks...

The story of the Magi coming from the east stirs in us awe and wonder at the birth of Jesus. He has not yet performed a miracle or proclaimed a truth, and yet there is infinite power in His very being. Here is a Child who is more than a King. He is God! The Magi are filled with great determination to find this Child, and they are filled with joy when they see Him in the arms of Mary His mother. We can experience that same determination by calling to mind that Jesus is here for us, and the same joy by coming into His presence, with the help of Mary. What would our life be like without Jesus?

The Magi come out of the darkness of paganism. They are not trapped in darkness because they follow the brilliant light of the star. The coming of a new light, a light that leads people to God, is joyfully proclaimed by Isaiah in the first reading. The light of God's glory makes His people so radiant that all the nations are attracted by it and bring their riches to Jerusalem. This amazing prophecy speaks of "caravans of camels" coming from cities in the east, bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD. The vision of Isaiah is symbolically fulfilled in the arrival of the Magi. They are the first of the foreigners to come and worship the Lord. As the Psalmist says, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." We are all called, all nations are called, to follow the light and join this grand procession in honour of the Lord.

We may not have an obvious external sign to guide us, a shining star, but God gives us the sure light of faith, which always guides us to His Son! That light is shining on us right now as we ponder His word. We are being led each day to Jesus. Even before we ever met Him, He was drawing us to Himself. Today is a good day to pause and recall how we have been led up to this moment. We praise God for the guide or guides that He has sent to us and still sends to us as we continue our faith journey.

The actions of the Magi when they finally arrived in the presence of Jesus gives us a beautiful example of divine worship. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Profound and wholehearted homage, and this is the appropriate way to honour the Lord. Seeing the Magi inspires us to do the same. Spiritually and at times physically, with humble gestures and posture as we prostrate ourselves before the Lord, offering Him our love, praise, and gratitude. Our "gold" is everything we have, all that we possess and all that we consider most precious; we offer it all to Him. Our "frankincense" is our prayer, devotion, zeal, contrition, thanksgiving, and all our petitions. Our "myrrh" is our sacrifices and sufferings, which we offer in union with Jesus' own Passion, for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. We know our gifts are imperfect and they certainly seem meagre as we set them before Him.

The Magi also teach us how to proceed on our journey. They do not return the way they came, which would have taken them back to Herod. Their experience of being with Jesus has enlightened them more than the star ever could. When they depart, they are still being led, but "by another way." They have an inner light, a new gift of discernment and wisdom. When we meet Jesus and worship him, we do not have to "return to Herod," back to the darkness, fear, and selfishness of our past and of our sinful nature. The Lord gives us grace to walk a new way, with ever-deeper humility, discernment, and wisdom as we follow Him in faith. Led by His light, we are drawing ever closer to our final destination: eternal life.

**"On entering the house, they saw the Child with Mary, His mother."**

**Matthew 2:11**

REFLECTION:

Who are the guides that God has sent me on my faith journey?  
How do I express to God and others my gratitude for the great gift of my faith?  
How can I imitate the humility and faith of the Magi that led them to follow the brightness of the star?

## PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ATTENTION PLEASE**

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no parish activities during water disruption period from 10-14 Jan 2024. NO Catechism on Sun, 14 Jan 2024. However, Mass will proceed as usual.

## THANKSGIVING SOLEMN MASS

You're invited to Thanksgiving Solemn Mass celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Sebastian Francis on his appointment as Cardinal to the Sacred College of Cardinals at the consistory in Rome.

Date/Time: **Mon, 8 Jan 2024 (6.00pm)**

Venue: Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM

## "UNSTOPPABLE". CATHOLIC WOMEN CONFERENCE 2024

A weekend of faith, fellowship & empowerment with Shekinah Glory Renewal Group featuring Veronica, Lavinia & Alicia Antoine.

Dates/Times: **Sat, 20 Jan & Sun, 21 Jan 2024 (8.00am - 7.00pm)**

Location: Lv 2, Parish Hall at Church of the Immaculate Conception, Penang  
For more info: Evangeline (012-418 7500) / Sharon Cornelius (017-478 5092)

Registration fee: RM50/pax. **Closing date Sun, Jan 14 2024**

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/Zy2A25YmsPWVbFyc7> (or via Linktree QR)

## CDM PARISH RETREAT 2024 with Fr. Joe Stephen CSsR

A spiritual journey that invites you to serve with joy and passion, bringing new energy and enthusiasm to our community. Open to all CDM Ministry & BEC members. Limited to 80pax. Register and book your rooms now!

Dates/Times: **Fri, 23 Feb 2024 (7.00pm) to Sun, 25 Feb 2024 (2.00pm)**

Venue: Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/t9BxtGcNfH7CapveA> (or via Linktree QR)

## Mass Collections:

16 & 17 Dec 2023: **RM8,888.40** 23 & 24 Dec 2023: **RM3,860.10**

Christmas Vigil: **RM10,512.15** Christmas Day: **RM7,487.45**

30 & 31 Dec 2023: **RM4,122.90** New Year's Eve & Day: **RM3,870.20**

God bless you for your generosity~

	Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
	<b>DM Chaplet</b> 8.30am <b>Mass</b> 9.00am	<b>Sun</b> <b>07 Jan</b>	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> Is 60: 1-6 Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6 Mt 2: 1-12
	<b>Lauds</b> 6.20am <b>Mass</b> 6.45am	<b>Mon</b> <b>08 Jan</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>
	<b>Lauds</b> 6.20am <b>Mass</b> 6.45am	<b>Tue</b> <b>09 Jan</b>	
	<b>DM Chaplet</b> 3.00pm		
	<b>Lauds</b> 6.20am <b>Mass</b> 6.45am	<b>Wed</b> <b>10 Jan</b>	
	<b>Lauds</b> 6.20am <b>Mass</b> 6.45am	<b>Thu</b> <b>11 Jan</b>	
	<b>Lauds</b> 6.20am <b>Mass</b> 6.45am	<b>Fri</b> <b>12 Jan</b>	
	<b>Lauds</b> 6.20am <b>Mass</b> 6.45am	<b>Sat</b> <b>13 Jan</b>	St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor
	<b>Novena to OMPH</b> 5.15pm <b>Mass</b> 5.30pm		
	<b>DM Chaplet</b> 8.30am <b>BM Mass</b> 9.00am	<b>Sun</b> <b>14 Jan</b>	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 1 Sam 3: 3-10, 19 1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20 Jn 1: 35-42

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** Wed, 17 Jan (8.30pm)--JPII Adoration Room

**CHARISMATIC RENEWAL** Wed, 24 Jan (8.15pm)--St. Faustina Hall

**CHINESE MEDITATION** Thu, 18 Jan (8.30pm)--St. Faustina Hall