



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 Gospel this weekend narrates the story of two of the disciples of John the Baptist. These two decide to follow Jesus perhaps out of curiosity, or perhaps out of respect and obedience to their mentor, or maybe because something about Jesus Himself attracts them. We can ponder the many reasons why we may begin to follow the Lord, even when we do not yet really know whom we are following. Regardless of their initial reason, these two disciples spend time with Jesus and come to realize for themselves that this man, whom John called the "Lamb of God," is the Messiah.

The joy of coming to know the Lord impels us to share this gift with others. This is exactly what we see Andrew doing. He goes out to find his brother Simon Peter, tells him the good news, "We have found the Messiah," and brings Simon to Jesus. Providentially, Simon Peter is willing to go with his brother to meet Jesus, who immediately gives him a new name, indicating a new mission. Andrew's actions show us how we are to serve as evangelists: we are to go out and "find our brother," the person or the people whom we love and whom we want to meet the Lord. We share the good news, not as an abstract bit of information but as something that has become part of us, giving us joy; we share our story of our encounter with the Messiah. And we bring them to Jesus, inviting them to meet Him for themselves. Whether they respond favourably like Simon Peter or refuse the invitation is out of our control. God respects the beauty of each person's free will, and so must we. We may not see any fruit. Nonetheless, God can use our story of encounter as a seed planted in the heart.

Another beautiful portrayal of an encounter with the Lord is given in the first reading. It begins with young Samuel "sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was." What a wonderful place of rest, to be at peace in the presence of God. However, Samuel does not yet personally know the One he is serving: "At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet."

The Lord calls Samuel by name, gently awakening him. The youth recognizes his name, but he does not recognize the voice. He assumes that the elderly blind priest Eli needs his assistance; this part of "serving the Lord" Samuel can understand. We can learn from his prompt willingness to serve. Even if we do not recognize the Lord's voice, we can recognize His will when He prompts us to attend to the needs of others. It is Eli who helps Samuel realize that the Lord has something more in mind for him. Eli himself does not know why the Lord is calling the youth, but he teaches him how to respond: "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." This is a precious instruction for us all. In a way which is unique for each of us, the Lord speaks to our hearts. But if we are not careful, we can miss His voice, or allow it to be drowned out by so many other voices and so much noise bombarding us in the world. We need to find a quiet place in the temple of our hearts where we can listen carefully for God's word to us. With Samuel, we too must say to the Lord, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening. (1 Samuel 3: 9)

REFLECTION:

How do I, like Andrew, reach out to others to share with them that Jesus is the Messiah?

What voices other than the Lord's do I permit to enter my heart?

When I hear the voice of the Lord, do I listen to it with my ears and heart?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) for pre-school to Standard 3 will be at St. Faustina Hall on **Sundays; 14, 21 & 28 Jan (9.00am)**.

Catechism Dates for pre-school to Form 5 will be on **Sundays; 21 & 28 Jan (10.45am - 12.00pm)**. Coffee Morning and assembly will be at St. Faustina Hall after morning Mass where registrations for pre-school and new students will also be held.

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

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL Wed, 17 Jan (8.15pm)--St. Faustina Hall

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

PONGAL CELEBRATION 2024

There will be exciting competitions such as a pongal boiling between BEC Zones, thoranam tying and children's clay pot colouring.

Date/Time: **Sun, 21 Jan 2024 (3.00pm)** followed by **Mass at 6.00pm**

Let's come as one family and participate in this thanksgiving celebration.

Contact: Xavier (016-447 2967)

WORLD DAY FOR THE SICK

Date/Time: **Sat, 3 Feb 2024 (Rosary at 9.30am, Mass at 10.00am)**

Registration counters will be open at the church porch from **Sat, 13 Jan until Sun, 28 Jan** after the weekend Masses.

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)

HEALING IN EVANGELISATION by Rev. Fr. Pat Collins CM

An online formation series for members in the Healing & Deliverance Ministry, prayer groups or any Catholics keen on this subject matter.

Dates/Time: Five (5) **Tuesdays; 27 Feb and 5, 12, 19 & 26 Mar (8pm-10pm)**

Registration fee: RM100/pax. **Closing date Tue, 20 Feb**

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/AUchbygZNcaEq2VaA> (or via Linktree QR)

Contact: Jeanne J Saw (016-455 4597)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
		2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
DM Chaplet 8.30am	Sun	1 Sam 3: 3-10, 19
BM Mass 9.00am	14 Jan	1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20
		Jn 1: 35-42
No Mass	Mon	
	15 Jan	
Lauds 6.20am	Tue	
Mass 6.45am	16 Jan	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am	Wed	St Anthony, Abbot
Mass 6.45am	17 Jan	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am	Thu	(start of) Week of Prayer
Mass 6.45am	18 Jan	for Christian Unity
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am	Fri	
Mass 6.45am	19 Jan	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am	Sat	St Fabian, Pope & Martyr
Mass 6.45am	20 Jan	St Sebastian, Martyr
Novena to OMPH 5.15pm		
Mass 5.30pm		
DM Chaplet 8.30am	Sun	Sunday of the Word of God
Mass 9.00am	21 Jan	Jona 3: 1-5, 10
DM Chaplet (Tamil) 5.30pm		1 Cor 7: 29-31
Pongal Celebration Mass 6.00pm		Mk 1: 14-20

OFFERING MASS INTENTIONS:

Weekend Masses - submit to Parish Office by **Wednesdays (12.00pm)**

Weekday Masses - submit to Parish Office at **least 48 hours before**.

- Drop the Mass Intention envelopes into the Mass Offering Box located next to ground floor office or hand over to Parish Office Admin (1st floor office)
- via online; transfer to a/c no: MBB 5073 9410 1910 (Church of Divine Mercy) and email Mass Intention details with transfer receipt to masscdmsgara@gmail.com