



CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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Parish Office Hours: Closed on Monday

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

CDM Kampung-Ku -- (February 2024) When it Hurts - The role of prayer in pain



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Parish Priest speaks...

Lent as we recall refers to the biblical exposition of a forty-day penitential season that culminates in the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. In the Bible, the number forty is associated with several important events in the history of salvation. The Israelites spent forty years in the desert. It took Elijah forty days to journey to Horeb and Jesus fasted for forty days in the desert. This season makes us think of our journey of life. Our lifetime is like a long Lent, a season of forty years in the desert. Importantly the desert is not the only symbol we can use to describe our earthly life. Life is also a mountain climb. While we suffer from hardships along the way, we also aspire to something higher. We strive to see more and to climb above our mundane routines. In order to make real progress in our journey, we need guidance. The readings this weekend remind us of the importance of listening especially, listening to God and to His beloved Son.

Listening involves more than simply letting the other speak. Acting on what we hear is a crucial part of the process. St. James tells us, "Be doers of the Word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves" (James 1:22). Listening to the Word of God in the fullest sense means making the fulfilment of God's will the topmost priority in our life. Today we reflect on our father Abraham as a model listener. In the reading from Genesis, twice he hears God's call and both times he immediately answers, "Here I am!" When God gives him an instruction, Abraham acts without delay. With faith and trust, he obeys the Word of God, surrendering his own plans and preferences. He is even ready to surrender his son, his only one, whom he loves, in obedience to God.

Making God's will our topmost priority means more than simply accepting the ups and downs of life. Commitment to His will means breaking our own self-will. It can mean surrendering what is most precious to us, even our closest loved ones. The journey of conversion, like the climbing of a mountain, is far from easy. Among the central challenges of this season is the emotional and spiritual battle involved in obeying the will of God in all things. The process is difficult, but we should not let ourselves be intimidated by it. We are not journeying alone; we are not fighting alone. Jesus has already gained victory for us through His Death and Resurrection. St. Paul reminds us that we have nothing to fear. "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Furthermore, life is not all sorrowful mysteries. By God's mercy we also have many joyful, luminous, and even glorious moments. He gives us light and wisdom, strength, and hope, so that we can persevere on our difficult journey. The Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain was an unforgettable moment of glory for Peter, James, and John. Suddenly they saw a glimpse of a glorious future. They realized that "it is good that we are here." They heard the Father telling them to listen to Jesus, His beloved Son. This was enough grace to strengthen them for the hard road ahead. The Transfiguration tells us to persevere in listening to Jesus and obeying Him. It reminds us that we journey with the sure hope of a glorious future, and all the sufferings and losses we experience along the way are nothing compared to the glory that is to be revealed (Romans 8:18).

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." - Mark 9:7

REFLECTION:

Is Abraham an example of faith and trust in God's will for me no matter the cost?

This Lent, am I ready to face the emotional and spiritual battle involving God's will in all things?

In all the sufferings that I may experience,

will I recall the hope of the glorious future in perseverance?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM Sun, 3 Mar (11.00am)

Lye Yi Khai, Edmund

By the grace and gift of new life through Baptism, we too are called to witness the life and hope that are within us

Note: If you have a child waiting for baptism, kindly contact the Parish Office for necessary arrangements.

"CAREER JOURNEY: THE INSIDE STORY"

A career exploration day by CDM Learning Centre inviting parishioners to participate as career sharers to provide youths in depth insights of their professions such as day-to-day tasks, the highs & lows of the job and career development opportunities.

Register by Sun, 3 Mar: <https://forms.gle/ZvmFdiMqF7k4syJc9> (or via Linktree QR)

Date/Time: **Sun, 28 Apr (11.00am-3.00pm)**

Contact: Yiing Jia (012-479 3586) or Alicia (016-441 1411)

CDM LENTEN PROJECT by Caritas CDM

In collaboration with Catechesis Ministry, Friends of Creation & Genesis Youths of Mercy, a plogging activity has been organised along the Temple Trail, Sg. Ara. Bring your own clippers, gloves & drinking water.

Date/Time: **Sat, 2 Mar (7.30am)** meet at CDM

Contact: Mabel (016-625 0023) or Amanda (016-473 5502)

Caritas CDM will be preparing Lenten Baskets for dry food

donations near the ground floor office & church entrance.

Together we rebuild our Church, Community & Common Home.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES for Penang Island churches

Date	Church	Time
Mon, 11 Mar	Church of the Risen Christ	10.00am - 11.30am 8.00pm - 10.00pm
Tue, 12 Mar	Church of the Holy Name of Jesus	10.00am - 11.30am 8.00pm - 10.00pm
Wed, 13 Mar	Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	10.00am - 11.30am 8.00pm - 10.00pm
Thur, 14 Mar	Church of Divine Mercy	10.00am - 11.30am 8.00pm - 10.00pm
Wed, 20 Mar	Church of Our Lady of Sorrows	10.00am - 11.30am 8.00pm - 10.00pm
Thur, 21 Mar	Church of the Immaculate Conception	10.00am - 11.30am 8.00pm - 10.00pm

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
		2nd Sunday of Lent
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 25 Feb	Gen 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Rom 8: 31-34 Mk 9: 2-10
No Mass	Mon 26 Feb	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Tue 27 Feb	St Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Wed 28 Feb	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Thu 29 Feb	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
DM Chaplet WOC followed by Mass	3.00pm 8.00pm Fri 01 Mar	
Lauds Grotto Mass followed by Rosary	6.20am 6.45am Sat 02 Mar	
Novena to OMPH Mass	5.15pm 5.30pm	
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 03 Mar	3rd Sunday of Lent Ex 20: 1-17 (or 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17) 1 Cor 1: 22-25 Jn 2: 13-25



A WALK THROUGH LENT - A children's camp
A reminder on participation for registered children:
Dates/Time: **Sun, 3 & 10 Mar (10.30am - 3.00pm)**
Sun, 17 & 24 Mar (2.00pm-4.00pm)

Venue: St. Faustina Hall/2nd floor classrooms

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION **Wed, 6 & 20 Mar (8.30pm)**--JPll Adoration Room

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP **Wed, 6 & 20 Mar (8.15pm)**--St Faustina Hall

CHINESE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION **Thu, 29 Feb (8.30pm)**--St. Faustina Hall

CATECHISM **Sundays (10.45am) 17 Mar and 21 & 28 Apr**