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



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CDM Kampung-Ku -- (March 2024) Learning from the experts: Our Saints - our prayer models

Parish Priest speaks...

The Gospel gives us an image of what happens when we disregard God's law. We simply make a filthy mess out of what God created to be beautiful and holy. We turn our holy house of God into a marketplace. We act as if God's creation were our own and as if it were not for His glory but for our own personal profit and pleasure. The temple that certainly needs to be purified is the human heart! This is one of the central themes of this holy Season of Lent: our need for repentance and our hope for forgiveness.

Jesus' actions in the Jerusalem temple are what we usually refer to as the "cleansing of the temple". When something is dirty and defiled, we normally want it to be cleaned up and restored, and we are happy when the difficult job is completed. So, it is wrong to place a negative interpretation on Jesus, as if He lost His temper in a violent fit of rage. The disciples understand what He is doing in light of a Scripture passage that comes to their minds: "Zeal for your house will consume me" (cf. Ps 69:9). Jesus is not overcome with anger; He is consumed with holy zeal. He is being constructive, not destructive. He is cleansing for the sake of restoring. He is cleansing the temple from what was not appropriate and needed to be cleansed.

Lent is an appropriate time for pondering the "cleansing of the temple." The Gospel recounts a historical event that also reveals what Jesus is doing in our own lives. He does not "need anyone to testify about human nature." He understands well what is happening within us.

"Zeal for your house will consume me." - John 2:17

REFLECTION:

What really happens to me when I do not follow the Ten Commandments faithfully? How can I better cooperate with the Lord as He cleanses the temple of my heart? Though they may look like foolishness to others, what wise spiritual practices am I observing during Lent?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

"THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU."

A Lenten retreat by the Chinese Apostolate for Mandarin-speaking parishioners with Fr. Edmund Woon who will also be celebrating the Mandarin Mass.

Date/Time: **Sun, 10 Mar (4.00pm - 10.00pm)**

Registration link: <https://shorturl.at/bmqG5> (or via Linktree QR)

Mandarin Mass will be at 6.00pm (DM Chaplet at 5.30pm)

LENTEEN OUTREACH PROJECT

If you enjoy gardening, come join the Friends of Creation Ministry in resolving some gardening issues for Mercy Home, Butterworth (shelter for women with HIV/AIDS) which are preventing them from growing their own vegetables successfully.

Date/Time: **Sat, 16 Mar** (carpool from CDM at 8.00am)

Contact: Halina Gooi (019-426 7545) Closing date **Sun, 10 Mar**

"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)

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.



LENTEEN 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

As He enters the temple of our hearts, He can see what is cluttering up the space that is reserved for God alone. There are things that He wants to drive out, spill, and overturn. There are thoughts, actions, and attachments about which He is saying to us, "Take these out of here!" The Ten Commandments help us identify what these are. For example, we can ask ourselves: what are the "other gods" that we have erected in the temple of our hearts? Empty ideologies, fancy gadgets, noisy distractions? Have we honoured God's name and His holy day? How have we killed others with our tongues or let envy fill our hearts?

Lent is a grace-filled time for this kind of reflection and the interior cleansing that we need. It is the Lord who does the cleansing, but we must cooperate with the process. We make no progress at all if we arrogantly oppose the Lord, demanding more "signs" or "human wisdom." The power that cleanses us is that of Christ crucified, "the power of God and the wisdom of God." At times, the ways of God, especially when He is purifying us, appear negative to us. His actions seem like a stumbling block, His ways like pure foolishness. But it is we who are foolish if we do not welcome Him and His cleansing power. St. Paul teaches us the truth which is behind every surprising and challenging action of God: "the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength."

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 3 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
No Mass	Mon 4 Mar	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Tue 5 Mar	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Wed 6 Mar	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Thu 7 Mar	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
DM Chaplet WOC followed by Mass	8.00pm Fri 8 Mar	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Sat 9 Mar	
Novena to OMPH Mass	5.15pm 5.30pm	
DM Chaplet BM Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 10 Mar	4th Sunday of Lent 2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23 Eph 2: 4-10 Jn 3: 14-21
DM Chaplet Mandarin Mass	5.30pm 6.00pm	



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

Way of the Cross will be held for the children on Sun, 10 Mar (11.00am) followed by Children's Mass (12.00pm) at the 2nd floor classrooms.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION **Wed, 6 & 20 Mar (8.30pm)** -- JPII Adoration Room
CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP **Wed, 6 & 20 Mar (8.15pm)** -- St Faustina Hall

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