



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

Parish Priest speaks...

Can we rejoice in Lent? We celebrate in joyful proclamation this weekend the Fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as Laetare Sunday "rejoice" in Latin. We rejoice because God is "rich in mercy," never willing that anyone be condemned, but that all might be saved. He has brought us to life with Christ; He has raised us up and seated us with Him in heaven.

At the same time, we live in a world full of unspeakable sufferings. Many people point to the crushing burdens of pain and sorrow that afflict so many, and they ask: If God so loved the world, then why doesn't He do something to relieve all this suffering? This question brings us back to our need for Lent, that is, our need to face not only the truth about God who is love but also the truth about ourselves, for we are sinners living in a world marred by sin. We may be tempted to stand in indignation and blame God for so much suffering in the world, but a realistic look at human history shows that God is not the one to blame.

Today's readings remind us that we are sinners in need of repentance. Left to ourselves, we have preferred to walk in darkness, and our works are evil. Like the people in the first reading, we have "added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple." When the

Lord in His mercy tries to call us back to Himself, we mock His messengers, despise His warnings, and scoff at His prophets. We can easily see all around us in the world today the truth of this description. If we are honest, we can see it in our own hearts and lives as well.

We see both aspects of the life of faith, both our sinfulness and the love of God which overcomes sin that is revealed most perfectly in the Cross of Christ. Jesus proclaims that He must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life. This "lifting up" is His offering of His life on the Cross for the salvation of us sinners. If we look upon His Cross, pondering it deeply, we learn two things. First, that we have greatly sinned and so merited death. And second, that God loves us so much that He took the punishment for our sin upon Himself and so won restoration for us. These two truths are like a great light for us, showing us the way to life.

As we enter the second half of Lent, let us ask for deeper faith in Jesus Christ, that we might truly live every aspect of our lives based on our belief in Him. Let us look with faith upon Jesus "lifted up"; let us "look upon Him whom we have pierced" and so find our hope for eternal life in Him (Jn 19:37).

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love He had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ. - Ephesians 2:4-5

REFLECTION:

How does the message of the Father's love impact my understanding of God and my relationship with Him?

In what ways must I recognize the reality of sin and brokenness in the world and in my life?

How can I deepen my faith and live in joyful gratitude for the gift of salvation?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

"HO- CHIAK RETURNS" BY MOUNT MIRIAM CANCER HOSPITAL

An annual affair to raise funds for cancer patients, the Mount Miriam Team will be visiting CDM to sell tickets and receive donations/enquiries at the church porch.

Date/Time: **Sat, 16 Mar (5.00pm-7.00pm) & Sun, 17 Mar (8.30am-10.30am)**

Date/Time of event: **Sun, 2 June (9.00am – 3.00pm)**

Contact: Priscillia (016-214 8816) or Cheryl (016-952 1093)

CDM RCIA REUNION

Calling all RCIA graduates from cohorts 1-9 for an Easter celebration to welcome our newly baptised brothers & sisters. Bring a dish to share in the potluck.

Date/Time: **Sun, 31 Mar (after Easter Sunday Mass)**

Venue: RCIA 3rd floor classrooms

Contact: Amy (012-456 9434)

"CAREER JOURNEY: THE INSIDE STORY"

A career exploration day by CDM Learning Centre to provide youths in depth insights of their chosen professions.

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

Venue: St. Faustina Hall

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

ARISE YOUTH DAY

Prepare for an inspiring journey featuring Fr. Rob Galea known for his dynamic sermons and soul-stirring music ministry.

Date/Time: **Thur, 30 May – Sat, 1 June**

Venue: Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM

Registration link: bit.ly/ARISEYouthDay! (or via Linktree QR)

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
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	
No Mass	Mon 11 Mar	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Tue 12 Mar	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Wed 13 Mar	Anniversary of Pope Francis' election
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Thu 14 Mar	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
DM Chaplet WOC followed by Mass	3.00pm 8.00pm Fri 15 Mar	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Sat 16 Mar	
Novena to OMPH Mass	5.15pm 5.30pm	
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 17 Mar	5th Sunday of Lent Jer 31: 31-34 Hebr 5: 7-9 Jn 12: 20-33



A WALK THROUGH LENT - A children's camp

A reminder on participation for registered children:

Dates/Time: **Sun, 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, 20 Mar (8.30pm)**—JPII Adoration Room
CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP **Wed, 20 Mar (8.15pm)**—St Faustina Hall
CHINESE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION **Thu, 21 Mar (8.30pm)**—JPII Adoration Room

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