



CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

Address: 117, Jalan Kenari, Sg. Ara, 11900 Bayan Lepas, Penang

Tel: 04-646 6881 / 013-584 6881 | Email: divinemercy@yahoocom

Website: www.cdm.my | Facebook: Church of Divine Mercy Sg Ara | Instagram: @cdmpenang

Parish Office Hours: Closed on Monday

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



LINKTR.EE/CDMPENANG

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

Parish Priest speaks...

When we read Jeremiah's prophecy, we are astounded that God would promise so much to people who were so undeserving. Generations of the Chosen People had sought God's favour, and had offered countless sacrifices, but they had also repeatedly disobeyed Him. Despite their long history of unfaithfulness, despite their readiness to break their covenant, God offers them a "new covenant." This is an extraordinary promise that the law of God will no longer be carved in stone or written on parchment but written upon our hearts. It is a promise of a new heart, a heart with the capacity to know and follow the Word of God not because obedience is demanded of us from outside, but because we ourselves choose what God chooses, because our hearts are like His heart. This is the fruit that we desire to reap from our Lenten journey.

The promise of the new heart, narrated in the covenant of love have been fulfilled through the coming of Jesus. When we obey the Lord in faith, we receive our new hearts, receive the gift of eternal salvation. We do not have to earn salvation by obedience to the law, which we could never do anyway, and we do not have to rely only on the word of an ancient prophecy, what was prophesied has been poured into our hearts.

Jesus not only tells us about the way of salvation, but He also shows us, and then empowers us. We are not left to figure it out for ourselves. In His words to His Apostles Philip and Andrew, He describes His mission in terms of a "grain of wheat," a simple yet profound symbol of the whole paschal mystery that

"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be." - John 12:26

REFLECTION:

How can I better cooperate with God's transforming work in my heart?

How can I embrace more fully the forgiveness offered by Jesus?

How is Jesus calling me to imitate Him in sacrificing myself for the sake of others?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PALM SUNDAY will begin with blessing of palm leaves and procession around the church from the basement before Mass. Please bring your own palms.

"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)

"THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW"

The Bible Apostolate of Penang Diocese is organizing a series by Fr. Ryan Innas on the Gospel of Matthew which is the book of Transformation and Redemption

Dates/Time: **Wednesdays, 20 March, 17 & 24 April, 8 & 15 May (8.00-10.00pm)**

Venue: Stella Maris Penang Road (PDPi)

Contact: biblicalapostolatepd@gmail.com

EGG-CITING EASTER EGG HUNT

The Genesis Youth is announcing a fun little activity for this Gotong Royong. Let's clean the parish together in preparation for Holy Week, all while having an EGG-CITING EASTER EGG HUNT! Prizes await those who find the most egg while cleaning.

Date/Time: **Sat, 23 Mar (8.00am - 1.00pm)**

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)

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND (English)

A marriage preparation course for those who intend to get married in church.

Weekend #13: **Fri, 10 May to Sun, 12 May 2024**

Venue: Stella Maris Retreat Centre, Penang

Contact: Martin & Clementine (ceepenang@gmail.com or ceepenang.org)

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)

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat but if it dies, it produces much fruit." One grain of wheat produces many more grains of wheat. Jesus' sacrificial death produces the harvest of many people who are willing to join Him in the process of dying and rising. "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be." We are His servants, so we must follow Him in the gift of ourselves, the gift of love from the heart, which is the sacrifice of our very selves. This is the process we have been pursuing throughout these weeks of Lent, by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We have been striving to die with Christ Jesus in order to live with Him forever. We know that if we "die," if we turn away from sin, if we empty ourselves of the attachments and consolations that can become our idols, we can more fully rely on Jesus and be filled with His light, wisdom, and strength.

It is never an easy matter. Our flesh shrinks from the difficulties that lie ahead, the prospect of rejection, humiliation, and suffering. Jesus Himself, in His human nature, was deeply troubled at the prospect of His Passion. Being troubled, however, does not deter Him from pursuing the will of the Father with His whole heart. As we ponder Jesus' perfect fidelity in the midst of suffering, we learn from His example, and we rely on His victory.

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
5th Sunday of Lent		
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun
Mass	9.00am	17 Mar
		Jer 31: 31-34 Hebr 5: 7-9 Jn 12: 20-33
Chrim Mass	8.00pm	Mon
		18 Mar
		St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor
		at the Church of Immaculate Conception, Pulau Tikus
Lauds	6.20am	Tue
Mass	6.45am	19 Mar
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
		St Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M
Lauds	6.20am	Wed
Mass	6.45am	20 Mar
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds	6.20am	Thu
Mass	6.45am	21 Mar
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	Fri
WOC	8.00pm	22 Mar
followed by Mass		
Lauds	6.20am	Sat
Mass	6.45am	23 Mar
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm	
Mass	5.30pm	St Turibius de Mogrovejo, Bishop
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun
Mass	9.00am	24 Mar
Procession with palm leaves around the church before Mass		Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Is 50: 4-7 Phil 2: 6-11 Mk 14: 1 - 15: 47 (or 15: 1-39)



Procession with palm leaves around the church before Mass



A WALK THROUGH LENT - A children's camp
A reminder on participation for registered children:
Dates/Times: **Sun, 17 Mar (2.00pm-4.00pm)**
Sun, 24 Mar (11.00am-3.00pm)
Venue: St. Faustina Hall/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