



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...

Holy Week, or Passion Week, ushers us into the very pinnacle of our Catholic faith. It gives us a new opportunity to immerse ourselves in the heart of the salvation story, and to encounter the very essence of Jesus and His saving mission. It is an opportunity not to be missed! Now is the time to delve into the ocean of Scripture, tradition, Sacrament, and sacrifice which surrounds the centre of the Gospel message which is the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We begin Palm Sunday with an opening Gospel recounting Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem which we commemorate today with the traditional procession with palms. Jesus has been resolute in His journey to the holy city, which He knows will culminate at the Cross. He is aware of every detail as He commands His disciples to prepare for His very public yet still humble arrival. Everything He does is deeply significant. Jesus is fully aware of His destiny, and He makes sure that every step of His journey to that destiny takes place according to the plan of the Father.

As we walk with Jesus through St. Mark's account of the Passion, we are challenged to answer the "Jesus Question." "Who is this man who died on a Cross, and what does His death have to do with me?" The painfully detailed description of Jesus' sufferings will bear no fruit in us unless we face this

question and offer our personal answer. Our answer may start us on a lifelong commitment to Christ, or it may deepen a commitment we made long ago. We may struggle with darkness and with many more questions and find ourselves on our knees at the foot of the Cross, but we cannot walk away from the Passion without an answer.

There is so much to ponder as we read the account; the plot to kill Jesus, the anointing at Bethany, the treachery of Judas, the Passover preparations, Jesus' prophecy of His betrayal, His institution of the Eucharist, His agony in Gethsemane, His betrayal, arrest, and trial, Peter's denial, the judgment of Pilate, Jesus' humiliation and torture, His crucifixion, death, and burial. We could spend this sacred time of Holy week in searching into the depths of the Passion, but the urgent issue is that we encounter Jesus through this story. We do not know how long our "lifetime" will be. We cannot wait. We cannot put off our answer till a tomorrow that may never come for us. No matter how many times we have walked the Way of the Cross with Jesus, watched Him die, attended His burial, and dwelt in darkness at the tomb waiting for the light, it is time for us to face again, right now the central question: Who is this man who died on a Cross, and what does His death have to do with me?

Christ Jesus became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name. – Philippians 2:8-9

REFLECTION:

How have the past forty days prepared me spiritually to follow Jesus on the road to Calvary?

In what ways do I find self-denial repulsive to my nature?

How does my daily "Way of the Cross" unite me more closely to the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PALM SUNDAY will begin with blessing of palm leaves and procession around the church from the basement before Mass on **Sat, 23 Mar (5.30pm) & Sun, 24 Mar (9.00am)**. Please bring your own palms.

During the **Easter Triduum**, we could expect an increase of visitors and pilgrims to our parish in celebration of our faith. Please extend our hospitality with Love & Mercy and adhere to the instructions of the Ministers of Hospitality, Traffic Wardens & RELA to ensure a safe and smooth experience for all.

In the build-up to our parish's feast, **Divine Mercy Sunday (7 Apr 2024)**, there will be exciting activities to further engage our prayerful lives culminating in a procession around the area of Sg. Ara to proclaim our faith and devotion to the Divine Mercy. Scan the Linktree QR code to know more!

HOT CROSS BUNS SALES by CHOICE Penang

A fundraising effort for their Weekend camps and annual activities. Buns will be sold after the **8.00pm Maundy Thursday Mass (28 Mar)**. RM5/pack of 3; RM13/3packs.

Calling all ex-Choices to help out in the sales of hot cross buns.

Contact: CEPG60 Kevin (012-484 1890)

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)

PDYN LEADERSHIP RETREAT

An invitation to all parish youth and campus students in the Penang Diocese between the ages of 18-29 years old.

Dates: **Tue, 9 Apr to Fri, 12 Apr 2024**

Venue: Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

For registration or other details: <https://www.pdynpenang.com/pdynlr2024>

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)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
 DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am Procession with palm leaves around the church before Mass	Sun 24 Mar	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)
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Mon 25 Mar	Monday of Holy Week
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Tue 26 Mar	Tuesday of Holy Week
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Wed 27 Mar	Wednesday of Holy Week
DM Chaplet followed by Mass 8.00pm	Thu 28 Mar	Maundy Thursday
Day 1 DM Novena followed by WOC & Good Friday Service 2.15pm WOC & Good Friday Service 7.30pm	Fri 29 Mar	Good Friday
Day 2 DM Novena 3.00pm Easter Vigil Mass with Baptism 8.00pm	Sat 30 Mar	Holy Saturday
Day 3 DM Novena followed by Easter Sunday Mass 9.00am	Sun 31 Mar	Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection Acts 10: 34, 37-43 Col 3: 1-4 (or 1 Cor 5: 6-8) Jn 20: 1-9 (or Mk 16: 1-7)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Wed, 17 Apr (8.30pm) – JPII Adoration Room
CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP Wed, 17 Apr (8.15pm) – St Faustina Hall

CATECHISM **Sundays (10.45am) 21 & 28 Apr 2024**

