



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 -- (April 2024) When lukewarm, ignite the flame: Rekindling the fire of prayer



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Parish Priest speaks...

Christ is risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia! The Easter message of joy echoes through the whole world proclaiming Christ's ultimate victory of light over darkness, grace over sin, and life over death. It is the message upon which we build our lives and to which we anchor our own hope of victory with Him. During this solemn Easter season of 50-days we joyfully give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed on us as individuals and as a faith community these many years. Because Jesus has died and risen again, conquering sin and death, we believe that with Him we too shall live.

In today's Scripture readings, there are two things that confirm the fact of the Lord's Resurrection. One is the empty tomb, and the other is the appearance of the Lord Himself to His chosen ones. The empty tomb is a "negative witness." The reasoning is that if the Lord had not risen, the tomb would not be empty. It should still contain His body that was buried there on Friday afternoon. As the Scriptures tell us, a heavy stone was placed over the entrance to the tomb. In Mark's account, the women who came to the tomb on Sunday morning to anoint the dead body of Jesus were concerned about how they would be able to move the stone aside. But there was no need! The stone was already rolled back, and the body of Jesus was nowhere to be found.

The tomb is hard, cold, and dark; it holds only death. Sin and sinfulness can be described as such too. They truly make our hearts hard and cold as the prophet Ezekiel describes a rebellious, sinful heart. Sin and sinfulness, which St. Paul

describes as "the yeast of malice and wickedness," lead only to death. Jesus, the Paschal Lamb, entered the realm of death; He allowed Himself to be buried in a tomb. This is how far He has gone in His desire to save us. He has taken upon Himself the entire human experience, up to its farthest point, to the ultimate destiny of a life of sinfulness of darkness, hardness of heart, death.

In addition to the empty tomb, and far surpassing it, is the revelation of the Risen Christ Himself. He who reigns forever reveals Himself as having conquered death. At first, the disciples do not recognize Him. Even when Jesus draws near the two disciples and walks with them on the road to Emmaus, they do not recognize Him. Maybe they are grief-stricken at Jesus' death? Maybe Jesus is transformed beyond recognition? Maybe the disciples simply do not have the capability to fathom the resurrection event? Whatever the reason, Jesus overcomes it by revealing Himself as risen. In the Emmaus account, He reveals Himself first through the Scriptures and then in the breaking of the bread.

As we declare in the Easter Sequence, today we see with Mary Magdalene, "the tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen." The empty tomb is a Resurrection witness, telling us that sin does not reign, Christ does. In this spirit of faith and hope, I wish you and your families a most holy and blessed Easter Season! May the Risen Lord bless you all now and forever.

**Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!**



PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM Sun, 7 Apr at 11.00am

Oscar Ooi Yu Ze

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 the necessary arrangements.

In the build-up to our parish's feast, **Divine Mercy Sunday (7 Apr 2024)**, there will be an increase of visitors and pilgrims to our parish in celebration of our feast day. 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 have also been planned, along with fellowship after the weekday Divine Mercy Novenas and weekend Masses, so 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.

Click on the Linktree QR (top right corner) to know more!

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 potbliss.

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>

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

All young adults are invited to an Easter party! Please bring a dish to share.

Date/Time: **Sun, 14 Apr (11.00am)**

Venue: St. Faustina Hall

Contact: Sachin (017-474 57379)

SHINING A LIGHT ON AUTISM

An invitation to join hands with autism with understanding, acceptance & love. Talks by Esther Tan & Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap

Date/Time: **Sun, 21 Apr (11.00am-12.00pm)**

Venue: St. Faustina Hall

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND (English)

A marriage preparation course for those who intend to get married in church. For further details on church marriage procedures, please make an appointment with Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap

Weekend #139: **Fri, 10 May to Sun, 12 May 2024**

Weekend #140: **Fri, 9 Aug to Sun, 11 Aug 2024**

Venue: Stella Maris Retreat Centre, Penang

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Novena followed by 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)
DM Novena followed by Mass <i>MOVING BEYOND</i>	8.00pm Mon 01 Apr	Monday within Easter Octave
DM Novena followed by Mass <i>GET GOING</i>	8.00pm Tue 02 Apr	Tuesday within Easter Octave
DM Novena followed by Mass <i>ROAD MAP TO FREEDOM</i>	8.00pm Wed 03 Apr	Wednesday within Easter Octave
DM Novena followed by Mass <i>RECOGNISE THE SIGNS</i>	8.00pm Thu 04 Apr	Thursday within Easter Octave
DM Novena followed by Mass <i>LOWER YOUR NETS</i>	8.00pm Fri 05 Apr	Friday within Easter Octave
DM Novena followed by Mass & Veneration of Relics	5.00pm Sat 06 Apr	Saturday within Easter Octave
DM Chaplet followed by Mass	9.00am	Divine Mercy Sunday Acts 4: 32-35 1Jn 5: 1-6 Jn 20: 19-31
Mass followed by Procession with DM Chaplet & Benediction & Veneration of Relics	3.00pm Sun 07 Apr	

