



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...

Jesus said to Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed!" (John 20:29)

This line from this weekend's Gospel according to John catches my attention every time I hear it. We are all familiar with the Gospel account of Thomas the Apostle whom we refer to as the so-called "doubter." He is known as "doubting Thomas" and that expression has even found its way into our everyday conversation when we encounter those who do not believe in something. We find ourselves in these days of Easter reflecting upon the experience of the early Christian community right after the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. There are a few things in life as powerful and as transforming as faith. Faith makes us reach for the unreachable, makes us seek out what the world says is impossible. Religious faith is wrapped up in the mysteries of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. But even on a human level, faith changes us. When we enter into a relationship with someone, we are exercising faith in that person that they will want something good for us. We have no proof for any of those things. We simply believe and live with those beliefs.

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wishing all parishioners & visitors a blessed Feast on this Divine Mercy Sunday! The flurry of activities since Holy Week have certainly ignited a prayerful life in many and I hope it will sustain and remain in all of you throughout this Easter season and beyond.

I wish to extend my gratitude and blessings on all who have served the parish and each other with Love & Mercy; from liturgy to logistics. A big THANK YOU & God bless you.
-Fr. Michael Raymond OFM.Cap



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

All young adults are invited to join in the fellowship, food, fun & faith this Easter season! Please bring a dish to share in the potluck.

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

CAREER JOURNEY: THE INSIDE STORY

CDM Learning Centre invites youths & parents to our very own career exploration day. A one-stop centre to meet and get insight from individuals from various backgrounds.

Date/Time: **Sun, 28 Apr 2024 (11.00am-3.00pm)**

Venue: St. Faustina Hall

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

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**

Weekend #141: **Fri, 8 Nov to Sun, 10 Nov 2024**

Venue: Stella Maris Retreat Centre, Penang

7th CATHOLIC SINGLES DATING HUB (ENGLISH)

The Penang Diocesan Family Life Ministry is organising a stay-in weekend for single adults. The fee is RM360/pax which is inclusive of accommodation and meals.

Limited to 30pax males & 30pax females.

Dates: **Fri, 6 Sep - Sun, 8 Sep 2024**

Venue: Domus St. Anne, MBSA

Registration link: <https://shorturl.at/hkLY6> (or via Linktree QR)

For information, contact Maria (019-480 6281) or Theresa (017-578 8192)

Today, we celebrate God's mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday, the feast day of our parish. In creating this feast, Pope St. John Paul II saw this as "the fulfilment of the will of Christ." Pope St. John Paul II died on the eve of this feast in 2005. His last written words were these: As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles and reopens hearts to love how much the world needs to understand and accept divine mercy.

Jesus, I trust in you, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world. Amen

Pope St. John Paul II wanted the whole Church to fix her gaze and prayer on this Divine Mercy Sunday. Visiting the tomb of St. Faustina in Poland in 1997, he proclaimed there is nothing more that humanity needs than Divine Mercy, which raises us above our weakness to the infinite heights of the holiness of God. Love and mercy were the reasons for Jesus' life and mission, for His death and resurrection, for His ascension and abiding presence among us. Our world often rejects Him and His divine mercy because they cannot see. And they cannot see because they do not seek. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed, the Risen Lord Jesus told Thomas in today's Gospel.

Jesus never rejects us, He continues to reach out in love and mercy to the sinner and the saint, the poor and the rich, the suffering and the healthy, the guilty and the innocent, the born and the unborn, people of every race, tongue, and nation and to all who seek Him with sincere heart. Today, on Divine Mercy Sunday, let's pray with St. Thomas the Apostle, "My Lord and my God." Let's pray with St. Faustina, "Have mercy on us. Jesus, I trust in you." Let's mean it. Let's live it. On this feast of the parish, let us celebrate the mercy of the Lord and be the witnesses He sends into the whole world with the joyful message: His mercy endures forever!

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description	
DM Chaplet followed by Mass	9.00am	Divine Mercy Sunday Acts 4: 32-35 1 Jn 5: 1-6 Jn 20: 19-31	
Mass followed by Procession with DM Chaplet, Benediction & Veneration of Relics	3.00pm		
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am	Mon 08 Apr	The Annunciation of the Lord
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	Tue 09 Apr	
No morning Mass DM Chaplet	3.00pm	Wed 10 Apr	public holiday church closed
No morning Mass		Thu 11 Apr	St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr
No morning Mass DM Chaplet	3.00pm	Fri 12 Apr	
No morning Mass Novena to OMPH Mass	5.15pm 5.30pm	Sat 13 Apr	St Martin I, Pope & Martyr
DM Chaplet BM Mass	8.30am 9.00am	Sun 14 Apr	3rd Sunday of Easter Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 1 Jn 2: 1-5 Lk 24: 35-48



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Wed, 17 Apr (8.30pm)--JPII Adoration Room

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP Wed, 17 Apr (8.15pm)--St Faustina Hall

CHINESE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Thur, 18 Apr (8.30pm)--JPII Adoration Room

CATECHISM Sundays (10.45am) 21 & 28 Apr 2024