



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...

As we begin the Third Week of Easter, we reflect on another appearance of the Risen Lord. It is the evening of Easter Day. The two disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus have just returned, and while they are telling the others about the encounter, Jesus Himself stands in their midst. The disciples are terrified and speechless. They can see that it is Jesus, but since they think He is dead, they have no rational means by which to process their experience. They immediately conclude that they must be in the presence of a ghost! Jesus reassures them by showing them His hands and feet. He goes on to do a simple act whereby He eats some baked fish to show them that He has truly risen from the dead.

Jesus' Resurrection is not merely a symbolic way of saying that His teachings remained alive in His followers. He truly died and just as truly rose again in His body. This fact is essential, like a foundation stone. Without the Resurrection, the whole structure of our Christian faith collapses into meaninglessness. Only after affirming this basic fact can the Lord take two further steps with the Apostles. Firstly, He builds up their understanding of the meaning of what has happened. This instruction is summarised in the wonderful verse, "Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." After that, He sends them forth as His witnesses, to preach the Gospel to all nations. He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. This is what the Lord is doing for us right now as we pause to ponder the word. We believe that Jesus rose from the dead, but we long for deeper understanding of His Risen Life in us.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us, make our hearts burn while you speak to us! (Luke 24:32)

REFLECTION:

As I ponder the word, how is the Lord opening my mind to understand the Scriptures?

Why is it necessary to honestly admit my sins before I can be forgiven?
How often do I praise and thank God for His mercy towards me?

We are confident that faith will lead to this understanding as the Lord opens our minds, so that we can fulfill our mission of sharing the Good News with others. Peter and John were among the Apostles who met the Risen Lord that evening and had their minds opened. These two speak to us in today's other readings. In the first reading, Peter is addressing the crowd that gathered after he miraculously cured a lame man at the temple in Jerusalem. His words at first sound harsh as he exposes the sins of the people but the context reveals he is simply carrying out the commission the Lord gave in the Gospel simply by preaching "repentance for the forgiveness of sins" to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

In the second reading, the Apostle John also carries out the Easter commission he received from Jesus. He too fills us with hope. Even though we have sinned whether in ignorance or not, "we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One." He is the forgiveness for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. Both Peter and John refer to Jesus as "the Righteous One," but both also point beyond divine righteousness and reveal how merciful the Lord is. From the beginning, it was God's plan that the Messiah would become the offering for sin and would suffer for our sake. The power and beauty of the Lord's suffering is what we discover as the Lord opens our minds to understand the Scriptures. This is why John can say with confidence that if we "keep" the word of God, "the love of God is truly perfected" in us. We experience the "love of God" as His mercy for us sinners. Alleluia!

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
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
No Mass	Mon 15 Apr	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Tue 16 Apr	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Wed 17 Apr	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Thu 18 Apr	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Fri 19 Apr	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Sat 20 Apr	
Novena to OMPH Mass	5.15pm 5.30pm	
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 21 Apr	4th Sunday of Easter GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY Acts 4: 8-12 1 Jn 3: 1-2 Jn 10: 11-18

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHINING A LIGHT ON AUTISM

An invitation to join hands with autism with understanding, acceptance & love. Talks by Esther Tan, Kiskey Cabanero & 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)

YOU.M.A.D: A CALL TO SERVE OUT OF LOVE

It's a weekend to Rebuild! Calling all young people to unleash the CARITAS within you!

Dates: **Sat, 4 May - Sun, 5 May**

Venue: Sacred Heart Church, Kampar

Fee: RM30/pax

Age: 15 - 35 years old

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/DtgHtZ6yavN37A6J6> (or via Linktree QR)

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)



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION **Wed, 17 Apr (8.30pm)**--JPII Adoration Room
CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP **Wed, 17 Apr (8.15pm)**--St Faustina Hall
CHINESE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION **Thu, 18 Apr (8.30pm)**--JPII Adoration Room

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