



# 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...

This weekend on "Good Shepherd Sunday" we reflect on how Jesus reveals Himself as a Shepherd but also on how His followers continue His mission of shepherding His flock. We are all sheep because we belong to the Shepherd, and we are all shepherds because He shares with us His love and care for all His sheep.

We see from the readings how the Apostles served as shepherds at the expense of their own comfort and security, and later even of their lives. Peter and John in the first reading find themselves challenged by the Sanhedrin. The Apostles, arrested and called to account "for a good deed done to a cripple," show that they are not hirelings who run off at the threat of danger. They serve as genuine shepherds, following in the footsteps of their Master. They do not coward out in the presence of the authorities. Neither do they claim any healing power of their own. Instead, they boldly proclaim the truth "all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, in His name this man stands before you healed." The crippled man, now healed, is not the only sheep under the care of Peter and John. The Apostles want the members of the Sanhedrin to know that the way of salvation stands open to them too. They are the Lord's "other sheep."

We learn from the courageous witness of Peter and John that if we are under the care of the Good Shepherd, we have nothing to fear. As we fulfill our mission

**"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me."**

(John 10:14)

REFLECTION:

In what ways can I imitate the courage of Peter and John in proclaiming the truth of Jesus Christ in my daily life?

How does the concept of being both sheep and shepherd in the service of the Good Shepherd challenge me to live a life of selfless service for others?

How can I better embrace and live out my identity as a child of God in a world that may not always recognize or understand it?

each day, living by and proclaiming the truth, wherever we are, whoever we are with, whatever conditions confront us, our security is in the Name of Jesus. St. John opens our eyes in the second reading to look beyond the image of the sheep under the care of the Good Shepherd, to see our real identity as children of God, beloved of the Father. We do not need to seek recognition by the world, for we have already been recognized by our Father. We might assume that there is nothing greater than being children of God, yet John hints at something even greater; being like God, seeing Him face to face. Exactly what this means "has not yet been revealed," but we can be sure that "when it is revealed we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

The Lord is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep, who lays down His life for us. Jesus makes a contrast between Himself and the "hired man" who runs away when danger approaches. Sadly, sometimes we act as though we are under the care of a hired man, not under the care of a good shepherd. When things are going well and we are not facing any hardships, we say that we are being well cared for, but when trials and suffering come upon us, we panic, as if we have been abandoned to face the trials alone and unprotected. This is why the Good Shepherd laid down His life for us His sheep and took it up again, so that we may be like Him and see Him as He is. The good pasture to which He is leading us is His own divine life, an eternal share in the Communion of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
		<b>4th Sunday of Easter GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY</b>
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am <b>Sun 21 Apr</b>	Acts 4: 8-12 1 Jn 3: 1-2 Jn 10: 11-18
No Mass	<b>Mon 22 Apr</b>	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am <b>Tue 23 Apr</b>	St George, Martyr St Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am <b>Wed 24 Apr</b>	St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am <b>Thu 25 Apr</b>	St Mark, Evangelist
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am <b>Fri 26 Apr</b>	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am <b>Sat 27 Apr</b>	
Novena to OMPH Mass	5.15pm 5.30pm	
		<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am <b>Sun 28 Apr</b>	Acts 9: 26-31 1 Jn 3: 18-24 Jn 15: 1-8

## PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome Bro. Tony Bingkuan OFM.Cap from Penampang, Sabah to our parish. In his final year of formation, he will be assisting in the parish's pastoral ministry during his stay.**

### 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

### THE PROPHETS: MESSENGER OF GOD'S MERCY series by Ascension Press

ZOOM sessions organised by the Penang Diocese New Evangelical Commission

(PDNEC). No registration fees. Registrations close on **Mon, 20 May**

Dates/Time: **Tuesdays, 4 June - 13 August 2024 (8.15pm - 10.00pm)**

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

For information, contact Jeanne J Saw (016-455 4597) via Whatsapp/SMS

### RETRouvaille - A MARRIAGE LIFELINE (KL)

For any married couple whose marriage is being torn apart, Retrouvaille can help rebuild the loving relationship you once had.

Dates: **Fri, 7 June - Sun, 9 June**

For information/registration: Angeline (012-2072150) or email: [retrouvaille@orchkl.org](mailto:retrouvaille@orchkl.org)



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

**Catechism classes have resumed. If you would like to help out with coffee morning or traffic & crowd safety on Sunday mornings, please do not hesitate to reach out to Jeffrey See (012-494 5354) or Zac Chan (012-465 7649)**