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9.00am - 5.00pm (Tuesday - Friday) | 9.00am - 1.00pm (Saturday & Sunday)



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CDM Kampung-Ku -- (May 2024) Fruits of prayer - Service

Parish Priest speaks...

This weekend's readings take us into the heart of the divine union between Jesus and the Father, and between Jesus and those who choose to follow Him. Jesus' powerful words about the vine and branches provide us with an image we can all understand. A branch cut off from its vine dies. It cannot live on its own and much less can it produce fruit on its own. But if it remains connected, it receives the life energy of the vine, and it lives and grows and bears fruit. This simple image reveals something of the mystery of our relationship with Jesus and with the Father. When we are connected to the vine, to Jesus, we are also connected to the Father, and to each other as the Body of Christ. The same life and grace flow through us as through Jesus Himself, providing us with everything we need to flourish and bear fruit God created us to bear. But if we allow our connection to Him to be broken, we are on our own.

Based on this vital communion between Jesus and us, and between Jesus and the Father, we can have great confidence in the power of prayer. "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want, and it will be done for you."

Our connection with Jesus, the vine implies that our deepest desire corresponds with His. For our prayer to be fruitful, we must remain grafted on, connected to the vine.

Whatever part of our life that blocks the flow of the vine's life must be cut off. This "pruning" process can strike us as painful and contradictory; we feel as if life is being taken away from us rather than given. The Father, the divine vine grower, knows how to make us fruitful. "He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does, He prunes so that it bears more fruit."

In the first reading, the new convert, Saul, experiences a certain disconnection from the disciples in Jerusalem until Barnabas takes charge of him and facilitates his integration into the Christian community. In time Saul (Paul) will bear much fruits, but only in communion with the Church. We learn from this incident that we all need, not only our primary connection to Jesus but also our communion with each other as members of His church. We were never meant to build the Kingdom alone. No fruitful vine has only one living branch! We must work together, nourished by the vine, and supported by each other, in order to bear abundant fruit. As the psalmist says, "I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people." To believe and to love, to share in the life of the true Vine and to share that same life with one another is to stay "connected." This is the great gift and great challenge of Easter.

"Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." - (John 15:4)

REFLECTION:

Why is it important for me to strengthen my connection to the Vine?
Why is it necessary for the Lord to prune and cut off all that does not bear fruit in me?
How does my working together with others bear much fruit for the Church?



PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHISM Sundays (10.45am) 28 Apr & 5, 12, 19 May 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)



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Wed, 15 May (8.30pm)--JPII Adoration Room
CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP Wed, 8 & 29 May (8.15pm)--St Faustina Hall
CHINESE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Thur, 16 May (8.30pm)--JPII Adoration Room

HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION & THANKSGIVING MASS

Lucky draw tickets are being sold at RM3 each in conjunction with the celebration and Mass at 5.30pm will be celebrated in BM.

Date/Time: **Sat, 11 May (4.30pm)**

For information, contact: Karen (016-854 8158) or Bella (010-449 8342)

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, 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

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Chaplet 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 28 Apr	5th Sunday of Easter Acts 9: 26-31 1 Jn 3: 18-24 Jn 15: 1-8
No Mass	Mon 29 Apr	St Catherine of Siena Virgin & Doctor
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Tue 30 Apr	St Pius V, Pope
Mass 8.00am -public holiday-	Wed 1 May	St Joseph the Worker
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am DM Chaplet 3.00pm	Thu 2 May	St Athanasius Bishop & Doctor
DM Chaplet 3.00pm Holy Hour followed by Mass 8.00pm	Fri 3 May	SS. Philip & James Apostles
Lauds 6.20am Grotto Mass 6.45am followed by Rosary Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	Sat 4 May	
Rosary 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 5 May	6th Sunday of Easter Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4: 7-10 Jn 15: 9-17