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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 -- (May 2024) Fruits of prayer - Service



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Parish Priest speaks...

The Easter Season concludes with this glorious Solemnity of Pentecost, sometimes referred to as "the birthday of the Church." This conclusion, then, does not imply an end but a launch forward, as we are sent out into the world, and into the future, in the power of the Spirit.

The Church was conceived at the foot of the Cross. As Jesus offered Himself in His Passion and Death, Mary united herself with Him, trusting in the promise of the Resurrection. After Jesus ascended to the Father, Mary joined the disciples in the Upper Room, where together the Church awaited the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. How her nurturing, prayerful presence there strengthened the faith of the disciples.

The Gospel takes us back to Jesus' first appearance to the disciples on the evening of Resurrection Day. In their fear, the disciples were hiding behind locked doors. Jesus, who easily broke free from the sealed tomb, has no trouble entering the Upper Room. He stands in their midst and says to them, "Peace be with you." The disciples rejoice as the truth begins to dawn on them. They receive the first breath of the Holy Spirit and are empowered to forgive sins in Jesus' Name. The newly conceived Church's mission is a continuation of the mission of Jesus Himself "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." But yet, the disciples are still in the

room, as in a womb. We recall that Jesus had told them to wait there for the promised outpouring of power from on high.

Today, we celebrate that momentous event! The reading from Acts tells in detail the story of what happened "when the time for Pentecost was fulfilled." The disciples are set on fire, a fire of love that overcomes all fear. They immediately begin to proclaim the message of salvation in Jesus Christ. The time of gestation is over, the missionary Church is born.

Living by the Spirit, however, is a daily challenge. While we are reconciled with God, we still bear the lingering effects of original sin which confuses our thinking, weakens our will, and disorders our desires. St. Paul in his Letter to the Galatians points out the ongoing war between the flesh and the Spirit within us. These sins lose their influence over us when we welcome the power and guidance of the Spirit. We have all received the Holy Spirit in Baptism and more fully in Confirmation. We have been set aflame with the same divine Fire who filled the Apostles. We can see the fruit of His action in our lives "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Paul urges us then, to live according to the gift we have received. "If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit."

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - John 20:21

REFLECTION:

Does Mary's prayerful presence in my life strengthen my faith?
How have I experienced the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit in my ongoing battle against the works of the flesh?
When has the fire of love in my life overcome my fears?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Banns: Sat, 1 June 2024 | Mass at 10.00am
Fong Kar Wai & Julita Dewi Kartika Purba

If anyone knows of any canonical impediments to the proposals of marriage stated, please contact the parish priest.

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 via the Parish Office.

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



CATECHISM Sundays (10.45am) 19 May 2024 and 9, 23 & 30 June 2024

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Wed, 5 & 19 June (8.30pm)--JPPI Adoration Room

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP Wed, 12 & 26 June (8.15pm)--St Faustina Hall

PARISH RENEWAL EXPERIENCE (PRE)

Find meaning in your faith life and reconnect your relationship with God, your family & fellow Catholics. The first PRE will be from Fri, 24 May - Sun, 26 May and we lift up our participating Ministry and BEC leaders in prayer.

For those interested, the second PRE will be in August 2024.

Contact: Anna (012-509 2636) / Rebecca (012-471 9370)

LAUDATE DEUM - AN ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION WORKSHOP

Be inspired by Pope Francis' urgent call to be aware of the current climate crisis. Be guided by God's Word and commit ourselves as individuals, families, and communities to cherish and heal Mother Earth.

Venue: St. John Paul II Formation Hall, SFX

Date/Time: Sat, 8 June (9.00am - 12.00pm)

Registration link: <https://shorturl.at/jrLS6> (or via Linktree QR)

7TH CATHOLIC SINGLES DATING HUB

Organised by the Penang Diocesan Family Life Ministry, this is a networking platform for Catholic singles (27 - 45 years old) to meet and mingle.

Date: Fri, 6 Sept - Sun, 8 Sept 2024

Venue: Domus, Minor Basilica of St. Anne's, Bukit Mertajam.

Fees: RM360.00 (Inclusive of food & lodging) closing date on Sun, 25 Aug

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

Contact: Maria (019-4806 281) or Theresa (017-5788 192)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
Rosary 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 19 May	Pentecost Sunday Acts 2: 1-11 Gal 5: 16-25 Jn 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15
No Mass	Mon 20 May	Mary, Mother of the Church St Bernardine of Siena, Priest
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Tue 21 May	St Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Mass 8.00am -public holiday-	Wed 22 May	St Rita of Cascia, Religious
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Thu 23 May	
DM Holy Hour 8.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Fri 24 May	
DM Chaplet 3.00pm		
Lauds 6.20am Mass 6.45am	Sat 25 May	St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor St Gregory VII, Pope St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin
Novena to OMPH 5.15pm Mass 5.30pm		
Rosary 8.30am Mass 9.00am	Sun 26 May	The Most Holy Trinity Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40 Rom 8: 14-17 Mt 28: 16-20