



# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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



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### Parish Priest speaks...

The readings this weekend invite us to ponder the mystery of life as a precious gift from God which is against the very false notion that God's desire is to punish and kill the disobedient. The first reading, from the Book of Wisdom, makes it clear that "God did not make death" and that He takes no delight in the destruction of the living. The plan of God is that human beings enjoy eternal life with Him in Heaven. This is what the author of the Book of Wisdom means when He writes that "God formed man to be imperishable." Sadly, the fallen angel, Satan, resisted God's plan from the very beginning. He did not want human beings to enjoy the glory of Heaven. In his determination to prevent people from enjoying the fullness of life that God offers, Satan introduced sin and death into the human family.

To bring us a remedy for sin and death and to give us fullness of life, Jesus came into our world. The two miracles of healing that we read about in today's Gospel; the woman with haemorrhages and the daughter of Jairus, are powerful signs of the fullness of life that He brings. St. Mark interweaves the two miracle stories, which include some notable similarities. The woman has suffered from haemorrhages for as long as the girl has lived, twelve years. The girl, according to her father, was at the point of death (though she is already dead by the time Jesus gets to her) and the woman who was constantly losing blood can also be said to be at the point of death. But Jesus, the giver of life, deals definitively with both situations.

Jairus approaches Jesus with a humble gesture and a plea for the healing of his daughter, that she may get well and live. Jesus does not remain indifferent to the cry of poor Jairus; He immediately goes off with him.

Their journey is interrupted by another distressing predicament, that of the afflicted woman. St. Mark notes that the plight of this woman is aggravated by the fact that she has spent all her resources on doctors whose treatments were ineffective. But she had heard about Jesus. We note that this woman came to Jesus in faith because of what she had heard. If no one had spoken about Him, she would be left without hope. This reminds us of the importance of sharing with others the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The woman says to herself: "If I but touch His clothes, I shall be cured." Immediately she does so, her flow of blood dries up, and she feels in her body that she has been healed of her affliction. Jesus asks, "Who has touched my clothes?" He is not trying to expose or embarrass anyone, but He has more to offer than only a physical healing. The woman, like Jairus earlier, falls at the feet of Jesus, a gesture of homage and awe. Jesus addresses her affectionately and reassures her by saying: "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction." The woman's faith opened the way for her to receive not only the physical healing but also the ultimate salvation of body and soul that it prefigures. Faith in Jesus Christ is indeed indispensable for receiving His blessings, and ultimately, eternal salvation.

Jesus requires faith of Jairus too. After the news came that the girl was dead and the situation was seemingly hopeless, Jairus must have been in great anguish. But Jesus reassures him: "Do not be afraid; just have faith." Faith is the key disposition that opens the way for God's mighty works to be accomplished. Taking the child by the hand, Jesus says, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The verb for arise is the same word used for Jesus's Resurrection and often appears in accounts of His healings, a sign that His healing miracles foreshadow His ultimate victory over sickness, death, and all effects of sin. The witnesses are utterly astounded. They realize that power over death can only come from God. Thus, the raising of the little girl is a sign for them that God is present and active in Jesus Christ.

**"Do not be afraid; just have faith." - Mark 5:36**

What can I learn from the humility and faith of Jairus and the woman with haemorrhages?

When has Jesus told me, "Do not be afraid; just have faith?"

What has been my experience of the essential connection between faith and new life?

### PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wedding Banns: Sat, 6 July '24 | Service at 11.00am**

**Kavin Thiagarajen & Karyn Kan Sue Yin**

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

**Baptism Announcements: Sun, 7 Jul at 11.00am**

**Raphael Paul Cheah, Gabrielle Gwyn Romelson, Damian Teoh Shun Zhe, Noah Sim Jian Wei, and Andy Adrian anak Marcus Mitchell**

Note: If you have a child waiting for baptism,

kindly contact the Parish Office for the necessary arrangements.



**CATECHISM Sundays (10.45am) 30 June, 21 & 28 July 2024**

**(RCIA) #11 2023/2024 Sundays (10.30am).**

If you are a non Catholic who is keen to know the Catholic faith or want to know more, you're most welcome to join our RCIA Ministry or approach us as at our *Ruangan Galilee* every Sunday after morning Mass at church entrance.

Contact: Carmelita Xavier (019- 470 2174) or Amy Wong (012-456 9434) or Daina Sulimin (012-402 2772).

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Wed, 3 & 17 Jul (8.30pm) --St. JP II Adoration Room**

**CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP Wed, 10 & 24 Jul (8.15pm) --St Faustina Hall**

### PARISH RENEWAL EXPERIENCE (PRE) #2

Find meaning in your faith life and reconnect your relationship with God, your family & fellow Catholics.

Dates: **Fri, 2 Aug - Sun, 4 Aug 2024**

Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/yck2vrch>

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

### CATHOLIC FORMATION FOR EVANGELISERS (CFE)

To encourage, prepare & equip Catholics to effectively witness & present the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Dates/Times: **Sat, 3 Aug (8.00am-4.30pm) & Sun, 4 Aug (11.00am-7.15pm)**

Venue: Church of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish Hall, Ipoh.

Registration fee: RM20/pax (Register by Sat, 20 Jul)

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/CZyuhkmofoYzoHmb8>

### PDYN LEADERSHIP RETREAT #2 & #3

For youth and campus students from 18 - 29yr old to be the "now of God".

Dates/Venues: **5-8 Aug 2024** at Church of Christ the King, Sg. Petani

Registration link: <https://www.pdynpenang.com/pdynlr2024>

Contact Penang Diocesan Youth Network: 012-346 4416

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am <b>Sun 30 June</b>	<b>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Wis 1: 13-15, 2: 23-24 2 Cor 8: 7, 9, 13-15 Mk 5: 21-43
No Mass	<b>Mon 01 July</b>	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am <b>Tue 02 July</b>	
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am <b>Wed 03 July</b>	St Thomas, Apostle
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am <b>Thu 04 July</b>	St Elizabeth of Portugal
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
DM Chaplet Holy Hour followed by Mass	3.00pm 8.00pm <b>Fri 05 July</b>	St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest
Lauds Grotto Mass followed by Rosary	6.20am 6.45am <b>Sat 06 July</b>	St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr
Novena to OMPH Mass	5.15pm 5.30pm	
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am <b>Sun 07 July</b>	<b>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Ez 2: 2-5 2 Cor 12: 7-10 Mk 6: 1-6

