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# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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



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## CDM Kampung-Ku -- (July 2024) All Hands On Board In Serving The BECs

### Parish Priest speaks...

The theme for this week tells us that "we have received the mission of bearing the Word of the Lord to others." But we can only bring to others what we have first received ourselves. This is why the theme exhorts us to open our hearts to God's powerful grace working in our weakness. We must open ourselves to hear His word, and allow it to take deep root in us, so that it can grow and bear fruit which we can share with others. It is vital to always keep in mind that we receive God's Word. It is His Word, not our Word. We are not in control of it. We do not create it. We do not take it or own it. We cannot change it to suit our desires or expectations. We do not decide what it says. We receive it.

In the first reading, God tells Ezekiel that He is sending him to speak to the Israelites, whom He describes as "rebels." He says they are "hard of face and obstinate of heart." They are not open to hearing God's Word. They have already decided for themselves how they want to live and act, and they are not willing to follow God's ways. In the Words of the Psalm, they are "arrogant" and "proud." Sadly, the people of Nazareth to whom Jesus speaks in the Gospel seem to be afflicted with the same spiritual sickness: hardness of heart. Even though they acknowledge the wisdom with which He speaks, and the powerful deeds which He works, they refuse to consider that God could be working through someone whom they have known. They take offense at him! We should see that, in doing so, they are taking offense at God Himself. They do not approve of the way in which God has chosen to

act. It does not meet their expectations. And the result is that Jesus is not able to do much for them, because of their lack of faith.

In the second reading, St. Paul shows us the fruitful way to relate to God's Word. He boasts of his weakness, for he knows that it is in his weakness that Christ can be strong in him. We can better understand this seeming paradox if we consider our relationship with God. As we relate to God, who is the strong one and who is the weak one? Who is the master and who is the servant? Who is the one who knows all things, and who is the one with very limited understanding and knowledge? Obviously, in this relationship, we are the ones who are weak and limited. We are the servants. Yet when we insist that God must work in the way that we expect or demand, we are attempting to make ourselves the masters. We are trying to approach God from a position of strength, expecting Him to follow our word. Clearly this kind of arrogance and pride is a rejection of reality and can never provide a place in which God can freely work.

The Psalm gives us two good examples of how to relate to God in such a way that He can work powerfully in our lives. We are to be like "servants," who keep their eyes fixed on the hands of their master, or like a "maid," who keeps her eyes on the hands of her mistress. The servants and the maid know that they are not the ones who give directions. They are attentive to every signal given by the hand of the master or mistress. They wait to be given the direction, and then they act upon it. This is the kind of "weakness" that we may also call it humility, which allows the Lord to work wonders in and through us.

**"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." - 2 Corinthians 12:9**

Am I allowing the Word to bear fruit in me so I can share it with others?  
Am I infected with the spiritual sickness of hardness of heart?  
Like the "servant" or the "maid," do I always keep my eyes fixed on the hands of my Lord?

### PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CATECHISM** Sundays (10.45am) **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).

### 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** (closing date Sun, 14 Jul)

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.

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/CZyuHkfmfo1YzoHmb8>

### 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

### 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 #140: Fri, 9 Aug to Sun, 11 Aug 2024**

Venue: Stella Maris Retreat Centre, Penang

### BORN AGAIN: HOLY SPIRIT WEEKEND by CHARIS Penang

Gain a deeper awareness and experience of the Holy Spirit that would help you to lead a more effective and victorious lives as Christians.

Dates: **Fri, 23 Aug - Sun, 25 Aug 2024** (closing date Tue, 13 Aug)

Venue: Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/PdZ7KQlpgYed1LME6>

Contact: Adeline (012-431 6238) or Joyce (016-403 7743)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 07 July	<b>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Ez 2: 2-5 2 Cor 12: 7-10 Mk 6: 1-6
No Mass	Mon 08 July	
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Tue 09 July	SS. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
No Mass	Wed 10 July	
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Thu 11 July	St Benedict, Abbot
Lauds Mass DM Chaplet	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm Fri 12 July	
Lauds Mass Novena to OMPH Mass	6.20am 6.45am 5.15pm 5.30pm Sat 13 July	St Henry
DM Chaplet BM Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 14 July	<b>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Am 7: 12-15 Eph 1: 3-14 (or 1: 3-10) Mk 6: 7-13

**CHARISMATIC RENEWAL GROUP**  
Wed, 10 & 24 Jul (8.15pm) --St Faustina Hall  
**CHINESE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**  
Thu, 11 Jul (8.30pm) --St. JP II Adoration Room  
**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**  
Wed, 17 Jul (8.30pm) --St. JP II Adoration Room

