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

Parish Priest speaks...

In the ancient world, leadership was often described using the imagery of shepherds and sheep. This imagery appears throughout the Bible to depict God's people (the sheep) and their leaders (the shepherds). However, today's Psalm, the well-known Psalm 23, makes it clear that God Himself is the primary shepherd and leader of His people: **"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."**

God, the principal and primary shepherd of His flock, also appoints some human leaders over His people, and these leaders are also called shepherds. The human shepherds of the Old Testament often failed to care for God's people instead, they misled them. In the first reading, in response to the failure of the shepherds, God announces through the prophet Jeremiah that He will punish them for their evil deeds and their irresponsibility: "You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds."

However, what is more important in God's response to the failures of the human shepherds is that He announces a message of great hope. He promises: "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply." This promise powerfully expresses God's unfailing and everlasting care and concern for us, His flock. The Gospel and second reading show that Jesus Christ is the fulfilment of all that God promised through the prophet Jeremiah. He is the one who will gather His scattered flock and will provide them with real security and salvation. His pastoral concern is directed first toward the missionaries He sent out.

He says to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile." As the Good Shepherd, Jesus cares for both the physical and spiritual needs of those who spend themselves in His service. His invitation to rest shows us that being with Jesus is what renews us, He is the real source and foundation of all fruitful pastoral ministry. He is inviting us today to spend time alone with Him, to be strengthened by Him and renewed for the continuation of His ministry.

It is striking to note that Jesus' plan to take His apostles away for a rest is thwarted by the pressing need of the vast crowd. As their true Shepherd, Jesus leaves behind every other concern, including His own rest, in order to tend to His needy flock. This is truly how Jesus looks upon us and cares for us. He continues to "teach us many things" to this very day. Jesus once said that He came that His flock "may have life and have it more abundantly". The abundant life He offers us is foreshadowed in the Responsorial Psalm, which depicts God as our shepherd with whom we lack nothing. To provide us with this abundance, the Good Shepherd chose to lay down His life for His sheep. Through the shedding of His Blood on the Cross which is the perfect expression of His love and through His glorious Resurrection on the third day, Jesus the Good Shepherd makes the "verdant pastures" available for us, the great resting place of our reconciliation with God and with one another. This reconciliation is the profound truth that St. Paul talks about in today's reading from his Letter to the Ephesians. He writes: "In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the Blood of Christ." Our Shepherd "came and preached peace and sacrificed Himself for peace." He continues to nourish us with His word and with His own Body and Blood. Because of His love, we have every reason to be confident on our pilgrimage to His house. Only goodness and kindness follow me / all the days of my life.

His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd. - Mark 6:34

How am I a shepherd to those whom the Lord sends me?
 How do I show concern and compassion in my relationships with others?
 When do I take time to pray and rest with the Lord who renews me?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Coffee Morning on Sun, 21 Jul will be organised by BEC Zone L.

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

(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).

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

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/PdZ7KQLpqYed1ME6>

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

GRIEFSHARE - 13 WEEK PROGRAMME

To provide help & encouragement to recover from deep hurt & loss for those who have experienced the death of spouse, family member or friend. A memorial Mass will be held at the end of the programme.

Dates/Time: **Tuesdays from 20 Aug to 26 Nov (7.30pm-9.45pm)**

Venue: RCIA 3rd floor classrooms

Cost: RM50/pax

Contact: Irinda (016-288 7281) / Adeline (012-431 6238)

BASIC COURSE ON PSYCHOLOGY & FAITH FORMATION

A series of interactive sessions by Rachel D'Souza (Head of Clinical Development at Early Autism Project Malaysia) for catechists, parents & caregivers via Zoom. Certificates will be issued upon request, to participants with full attendance and active interaction. Fee: RM10/pax

Dates/Time: **Alternate Thursdays - 5 & 19 Sep, 3 & 17 Oct (8.00pm-9.30pm)**

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/kSpIFeFgwPmyrpk7> (closing date Sun, 25 Aug)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 21 July	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 23: 1-6 Eph 2: 13-18 Mk 6: 30-34
No Mass	Mon 22 July	St Mary Magdalene, Apostle of the Apostles
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Tue 23 July	St Bridget of Sweden, Religious
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Wed 24 July	St Charbel Makhluf, Priest
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Thu 25 July	St James, Apostle
DM Holy Hour	8.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Fri 26 July	SS. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Sat 27 July	
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm 5.30pm	
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 28 July	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>World Day of Grandparents & Elderly</i> 2 Kgs 4: 42-44 Eph 4: 1-6 Jn 6: 1-15