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CDM Kampung-Ku -- (August 2024) *What You Do for the Least at the Service of the Poor and Marginalised*

Parish Priests speaks...

"Give it to the people to eat." This instruction of the Prophet Elisha to his servant in the first reading is clear and simple. But with only twenty barley loaves at hand, the servant objects, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" The Gospel involves a similar situation, but with even more mouths to feed and even fewer loaves. The disciples of Jesus question, "What good are five barley loaves and two fish for five thousand men?" The readings this weekend reveals something about our fear, the lack of it and fears that are baseless. God who is the Creator of everything provides for all our needs, and in abundance. At the same time, He wants us to be His partners in His generous giving, so He provides us first with something to give. The "twenty barley loaves made from the first fruits, fresh grain in the ear" did not appear out of nowhere. A man from Baalshalishah brought them to the Prophet Elisha. In turn the prophet commanded his servant to distribute them to the people. The servant objected, but Elisha, unruffled, simply repeats his command, with an added assurance from the Lord, "For thus says the LORD, they shall eat and there shall be some left over." Indeed, there was some left over, as the LORD had said. All the Lord wanted was their cooperation: the man's generosity, the prophet's confident faith, and the servant's obedience. The disciples of Jesus, however, when He tested them, completely forgot this Old Testament lesson. He asked them where they could buy enough food to feed the large crowd. Philip's answer shows how impossible the situation looked to them: "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would

not be enough for each of them to have a little." Little, to our natural way of thinking, is as good as nothing. Since we have no solution, the easiest way out of the situation is to avoid taking any responsibility for others. In St. Mark's account, the Apostles are more direct. They tell Jesus, "Send these people away, and let them go to the farms and villages around here, to buy themselves something to eat (Mk 6:36)." It sounds so reasonable, but behind it is a feeling of helplessness, a feeling that can easily make us conclude that the best we can do is simply let others fend for themselves. But a little boy responds selflessly to the situation. He calmly and innocently offers his "five barley loaves and two fish." He does not make a calculation, he simply gives what he has, as if it is the obvious thing to do. It is the wisdom of the childlike, the poor in spirit. Sadly, we are often more like the adult Andrew, complaining, "What good are these for so many?" Yet the little boy's plain act of giving was indeed all that was needed, for "Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted." We do well to take heed of St. Paul's exhortation to "live in a manner worthy of the call you have received." The Lord provides for all our needs and even nourishes us with His Body and Blood. Thus, there is no need for us to live in fear and selfishness. Rather, the right response is, "humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace." It is possible to live selflessly and with love because of the Lord's great power and abundant mercy for us.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs. - Ps 145:16
What fears do I face daily that affect my life choices?
When do I harbour the attitude that others are better off left to fend for themselves?
When do I tend to have little faith in the providence of the Lord?

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS



We lift up in our prayers...the participants, speakers and organisers of our second Parish Renewal Experience; that they will receive the Spirit of Knowledge and Understanding, to come as one in service to the Lord.

CATECHISM Sundays (10.45am) 28 July, 11, 18 & 25 Aug 2024
Holy Hour will be held for the primary school children on Sun, 28 Jul (11.00am)

(RCIA) #11 2023/2024 Sundays (10.30am).
If you are a non Catholic who is keen to know the Catholic faith, 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).

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/PdZ7KQLpqYedILME6>
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. Cost: RM50/pax
Dates/Time: **Tuesdays from 20 Aug to 26 Nov (7.30pm-9.45pm)**
Venue: RCIA 3rd floor classrooms
Contact: Irinda (016-288 7281) / Adeline (012-431 6238)

7TH CATHOLIC SINGLES DATING HUB
A networking platform for Catholic singles (27 - 45 years old) to meet and mingle.
Date: **Fri, 6 Sept - Sun, 8 Sept 2024** (Closing date Sun, 25 Aug)
Venue: Domus, Minor Basilica of St. Anne's, Bukit Mertajam.
Fees: RM360.00 (Inclusive of food & lodging)
Registration link: <https://shorturl.at/llTXZ>
Contact: Maria (019-4806 281) or Theresa (017-5788 192)

BASIC COURSE ON PSYCHOLOGY & FAITH FORMATION by Rachel D'Souza
A series of interactive sessions 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/kSpiFEIlgwPmyrpk7> (closing date Sun, 25 Aug)

Mass & Prayer Times	Date	Description
<i>World Day of Grandparents & Elderly</i>		17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4: 42-44 Eph 4: 1-6 Jn 6: 1-15
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 28 July	
No Mass	Mon 29 July	SS. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Tue 30 July	St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Wed 31 July	St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Thu 01 Aug	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Mass	6.20am 6.45am Fri 02 Aug	St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
DM Chaplet	3.00pm	
Lauds Grotto Mass	6.20am 6.45am Sat 03 Aug	
followed by Rosary		
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm Mass 5.30pm	
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am Sun 04 Aug	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15 Eph 4: 17, 20-24 Jn 6: 24-35